

	CITY OF LANDER		
	CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING		
	Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Richardson, led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, Missy White and Mayor Monte Richardson. COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: D Hahn. STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Scott Peters, Assistant Public Works Director Hunter Roseberry, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

2. **NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)**

A. Staff Updates

Assistant Public Works Director Hunter Roseberry reported that the City is gearing up for Light Up Lander. A potential change order for the tank and pump station grants additional time to complete the project may come before the Council in December.

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen commented that the last chance for public input for the Master Planning went out today. The Rodeo Grounds proposal request should be published for about two months to attract applicants. The City employee holiday party is on December 6th. The Housing Authority is requesting the termination of the land lease. There is an outline for TMLC going forward as a City-owned entity. All paths require funding and authorization for staff to investigate and move forward. TMLC will be further discussed on December 10, 2024, as a non-action discussion.

City Attorney Adam Phillips commented on the lease termination.

B. Presentation of Final Designs Popo Agie River Park Pathway, TAP grant CD23514 - Kasey Jones

Kasey Jones presented the Popo Agie Park Pathway project designs. Discussion included an introduction, the two main scopes, the Path Alignment, Path Cross Sections, North First Street, Design Considerations including ADA compliance, flood mitigation, minimizing wildlife impacts, erosion, separation, Main Street Crossing Study including four crossing alternatives (grade-separated crossing, crosswalks, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, hybrid pedestrian beacon), and the Schedule.

C. Discussion concerning the potential suspension of 1/2 cent economic tax funds and LIFT recommendations for this funding cycle.

Marilyn Fisher from LIFT thanked the Council for allowing the latest round of applications and pitch night. The next funding cycle will be February 1, 2025. It would be fair notice to suspend the program for future applicants. Councilmember Larsen believes the Council should consider funding applications already in the process. Councilmember Stuble concurs. She is in favor of suspending distribution after this funding cycle. Councilmember J Hahn inquired about where the suspended funds should be distributed. Options include WRTA for buses and FAST for transportation. Council President Cox inquired and had concerns about the obligations surrounding the ballot language.

D. Tim Nichols WRTA funding discussion

Tim Nichols, director of WRTA and community member addressed the Council. He is requesting a portion of the remaining 1/2 cents funds be allocated to WRTA before they are committed elsewhere. Discussion of the importance and contributions of public transportation. He presented a substantial stack of studies concerning public transportation’s critical role of rural communities in the U.S. transportation system, safety, accessibility, equity, aging rural American's needs, access to health care services, employment, and educational opportunities, access to social services and other community activities, economic benefits, economic returns, and impact on local lives. General discussion concerning the ½ economic tax ballot language and past distributions.

E. FAST explanation of minimum revenue guarantee funding

Kyle Butterfield and Kevin Kershisnik with FAST presented a Central Wyoming Regional Airport Performance Update. The topics included: a twenty-plus year enplanement report, the mechanics of commercial air service (capacity purchase program, potential contract term of ten years, SkyWest aircraft and revenue guarantee calculations), financial runway projects, and financing options for MRG local match. FAST requested funding assistance from the City of Lander for the MRG local match, including allocation of the remaining 1/2 cent economic development funds.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Monte Richardson,
City of Lander Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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