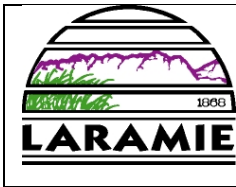


CITY OF LARAMIE COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT WORK SESSION – August 10, 2021



Agenda Item: Presentation

Title: Laramie Housing – Part II

Recommended MOTION:

No action required for work session items.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Council Goal: A-Milestone #1 – Continue execution of the *Thrive! Economic Development Plan* with Partner Entities and Review and Re-boot the Plan as necessary to reflect the Post-Pandemic Economy.

Council Goal: A-Milestone #3 – Review results of *Development Code Audit* & Consider revision as may be needed to facilitate growth and development while also preserving the community high standards.

Council Goal: A-Milestone #4 – Review methods for improving resident housing options, including but not limited to Land Banking, Setback Requirements, /Density, In-Fill Development Standards, and Rental Inspection /Licensing.

Background:

Housing is an extremely important aspect in every community and the housing “health” of a community can positively or negatively impact it. With Albany County being No. 1 in the state for people spending more than half their income on housing, housing has been a topic of discussion for Laramie residents and elected officials.

Over the years the City has noted housing as an issue within plans and completed studies including the following.

- 2007 Comprehensive Plan
- 2013 Turner Tract Plan
- 2011 Downtown Development Plan
- 2015 Laramie Housing Study: 2030
- 2018 Albany County Housing Report
- 2019 North 4th Redevelopment Plan
- 2020 Thrive Laramie Community and Economic Development Action Strategy
- 2020 Thrive Laramie Housing (Community Engagement Summary, Laramie Housing Strategy 2020 and 2020 Laramie Code Audit)

Staff anticipates using this joint Council/Planning Commission work session to build upon the previous housing work sessions held with Council and Planning Commission on June 22, 2021 and July 26, 2021 respectively. Following a short recap related to housing, and answering questions

from previous meetings, staff hopes to gain direction related to recommended first steps in the process. In addition to current direction, staff will be asking about future direction that should be considering related to housing. As the discussion around housing continues, and we believe will continue for some time, we need to be prepared for future initiatives and actions that we may want to consider. After this work session and feedback, staff desires to begin working on bringing the first set of changes forward for consideration.

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Future dates are subject to change

Work Session	June 22, 2021, July 26, 2021
Advertised	
Public Hearing Held	
Public Hearing Advertised	
Introduction/1 st Reading	
2 nd Reading	
3 rd Reading	

Attachments:

Public Comment – James Johnson – 6-12-2021, James Johnson – 6.22.2021 & Barry Nelson – 7.30.2021