

	CITY OF LANDER		
	CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING		
	Tuesday, February 25, 2025, following the Special Regular Meeting 6:45 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

1. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

Mayor Pro Tem 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 (via Zoom), and Missy White. Declaration of a quorum. STAFF PRESENT: Police Captain Kelly Waugh, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

Regarding the recently adjourned February 25, 2025, Special Regular Council meeting, Attorney Phillips clarified the process of filling the mayoral vacancy. The mayor position is not appointed. The Lander City Ordinance 12-5-1 states that it is filled by a majority vote of all council members. It is an election.

A. LOR Foundation Update Ami Vincent

Ami Vincent, LOR Foundation Lander Community Office, presented an update on the LOR Foundation's recent activities. In 2024 LOR funded 96 total projects, including 65 grants and 31 event sponsorships for a total of \$715, 575 invested into the Lander community. Some of these projects included youth sports (volleyball, basketball, softball) free car seats, a community science project, composting workshops, a learn to sew program, and carbon monoxide testers. 2024 themes included kids as champions, libraries, and shared resources. Thirteen Lander youth had ideas that were funded in 2024, including math counts, a community dance team, pet education, winterizing the Civil Air Patrol, LVHS Boys Swim team Sponsorship, a Homeschool Business Fair Sponsorship and water fountains in City Park. In 2025 twenty-three projects have been funded to date. These projects included the Swim Club, a snow groomer, Poetry Teatime, and Invasive Species Treatment.

B. Discussion of Table Mountain Path Forward

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen explained the staff needs direction. She provided a history of the project. The Housing Authority stopped the construction process in June due mainly to the recent determination that the Housing Authority did not have the statutory authority to operate such a facility unless it was 100% low-income restricted and funding shortages. If the Housing Authority were to continue managing the project two things would have to happen: 1. Limit the project to persons of low income as defined in the Act (which is less onerous than a HUD restriction and permits the Authority’s board to reasonably determine what that means); or 2. Seek a legislative change to the statute in the 2025 General Session to empower Municipalities and Housing Authorities to finance assisted living facilities without regard to income.

The members agreed that the Housing Authority cannot own or operate the facility unless it is 100% income-restricted. It was agreed that it does not fit the original mission. Between June and September, four paths forward were discussed (Joint Powers Board, a City Enterprise Fund, new non-profit or private operators). All these forms will require new agreements with the design-build firm, Erdman, the City of Lander, open grant awards, and the Wyoming Community Foundation (WYCF).

Councilmember D Hahn expressed concerns about moving forward with the issues and the number of projects currently underway. Councilmember J Hahn is concerned about potential revenue changes. Councilmember White asked about the cost of studies. Construction costs are daunting. Councilmember Larsen had questions about Medicaid, Medicare, and private funding. Councilmember D Hahn recommends passing on the project. Councilmembers White, Stuble, and Larsen would like to learn more. It was noted that there is a WBC grant agreement that will have to be turned back due to timeline constraints. There are also existing resolutions assigning duties to the Housing Authority that must be revoked since there is no statutory authorization to make that assignment.

C. Police Department Update

Captain Kelly Waugh updated the Council on the Corporal process. There were two chosen to be promoted. He discussed a general restructuring of the department.

Being no further business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

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

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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