

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**JOINT WITH ALBANY COUNTY BOARD OF**  
**COMMISSIONERS AND ROCK RIVER CITY**  
**COUNCIL**

(VIA ZOOM MEETING)

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 406 IVINSON AVE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

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Please be advised no additional agenda item will be introduced at a Regular City Council meeting after the hour of 9:30 pm, unless the majority of the City Council members present vote to extend the meeting.

Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Written public comment shall be submitted to the City Clerk for dissemination and retention for official City records, or submitted to the City Council through electronic correspondence at [council@cityoflaramie.org](mailto:council@cityoflaramie.org). Full text available in Council Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct 4.02 and Appendix B and C.

Written materials relative to an agenda item shall be submitted six (6) days in advance of the meeting (sooner if there are holidays prior to the meeting) in order that copies may be included with the agenda and to give the council an opportunity to review the material in advance of the appearance.

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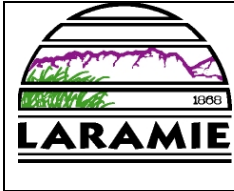
- 1. WORK SESSION**
- 2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Aggregate time limit 30 minutes)**  
(Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.)
- 3. WORK SESSION: 5th Penny General Purpose Tax Renewal**

Documents:

[CoverReso5thCentRenewal 5-18-22.pdf](#)

**3.A. Public Comments**

(Please observe the time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker.)



**Agenda Item: Discussion**

**Title:** 5<sup>th</sup> Penny General Purpose Tax Renewal

**Recommended Council MOTION:**

No action taken at a work session.

**Administrative and/or Policy Goal:**

**E. Intergovernmental Collaboration**

Milestone #3: Support Renewal Effort for 5<sup>th</sup> Cent General Purpose Tax in 2022.

**Background:**

City Council will meet with Albany County Board of Commissioners and Rock River City Council to decide how they would like to approach the 5<sup>th</sup> Penny for the future.

Previous meetings to discuss the 5<sup>th</sup> Penny were held on:

- March 2, 2022, 6:00 pm- Joint meeting with Albany County Board of Commissioners and Rock River Town Council
- April 4, 2022- Rock River Town Council took action on adopting a resolution regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> Penny
- April 5, 2022- City of Laramie Council postponed Resolution to April 19, 2022
- April 19, 2022 – City of Laramie Council postponed Resolution to May 3, 2022
- May 3, 2022 – City of Laramie Council postponed Resolution to June 7, 2022

The General Purpose Excise Tax, often referred to as the “5<sup>th</sup> Penny” sales tax, is a local option tax used to provide municipal services to Laramie residents since it was first approved by the voters in 1986. The 5<sup>th</sup> Penny tax supports 30-35% of basic governmental operations like:

- street, alley, and bridge repair;
- fire-fighting, policing, and emergency medical services;
- park, cemetery, and trail/greenbelts;
- fire truck, “jaws-of-life” extrication equipment, police vehicles, and ambulances;
- storm drain and ditch maintenance;
- access for disabled persons;
- animal control and animal sheltering.

The City has been very successful in pledging 5<sup>th</sup> Penny monies as matching funds to secure outside grants that stretch our fiscal resources as far as possible. In addition, through the City’s “pay-it-forward” Community Partner Program, millions of dollars of financial support has been allocated to local agencies that provide resident support services such as Interfaith-Good Samaritan, the Soup Kitchen, Downtown Clinic, Main Street Alliance, Cathedral Home, and the Chamber Business Alliance, to name a few.

<b>Local Option Tax Type</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Amount of Tax</b>	<b>Last Approved by the Voters</b>	<b>Tax Expires</b>	<b>Renewal Election to be Held</b>
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General Purpose

Excise

5th Cent

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November 2022

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**Legal/Statutory Authority:** The City is a qualifying applicant and recipient of these funds. W.S. §39-15-204

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