

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**

JANUARY 9, 2024

Time Work Session began 6:00 p.m.

Present: Pat Gabriel, Brandon Newman, Erin O'Doherty, Jayne Pearce, Micah Richardson, Joe Shumway, Andi Summerville, Sharon Cumbie, and Brian Harrington. Absent: None.

Staff present: Janine Jordan, City Manager; Robert Southard, City Attorney; Todd Feezer, Assistant City Manager; Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk; Jennifer Wade, Administrative Services Director; Dan Johnson, Fire Chief; Brian Browne, Police Chief; Derek Teini, Community and Economic Development Director; and Patti Russell, Human Resources Director.

1. WORKSESSION

2. Public Comment

None.

3. WORK SESSION: State of the City Report & 2024 Goal Setting

City Manager Jordan began the work session and introduced Jenn Wade, Administrative Services Director.

Director Wade started off the PowerPoint presentation with information on the financial outlook of the city.

City Manager presented a recap on progress on the 2023 goals.

City Manager's presentation included information related to our current housing status (110 residential lots are ready to build, 60 plus building permits for single family homes and 9 multi-family units).

Council began to look at 2023 goals to begin making suggested adjustments to 2024.

Goal 1.

O'Doherty would like to look for clever ways to have the public help with determining where curbs need repairs.

Goal 2.

Cumbie would like to consider adding a coalition on housing and Town & Gown restructuring.

Cumbie wondered if there is compatibility between milestone B and the Opioid settlement.

Goal 3.

Cumbie/Newman- changes to language.

Goal 4.

Pearce suggested an envisioning group for West Laramie to pair with milestone A. (Recreation)

Newman wondered if milestone F should be removed or bumped up in priority. Possibly a joint work session with the Commissioners.

Cumbie would like to add a goal that addresses rental housing and predatory practices (enforcement of rental housing program)

Richardson would also like to see the progress of the rental housing code.

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Pearce would like to keep the 7th Penny as a goal.

Harrington- had questions about keeping milestone C and looking at arterial infrastructure possibly reduction in fees and land trusts. Addressed tense issues with new mobile home park owners.

Goal 5.

O'Doherty suggested adopting City manager recommended goals for carbon emissions reduction and remove milestone A.

Cumbe asked if we can be involved in individuals getting solar?

Harrington mentioned that job training to increase workers for solar could help with solar initiatives.

Cumbe/Pearce work with LCCC/ Town & Gown/ Workforce Services.

Harrington would like a goal to see the staff study and compensation implementation.

Council favors City Manager's suggested goals.

O'Doherty suggested removing milestone C and exploring pilot program with containerized vessels for composting.

Harrington would like to keep a portion of milestone C. related to establishing ordinances.

Future action of City Council goals will appear on a regular meeting agenda (likely January 16th or February 6th)

3.A. Public Comment: none.

4. City Council Updates/Council Comments

Gabriel- Interviewing applicants for Laramie Police Advisory Board.

Richardson- Downtown Development Authority, Laramie Main Street Association.

Newman- none.

Cumbe-Laramie Police Advisory Board (completed initial training), Laramie Planning Commission (Pilot Hill parking lot), Albany Advisory Committee on Trafficking, interviewing for Laramie Police Advisory Board.

Harrington- none. Thanked staff for being present tonight.

Pearce- none.

Shumway- Laramie Youth Council (toured Laramie Interfaith).

O'Doherty- Laramie Advisory Commission on Disabilities (AARP Survey, March Disability Awareness Month, sidewalks, shoveling)

5. Agenda Review

No changes.

Time Work Session Adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Approved:



Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk, CMC

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Date

