

	CITY OF LANDER		
	CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING		
	Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, and Missy White. Declaration of a quorum. COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Richardson. STAFF PRESENT: Chief Peters, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

The meeting began with an acknowledgment of technical difficulties with the camera being upside down during the virtual Zoom session. It was decided not to correct the problem during the meeting to save time.

1. MAYOR AND STAFF UPDATES

Councilmember Larsen provided an update from the Fremont County Solid Waste Board, the Lander Chamber of Commerce, and commented that it was great to see street crews out.

Councilmember White provided an update on the Planning Commission, the LEDA meeting, and the Senior Center street crews busy filling potholes as weather permits. Shout out to the LVHS Nordic Teams. She was appointed to the State Trails advisory board.

Councilmember D Hahn echoed the thank you to the city crews.

2. STAFF REPORTS

Lander Police Chief Peters commented that accidents are still down.

Public Works Director, Lance Hopkin informed the Council that 71 Construction is helping with potholes, and as the weather improves more streets can be repaired, additionally, the RFP general services contract had a large response. There was a discussion concerning snow plowing and public notification.

Assistant Mayor, RaJean Strube Fossen provided an update on the general services requests for proposals. The City received a total of 31 responses. Those contracts, as well as a Master Plan will come before the Council for approval.

City Treasurer, Charri Lara explained that the City will do a soft campaign using a QR Code to update contact information in the upcoming water bill.

3. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

A. Table Mountain Living Update

Tracy Rue, treasurer of the Lander Housing Authority presented an update on the Table Mountain Living memory care and assisted living project, including funding sources, construction costs, and fundraising needs. Discussion ensued about the potential delay of a project and its financial implications, including the increase in project cost, and the creation of jobs. The need for a long-term lease for the land and planning department approval was also discussed. The discussion included the pledging of land as collateral for the project, the low risk it poses to the city, and the potential for foreclosure in the event of a default. The historical context of similar decisions was also mentioned. Concerns were raised about the affordability of the assisted living facility, with costs ranging from \$3,500 to \$6,000 per month. The discussion also touched on the availability of Medicaid waivers and the comparison of costs with other facilities.

B. Discussion concerning proposed Park Rule Resolutions 1321, 1322, and 1323

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen led the discussion concerning proposed Park Rule Resolutions 1321, 1322, and 1323. Chief Peters commented that identifying each prohibited electrical vehicle becomes cumbersome. He believes the rules as currently proposed are enforceable. Debate ensued over the proposed changes to park regulations, specifically the prohibition of alcohol in North Park and the softball fields. The council concluded there is a need for further discussion with the school board. The discussion also included ensuring animal control for pets in the park. Talks about allowing overnight camping only in spots expressly designated and marked for that purpose, emphasizing the need for specific and limited areas. Debate on the effectiveness of signage in the park, with opinions on keeping signs to a minimum to avoid clutter and confusion. Councilmember Stuble commented about excessively loud music and how that may be defined, and she proposes as determined by Park Staff or Police Officers. The Chief discussed problems enforcing noise ordinances and recommended eliminating that rule.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Monte Richardson,
City of Lander Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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