



**Agenda Item:** Resolution

**Title:** Consideration of Resolution 2021-38 - Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign an MOU with other governmental entities to apply for impact assistance funds from the Rail Tie Wind Project.

**Recommended Council MOTION:**

I move that City Council approve Resolution 2021-38 authorizing City Manager to negotiate and sign an MOU with other governmental entities seeking impact assistance funds from the Rail Tie Wind Project and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

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**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

To allow the City to seek fair reimbursement for effects on City services caused by wind energy development.

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**Summary of Resolution:**

The attached resolution allows the City Manager, or her designees, to negotiate, and the City Manager to sign when negotiations are complete, an MOU between the City of Laramie and Albany County to present to the Industrial Siting Commission (“ISC”) seeking impact assistance funds available under the permit application of Rail Tie Wind Project to the ISC to build wind energy projects in Albany County.

Wind energy projects must be permitted by the ISC. As part of the permit, the ISC can award impact assistance funds to affected counties and communities. As a matter of course – in order to present a united position to the ISC – the counties and communities beforehand negotiate an MOU between themselves to present to the ISC. The MOU sets out an agreed-upon fair amount due to each county and community.

The City of Laramie has entered at least five such MOUs, on other wind energy and transmission projects. The language of the MOU itself is standard. The real work involves meeting with the other governmental entities to precisely calculate each entity’s fair share. That meeting, in this case, will occur the week of May 24, 2021.

The MOU will after that meeting be circulated for signature. The MOU must be approved, signed and delivered to the Industrial Siting Commission by June 4, 2021. This resolution is therefore necessary as Council’s next business meeting is not scheduled until June 15, 2021.

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**Attachments:**

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