

	CITY OF LANDER		
	SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING		
	Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Stuble led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, Missy White. Declaration of a quorum. STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Scott Peters, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

Councilmember White discussed amending the agenda and switching #2 New Business (Action Items) and #3 New Business (Non-Action Items) with #3 New Business (Non-Action Items) and Civil City Attorney Adam's Phillips presenting the legal procedure going before New Business (Action Items).

Councilmember Larsen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Cox.

Councilmember Cox moved to amend the agenda as discussed, seconded by Councilmember J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea to amend the agenda: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion to amend the agenda passed.

Councilmembers Voting Yea to approve the amended agenda: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

2. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

- A. Civil City Attorney Adam Phillips's presentation and discussion concerning the legal procedure to fill a Mayoral and City Council position vacancy.

Civil City Attorney Adam Phillips presented the legal procedure to fill a Mayoral and City Council position vacancy, the process for appointing a Mayor Pro Tem, and the purpose of a Mayor Pro Tem. He explained that the City of Lander, Wyoming, has established specific ordinances to address vacancies in its municipal government, particularly focusing on the roles of the Mayor and City Council members. Ordinance 12-5-1: Vacancies in the Office of Mayor provides that if a vacancy arises in the office of the Mayor, the Council will elect an individual from the council to serve the remainder of the term of Mayor by a majority vote of all city councilmembers. That individual, when elected by this Council, will have to resign their seat. There will then be a vacant city council seat. The City has 90 days to take applications and to appoint a new councilmember.

This Council and past councils have elected a Council President, and that Council President has essentially acted as a Mayor Pro Tem. When the Mayor was gone, or not able to perform their duties, for whatever reason, then, the Council President was the one who stepped in and took care of everything. However, our ordinance does not explicitly state the Council President must serve in the capacity of a Mayor Pro Tem. There's no description of the duties of a Council President or a Mayor Pro Tem in the Ordinance. Tonight, the Council can elect a Mayor Pro Tem to act until March 11th, or at such time as the council fills the vacancy of Mayor. Attorney Phillips recommends the Council investigate other municipal ordinances and consider a new ordinance to codify the Mayor Pro Tem. The proposed resolution is so that the City could have a temporary Mayor in place until a permanent Mayor is appointed pursuant to the Ordinances. He presented two options; one to amend the resolution to state Council President serves as the Mayor Pro Tem, or two to accept nominations and elect a Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember D Hahn inquired how W.S.15-1-107 aligns with this process. City Attorney Phillips explained that cities can have a temporary Mayor until a permanent one is in place. Councilmember D Hahn commented that another option is to call a Special Meeting for next Tuesday to elect a permanent Mayor to finish out the term. Discussion ensued concerning clarifying the two options and moving the process to fill the vacancy to the 25th as opposed to March 11th. There was a consensus for the appointment process on February 25, 2025, by Special Meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

- A. Approve Resolution 1352 setting forth the powers and duties of Mayor Pro Tem
Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea to approve: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.
- B. Nominate and elect Mayor Pro Tem.

Council President Stuble called three times for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Larsen nominated Council President Stuble. Council President Stuble accepted the nomination. Council President Stuble called for further nominations. Councilmember J Hahn nominated Councilmember Dan Hahn. Councilmember Dan Hahn accepted the nomination. Being no further nominations Council President Stuble requested a roll call vote: Councilmember Larsen: Julia Stuble, Councilmember White: Council President Stuble, Councilmember D Hahn: Dan Hahn, Councilmember Cox: Council President Julia Stuble, Councilmember J Hahn: Dan Hahn, Council President Stuble: Julia Stuble.

Council President Stuble announced the results of the Mayor Pro Tem vote: Four votes for Julia Stuble and two votes for Dan Hahn. The majority vote was for Council President Stuble to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem.
- C. Authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to be a signatory on all City of Lander Accounts
Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Councilmember J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea to approve: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.
- D. Authorize the removal of Mayor Richardson from all City of Lander accounts
Motion made by Councilmember Cox, Seconded by Councilmember J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea to approve: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.
- E. Approve waiver of Lander Community and Convention Center Fees for Monte Richardson's Memorial

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Councilmember D Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea to approve: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea to approve: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Julia Stuble,
City of Lander Mayor Pro Tem

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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Preserving the past, while embracing the future.

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