

	<b>CITY OF LANDER</b>		
	<b>WORK SESSION COUNCIL MEETING</b>		
	Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	<b>MINUTES</b>		

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, Missy White and Mayor Monte Richardson. STAFF PRESENT: Chief Peters, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen (via Zoom), City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Clerk Rachele Fontaine.

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

A. Presentation on Forms of Municipal Government - Jason Grant, ICMA

Jason Grant ICMA provided a presentation on Understanding the Council-Manager Form of Government. The Constitution does not establish local government. The state's responsibility is to establish local governments. Wyoming is a home-rule state that allows cities to adopt a charter designating powers and jurisdiction. The discussion topics included the U.S. Constitutional Federal Republic, Federal and State Powers, Understanding Local Government, Forms of Local Government, Forms of Government by Population, Manager v Mayor as CEO, the Role of the Mayor, Forms of Government Considerations, Separate or Unified Powers, Administration-Politics Dichotomy, Accountability, Corruption, Representation, Partisanship, Council-Manager Structure, Collaborative Government, How it works-appointing a manager, How it works hiring staff, How it works Budget Process, Role of City Manager, Wallhub's Best Run Cities, Research Findings and Key Questions to Consider. The council discussed the differences between council-manager and mayor-council forms of government, focusing on bureaucracy, cost-saving strategies, and economic development, as well as how the form of government affects long-term projects and staff. The different ways to change the form of government were discussed. Staff will gather more information on Charter Ordinances and provide that information to the Council for further discussion.

**2. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monte Richardson,  
 City of Lander Mayor

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 Rachele Fontaine, City Clerk

**CITY OF LANDER MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide a safe, stable, and responsive environment that promotes and supports a traditional yet progressive community resulting in a high quality of life.

**VISION**

Preserving the past, while embracing the future.

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