

CITY OF LANDER WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY MARCH 28, 2023, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING 6: 54 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 240 LINCOLN STREET. LANDER, WY 82520
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES NOT YET APPROVED
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Governing Body Present: Mayor Monte Richardson, Council Members John Larsen, Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn, Missy White

Governing Body Absent: Council Members Melinda Cox and Julia Stuble

City Staff Present: City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine, Assistant Public Works Director Hunter Roseberry, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Community Development Director Anne Even, Lander Police Department Ken Stigers.

1. Healthy Rivers Update. Amanda Small coordinator for Healthy Rivers Initiative provided an update on the City of Lander/ HRI partnership. HRI's mission is to ensure the vitality of the river by improving water quality, quantity, and the biological health of the river so that it better supports domestic, agricultural, recreation, fish and wildlife uses.

HRI has accomplished a variety of projects over the past year. Popo Agie Conservation District (PACD) has been awarded a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) multiyear funding whereby the City of Lander water and sewer projects were a cash match. As participants in HRI, PACD is an active funding partner for the City of Lander's Section 205 Flood Mitigation project. A Level 1 Phase 2 study of the Popo Agie watershed was completed in 2019 in partnership with PACD, examining micro storage opportunities, underground storage and retrieval, and irrigation Infrastructure assessment, including updating the 2003 spreadsheet water budget model for the entire watershed. In 2019 and 2020 HRI organized a fall release of City Municipal Storage water at Worthen to improve water quality and quantity during late season low flows. In 2022, HRI developed an agricultural task force to help with project efforts.

HRI has supported a city application for a grant to study and explore options to raise Worthen water storage levels to better support domestic, agricultural, recreation, fish and wildlife uses. The partners monitor the movement of the Farthing Slip and have applied for state grants for ditches in the watershed including the Cemetery Ditch of which the City of Lander is a user. Wyoming Game and Fish also completed a fish habitat study in the area which will be helpful for future projects. That Fisheries study will be presented to the public later this spring.

2. Discussion concerning potential changes to current LIFT review and recommendation process. Council Member White opened the discussion concerning the current evaluation matrix, types of funding awards, grant awards as potential unfair economic advantage and definition of economic development. Council concluded to examine: 1. Maximum dollar or percent award; 2. The potential for no or low-cost interest loans; 3. Discussing awards at a Work session prior to voting session; 4. The need for education on the definition of economic development; 5. Consideration of a greater emphasis to primary dollar events, and 6. To analyze if Lift funds promote unfair competition. Marilyn Fisher from LIF indicated the committee would be willing to discuss concerns and changes. Council will individually email Charri Lara with their individual thoughts.
3. Discussion concerning strategic plan wrap and council priorities. Community Development Coordinator, Anne Even presented a visual chart of priorities based on council's comments. The Council will consider adopting the list at the next voting session.
4. Discussion concerning changes to Resolution 1249 2022-2023 Fee Schedule. Changes are recommended to contractor licenses and excavation permits. The majority of changes are

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recommended to Schedule B and building inspections. Facility Fees and the current 10% gate fee was discussed. The current recommendation is to retain the 10% gross gate fee with a cap of \$4,000.00. Julie Freese and Paula McCormick from LOTRA were present via Zoom. This was the first they had heard of the proposed change.

5. Adjourned 8:23 p.m.

The City of Lander

Monte Richardson,
City of Lander Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk