

	CITY OF LANDER		
	CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING		
	Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Immediately following Special Meeting		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, and Mayor White. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Melinda Cox. Declaration of a quorum. STAFF PRESENT: Interim Police Chief Kelly Waugh, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Green, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

1. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

A. Kevin Green, Lander Parks and Recreation Director, update

Director Green reported a busy seven months overseeing multiple departments, including weed and pest, rodeo grounds, airport, and parks. City Park saw increased Memorial Day camping activity and improvements like new bleachers, scoreboards, and irrigation plans. Safety concerns at the softball fields and aging equipment remain priorities. Weed control, mosquito mitigation, and restroom maintenance are ongoing challenges. The city is evaluating skate park maintenance and considering long-term tree replacement plans. Community events and volunteer support have been strong, and summer youth programs are set to begin. A discussion on City Park camping included maintenance demands, potential overflow options, safety considerations near playgrounds, and the pros and cons of charging fees. Staff currently spend significant hours daily maintaining restrooms and facilities. Council discussed impacts of camping at City Park, expressing concern over increased use, maintenance demands, and minimal public donations. Ideas included limiting camping locations, maintaining the free camping tradition while managing overflow during large events, and potentially requiring events to provide Porta Potties. Council debated enforcement, resident impacts, marked parking and tent areas, and the possibility of recovering costs through event fees. Suggestions included long-term planning for designated spaces and phased implementation of policy changes, with any adjustments likely taking effect after the current summer season.

B. Updated Fee Schedule Resolution Discussion

New and adjusted fees were proposed for building, parks and recreation, community center use, and sports fields. These aim to recover a portion of costs, targeting 30–50% in some areas. Clarification was requested on rental definitions, particularly for the City Park stage. Council discussed including Porta Potty requirements for large events and confirmed outreach to sports associations regarding the field use fee increase from \$5 to \$10 per player. Concerns were raised about the low community center rental rates, with suggestions to review operating costs and possibly increase fees in the future. The building department’s fees were consolidated into the general schedule, with no major content changes confirmed pending follow-up.

C. Rocky Mountain Blue Sky Grant Pre-Application Discussion

The task force proposed a solar and battery backup project for City Hall and the police station to improve resilience, cut emissions, and reduce energy costs. The building experiences costly demand charges and is vulnerable to power outages. The proposed system would reduce peak demand, back up critical systems, and support continuity of operations. The project cost is ~\$133,000, with 80% potentially funded by Rocky Mountain Power’s Blue Sky program, leaving the remaining amounts for private donors and the City. Estimated annual savings are \$4,200, with a 2–3 year payback period. Council expressed strong support and gave a preliminary thumbs-up to proceed with grant applications and detailed planning.

D. Proposed Lander Municipal Code Title 2 changes discussion (liquor license changes)

Proposed changes to Title 2 introduce a demerit system for liquor license violations to create a structured path toward compliance rather than immediate revocation. License holders will be required to report ejections, and staff must complete TIPS alcohol service training, which the city will offer for free. Significant portions of state statute were added to the ordinance for clarity and centralized compliance guidance. Operational definitions and enforcement guidelines were discussed, with Council considering a stronger standard than the current once-a-week rule. A

unified meeting with license holders will be organized for education and feedback. First reading is likely to be scheduled for July to allow proper public notice. Brew Fest operations were clarified as falling under special permits with minimal enforcement issues. Council members expressed support for increased accountability and fairness, and the conversation will continue to refine operational definitions and point values based on severity.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Missy White,
City of Lander Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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