Livingston City Commission Agenda

September 01, 2026
5:30 PM
City – County Complex, Community Room

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1. Call to Order

5:33 pm Chair Nootz called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

- Chair Nootz
- Vice Chair Willich
- Commissioner Daniels
- Commissioner Wilcox
- Commissioner O'Neill

City Staff Present

- City Manager Grant Gager
- Chief of Police Wayne Hard
- Policy Analyst Greg Anthony
- Finance Director Paige Fetterhoff
- Public Works Director Shannon Holmes
- Planning Director Jennifer Severson

3. Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Chair Nootz asked the room to stand for the pledge of allegiance

4. Public Comment

Individuals are reminded that public comments should be limited to item over which the City Commission has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power (MCA 2-3-202)

Public comment was offered by:

- Melanie Maganias expressed concern about the outdoor pool closing.
- Jane Jarret expressed concern about mail notices, and she wondered why new subdivisions are being passed before handling a railroad crossing.
- Ellen Collin expressed that the outdoor pool should stay open. She asked if they are going to close the fire station in town, or fund it and keep it open.
- Patty Smith asked about the budget and understanding the FY year is different than the calendar year and asked about that in relation to property tax.
- Chris expressed appreciation for the elongated yellow zones throughout downtown, but wondered why they are not all the same length. He also wondered about shortening a certain ADA zone.
- Leslie Feigel asked about the cemetery perpetual care fund and expressed concern about the grass at the cemetery.
- Debbie Egan expressed concern about stormwater billing.
- Jay Keifer asked about the vote for the airport board at the last meeting, and expressed concern about enforcing ordinances.
- Linda Tang expressed concern about the trees at the cemetery.
- Britney Chabalowski expressed her thoughts and read a statement regarding Commissioner Comments at the last City Commission meeting.

Chief Hard attempted to bring the room to order.

Chair Nootz called a recess.

Chair Nootz stated that the process is if a Commissioner has an issue with something, they are to state “point of order” and it automatically interrupts the meeting, and they would get the floor to bring an issue to the Chair. Then the Chair would make a decision on the issue.

- Brittney/Dr. Chabalowski continued her comment about the last City Commission meeting’s Commissioner Comments.
- Quentin Schwarz commented in reference to the last City Commission meetings Commissioner Comments, and stated it is the responsibility of the Commission to hire the Fire Chief, and he expressed concern about not having the facts during the hire process.
- Edleeta Shans read a quote and applied it to our community.

Chair Nootz asked about the outdoor City pool.

The City Manager stated the operation of the outdoor pool is not funded past August 2026, and the plan is to not reopen that pool. There are no plans finalized for what will happen with the pool; that decision will come back before the Commission.

Chair Nootz asked about noticing of stormwater.

Chief Hard brought the room to order.

Chair Nootz clarified that when someone from the public wants a legal opinion, there is a process that City staff has to follow. Questions will be answered by the City Manager or City staff, and it will be reviewed by staff to determine if a legal opinion is required.

Chair Nootz asked again about the stormwater mailer.

The City Manager stated there was an issue with the timing of the stormwater mail for the rate notification. He stated that his recommendation is to open the public hearing on

Resolution 5207, accept public comment, then continue that public hearing to a date certain on September 15. At that time, they would take any more public comment that would come in, then the Commission would have an opportunity to act on that item then.

The City Manager answered questions regarding the Commission approving subdivisions and stated that property owners in the State of Montana have property rights that include the right to subdivision. There are certain criteria that subdivisions are evaluated against. He recalled when he first started here, he had to deal with the aftermath of the City being sued after a previous Commission rejected a specific subdivision.

The City Manager stated that LFR is fully staffed and well-resourced and is still providing EMS and Fire services to the community. He stated that is not going to change for the next 2 years as they have an operating levy for ambulance service that remains in place to ensure that service, as determined by the voters several years ago, continues to operate. He stated that the Commission does have an upcoming conversation related to the renewal of that levy for ambulance service. He looks forward to having this conversation with the community to see how they would like to see ambulance services provided to the community. He stated it is not his intention or the intention of the City Commission to end ambulance service, or meaningfully change the service being provided. He stated LFR staff are very qualified to provide service to all of Park County, and he stated confidently that he does not fear for the future of their jobs or of their work, and there is a place for them in the future of ambulance service in Park County.

The City Manager addressed the question about property tax regarding the timing of the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center will come online in February, and the building will be built, pools will be filled, and the building will be operational by November. He stated that the City of Livingston works with their special bond counsel on the timing of these types of actions.

The City Manager addressed comments about the yellow painting. He stated that the yellow in some ways is unique to each intersection or each location because there are considerations about corner distance and also distance from curb cuts. He stated he will have the Streets Division go back and review the handicap parking space brought to his attention tonight.

The City Manager addressed the cemetery. He stated the irrigation system out there is very old, and the team is working with it, but they are struggling with the system as they work through repairs.

Chair Nootz asked about using the cemetery perpetual fund.

Finance Director Fetterhoff stated that 50% of all plot sales go to the perpetual cemetery fund. That fund is required to remain intact until all the plots are sold, and at that point the money is used to support the maintenance of the cemetery where there is no more revenue from plot sales. She stated as of right now the other 50% from plot sales goes into the general fund to help with maintenance of the cemetery.

The City Manager addressed comments made about holes in LPD and LFR and stated the police department is entirely funded out of the general fund, and the general fund is balanced and operating revenues exceed operating expenditures in FY26/27. The general fund does not have a hole in it and neither does the police or fire department funded from the general fund. He stated there is a separate ambulance fund that funds ambulance operations of LFR and there has been some declining revenue in that fund over the years since 2022. He stated that he and the Finance Director have been working with the Fire Chief to try and understand why that is.

Chair Nootz addressed a comment made that Commissioners are not taking bribes and stated they don't take bribes for votes.

The City Manager stated he does not bribe the Commission for votes.

5. Consent Items

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

B. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PAID 8/13/26 - 8/26/26

C. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER 20277 WITH JACKSON GROUP PETERBILT

D. AGREEMENT 20284 WITH MIKE COLEMAN CONSTRUCTION

E. AGREEMENT 20285 WITH TD&H FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Commissioner O'Neill motioned to approve Consent Items A-E, seconded by Commissioner Willich. Unanimously approved.

6. Proclamations

A. A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, DECLARING SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 AS 988 DAY IN LIVINGSTON, MONTANA.

Chair Nootz read the proclamation.

The City Manager stated that the BRIDGE Team will be at the Farmers Market tomorrow spreading the word about 988 Day.

Commissioner Wilcox reminded everyone of the importance of asking for help and practicing the skill of asking for help.

Commissioner Daniels expressed thanks to the BRIDGE Team, and expressed appreciation for the proclamation.

Vice Chair Willich expressed the importance of the proclamation.

Commissioner O'Neill stated mental health is important and agreed with fellow Commissioners.

7. Scheduled Public Comment

A. POSSIBLE RE-ALIGNMENT OF CITY STREET

The City Manager stated this item is presented by landowner Tim Watson regarding the concept he has shared. He stated there is some utility to the project to the community. He introduced Tim Watson to present the project.

Tim Watson gave a brief presentation of the project proposal.

Chair Nootz clarified what she heard was that the current road has challenges because of the orientation and terrain. The proposal is to take the road up and go west and possibly land swap to keep trails in place.

Vice Chair Willich clarified the markings on the map given to them from Mr. Watson.

The City Manager stated there is no action for the Commission on this item. It is a presentation of a concept that Mr. Watson has and looking to see if they are in favor of this or not, or would like staff to continue to work with Mr. Watson knowing there will be several parts of the project that would come back before them for items to vote on.

Commissioner Wilcox asked if the City would service water and sewer out to this area.

The City Manager stated the City would not contemplate putting water and sewer out there at this time. He stated if they were going to do that, it would be in cooperation with Mr. Watson or whoever else owns the area at that time.

Tim Watson stated under the PUD he does not have to put services to that piece of property unless whoever develops it develops the upper end into high density, but they would be responsible for running the water and sewer across and paying for that.

Commissioner Wilcox asked if this is the correct route to take for this project.

Public Works Director Holmes stated that based on the Geotech, it would be a reasonable corridor to run water and sewer. Knowing he would build to the City's design standards at 7%, it is something that they could accommodate. He stated that leaving it as gravel vs. paving it would be the best option to be able to run water and sewer up there.

Commissioner Daniels motioned for a 10-minute break, seconded by Vice Chair Willich. Unanimously approved.

Public comment was offered by:

- Kiersten Holycross asked about traffic.
- Patricia Grabow expressed thoughts about the Watson property as a whole.
- Linda Tang expressed liking the land swap.
- Edleeta Shands expressed liking the idea of this new road.
- Karrie Kahle thanked Mr. Watson for reaching out to groups about the trails.
- David Fuentes stated this would be a great thing and feels the City should consider this.

Chair Nootz asked about traffic and the trails.

The City Manager stated they have not done traffic counts in that area, so he can't speak to that at this time. He stated they are happy to look at that with any project. He stated that in his conversations with Mr. Watson, those bike trails will be maintained and enhanced in some ways.

Commissioner O'Neill stated he likes this and encourages Mr. Watson to take the next step and talk with the County Commission.

Commissioner Wilcox thanked the Watson family for being great neighbors to Livingston HealthCare and stated she is in favor of this project.

Commissioner Daniels stated she is in support of this project.

Vice Chair Willich stated this project solves a lot of problems that are currently out there and feels the landowner is receptive and responsive to the community with the project. He likes the idea of this project.

Chair Nootz expressed that this is a very thoughtful proposal and appreciates the mindfulness of public access. She stated this seems like it benefits many people involved.

8. Action Items

A. INTRODUCTION TO 5-YEAR GROWTH POLICY REVIEW

The City Manager stated this item is an introduction to the City's process of reviewing and updating the Growth Policy. He stated that MCA states the Growth Policy is scheduled to be reviewed, and if necessary, updated every 5 years. The last Growth Policy was updated in June of 2021 and we have hit the 5-year mark. The goal this evening is to review some of the data that has been collected regarding the community, then begin the process and discussion with the Commission about the process the City will follow to update the Growth Policy. He invited Director Severson to present.

Director Severson stated they have been working with planners from Interstate Engineering to prepare some background data analysis. She introduced Brent Moore and Megan Bixler from Interstate Engineering.

Brent and Megan gave a brief presentation.

Chair Nootz asked for clarification on the process.

The City Manager stated this is the first step to updating the Growth Policy and wanted to give an update to the Commission and community. He would like the Commission's input on what they would like to see from the process and their expectations, so they can be addressed at a staff level. He stated it is the goal and was approved in the budget to bring on a consultant team to work with the community through the Growth Policy process, and they expect that will be about an 8-to-10-month process. The consultant team will assess current goals, objectives, and strategies and determine what new ones might need to be added on. They will also work on the appendices including the housing action plan, and some of the downtown master plan, parks master plan, and annexation policy.

Vice Chair Willich asked about the industry share chart.

Megan stated that it started out comparing the Growth Policy to what they saw as updated numbers. She stated that the chart from 2021 shows what the Growth Policy stated was the industry makeup at that time.

Chair Nootz recalled the process for the Growth Policy in 2021 and how much the process has improved this time around. She thanked Planning Director Severson and the City Manager for their work on this, and she likes the process the City Manager has laid out. She stated she is hoping to see meetings for the public in various places around town. She likes the idea of rolling the annexation policy into this. She expressed that combining all of these plans into one place would be great for the community and staff.

Vice Chair Willich reviewed the numbers from the presentation. He stated that he is looking forward to seeing what the community thinks about the Growth Policy. He likes the idea of having this all-in-one document and making it user-friendly.

Commissioner Wilcox agreed that there should be a lot of opportunities for the community to give their input on the Growth Policy. She wondered if a town hall on the data from the presentation and process for the Growth Policy would be a good idea. She expressed liking the idea of doing the annexation policy, and also making it interactive online.

Commissioner O'Neill liked that the presentation data was in the packet.

Commissioner Daniels agreed with her fellow Commissioners.

B. CONSIDERATION OF REMOVAL OF RIVER DRIVE FROM MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION URBAN SYSTEM

The City Manager stated this item is a discussion and requested approval of staff to proceed with working with MDT to remove River Dr. and about 3 blocks of 9th Street from the Urban System. He stated that the Urban System extends throughout Livingston and is a statewide network intended to ensure access to key points within communities and throughout the state. He stated the state urban system provides access to certain funding, but with that funding comes restrictions on how the City may operate, maintain, and improve the road corridors. He stated that this section was on the Urban System because the Civic Center used to be the armory for the National Guard. While they would lose certain funding resources, it's important to know that River Dr. from View Vista to its intersection with 9th Street sits in the URA area. The City does have a source of funding to fund that work that may occur in there, such as the Veterans Memorial and retaining wall on the south side of River Dr. He stated this would also go before the local Park County Transportation Commission before it moved up to the statewide MDT Commission.

Commissioner Wilcox asked why it would be stopping at the high school and not taking it all the way to H Street.

The City Manager stated that is not something they contemplated as part of this project. He stated the URA area does not really extend out past the school district property all that far.

Commissioner Wilcox asked if we remove this area from the Urban Route System, can it be added back after the URA Board no longer exists.

The City Manager stated that a community does have the opportunity to request segments be added or removed from the Urban System, and it is a final action of the State Transportation Commission.

Vice Chair Willich asked how this will work with the Silver Jackets' possible levee road restructuring.

The City Manager stated as far as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is concerned, the levee does not exist, and for flood control and floodplain mapping, the top of the roadway is the effective elevation in that area. He stated they will be working with the local floodplain manager, Director Severson, to obtain a local permit to be able to do that work. He stated that removing MDT from the equation will hasten that work and lower the cost because that retaining wall is part of the right-of-way.

Public comment was offered by:

- Linda Tang wondered about the ability to park on River Dr.

The City Manager stated there is not a design done for that area, and they are not talking about reconfiguring the roadway. He stated that staff is aware of the parking needs and issues and current usage patterns of the park and they do recognize the value of the current parking areas and the proximity not only to the horseshoe pits, but also the gazebo. It is staffs' intention to leave accessible parking for the community.

Commissioner O'Neill asked if doing this would assist in the plans from the Parks Master Plan.

The City Manager stated yes, and many other improvements such as sidewalks.

Commissioner Wilcox stated she does not see an issue with this.

Commissioner Daniels expressed agreement and especially likes this for safety reasons.

Vice Chair Willich clarified that by doing this they would not have to ask MDT for permission to do improvements in this area, and that MDT won't pay for it, but the City won't have to ask permission.

The City Manager stated yes, that is correct.

Chair Nootz clarified that this would be fewer studies done for projects. She likes the idea of local control.

Commissioner Wilcox motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Willich motioned for a 5-minute break, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

C. RESOLUTION 5204: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, LEVYING 100% OF THE COST FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVMENTS DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,459,503, AND ASSESSING ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

The City Manager stated this item will set the assessment for the street maintenance district, which is a citywide maintenance district. This district funds the street maintenance and improvement work throughout the year. In FY27 that work is expected to include a resurfacing of the Bennett Street crossing, subsequent improvements to the 5th Street crossing, and normal routine maintenance. He stated the prior year the average residential property was assessed approximately $268.60 and is expected to be $300.93 for the current year. He stated for commercial properties it is expected to increase $33 from $646 to $679.

Public comment was offered by:

- Linda Mahr asked since this is going to raise residential property tax it will depend on how expensive someone's property is.
- Edleeta Shands expressed being excited about the Bennett Street crossing repair.

The City Manager stated that the average residential property is expected to increase approximately $32. He stated the concrete crossing panels being installed by BNSF are 40 feet wide and the standard travel lane is about 12 feet wide, and with that they do anticipate room on the Bennett Street crossing for a bike and pedestrian pathway across the tracks.

Vice Chair Willich motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

D. RESOLUTION 5205: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, ESTIMATING THE COST OF MAINTAINING LIGHTS AND SUPPLYING ELECTRICAL CURRENT TO SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 20 IN THE AMOUNT OF $58,169 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND LEVYING AND ASSESSING 49.3% OF THE ESTIMATED COSTS AGAINST EVERY PARCEL OF PROPERTY WITHIN SAID DISTRICT FOR THAT PART OF THE COST WHICH ITS TAXABLE VALUE BEARS TO THE TAXABLE VALUE OF THE DISTRICT.

The City Manager stated this item seeks to set the assessment amount for FY27 for the light maintenance district related to the electrical current and defense. He stated this is a citywide district and for FY27 the average residential property assessment is expected to be $20.26 and approximately $48 for commercial properties.

Public comment was offered by:

- Linda Mahr asked if the average amount is based on the value of the property.

The City Manager stated the assessment is based on the valuation of properties.

Vice Chair Willich motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

E. RESOLUTION 5206: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, MODIFYING SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 20 BY REPLACING STREET LIGHTS AND OTHER APPURTENANCES THEREIN AND TO LEVY AND ASSESS 49.3% OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF $46,831 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AGAINST EVERY PARCEL OF PROPERTY WITHIN SAID DISTRICT FOR THAT PART OF THE COST WHICH ITS TAXABLE VALUE BEARS TO THE TAXABLE VALUE OF THE DISTRICT.

The City Manager stated this item specifies an amount for replacing appurtenances in the light maintenance district, which is a citywide district. In FY27 the average residential assessment is expected to be $20.26 and for commercial properties, $48.87.

Vice Chair Willich motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

F. RESOLUTION 5207: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, ESTABLISHING STORMWATER RATES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON STORMWATER SYSTEM.

The City Manager stated **this** item is looking to establish stormwater rates for all customers of the City of Livingston. He reminded everyone from earlier in the meeting that there was a noticing issue and it is staff's recommendation that the City Commission not finally act upon this tonight, but instead receive public comment and continue this item to a date certain, that date being September 15, 2026. He stated the methodology for this will be the residential equivalent factor, and based on a survey the community performed, the residential equivalent factor will be charged for all single-family homes in the City of Livingston. Multifamily properties would be charged based on their size in relation to the established residential equivalent factor, as would commercial and industrial properties. In no case would any single-family residential, multifamily, or commercial property be assessed less than 1 residential equivalent factor. The residential equivalent factor is almost 2,600 sq. ft., which is the average impermeable surface area observed in the survey of single-family homes in the City of Livingston.

Public comment was offered by:

- Edleeta Shands expressed believing in having clean water for everyone and the lagoon and river, and maintaining the banks. She stated this is an environmental responsibility.
- Nick Curry asked how it was calculated, who did the calculations, whether gravel impacts the amount, whether there are remedies available, whether there will be a chance to review and verify calculations, and whether he can remove some impermeable surfaces.

The City Manager stated that the City worked with Headwaters Economics and AE2S Engineering over the last year and a half. The City, with GIS, did a 100% review of all commercial and industrial properties in the City of Livingston. Using aerial imagery, they did an assessment of all the impermeable surface areas. They also did a sampling size starting out at 5%, but doubled it to 10% of residential properties in the City, again using the aerial imagery. What they found was the average residential property has approximately 2,590 sq. ft. of impermeable surface area, and that is the residential equivalency factor. For commercial, it will be calculated by looking at the total impervious surface area on the commercial property and dividing that by 2,590 to determine exactly how many equivalent residential units that commercial property holds and will be billed accordingly. He stated there are opportunities for property owners to challenge their bill for stormwater, and that was included in the ordinance the City Commission passed. Property owners are able to remove impermeable surface; they would let the City know, then their bill would be adjusted.

Chair Nootz asked about retention ponds.

The City Manager stated the property owner would work with the City on this.

Commissioner Wilcox motioned to move this item to a date certain on September 15th, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

G. RECONSIDERATION OF CITY COMMISSION ACTION ON JUNE 10, 2026

The City Manager reminded the Commission that this is an action item where certain people's rights to privacy are at stake. He let the Commission know he will waive his individual right to privacy in this matter, and requested the Commission confine their discussion to their actions as a Commission, his actions as an employee, and refrain from speaking in the public forum on other people's actions.

Commissioner Daniels stated that after the June 10th decision she did not feel good about the decision she made, and didn't feel her decision was made on the totality of the facts. She decided at the next meeting that she would like to rescind her vote. She stated that she motioned to discuss this at a later time with a second from Vice Chair Willich.

Vice Chair Willich stated that he also didn't feel good after the decision on June 10th. He stated that context is important and the route they took to make the decision they did was convoluted, confusing, and inappropriate. He stated there was no audio with the video they saw at the June 10th meeting. He stated, in his opinion, that what the City Manager said was not a threat, but a rhetorical question. He stated that the City Manager was acting well within his right to manage his employees.

Commissioner Daniels stated she likes to make decisions based on facts and not feelings.

Public comment was offered by:

- Linda Mahr asked what the accusation was that they voted on.
- Kiersten Holycross expressed not seeing anything concerning in the videos, but it was hard to determine much with no audio. She expressed being proud of the Commission for reconsidering this.
- Vickie Van Busker stated that the City Manager shows respect to everyone who speaks, and she feels the situation appeared more like a boss and employee who didn't follow instructions. She thanked the Commission for reconsidering.

- Edleeta Shands stated when things like this happen, it's a buildup of things over time, then comes the thing that puts it over the top. She was in the room on the day in question and didn't hear anything of significance in the hall.
- Nicki Bosco expressed thanks to the Commission for their efforts in this.

Commissioner O'Neill stated the situation was unfortunate and the information presented wasn't appropriate. He hopes everyone learns from this and hopes more professionalism goes into something like this in the future. He stated this is the right thing to do.

Commissioner Wilcox stated this is the right thing to do. She expressed that the process was uncomfortable and confusing. She stated that they hope to learn and do better next time. She appreciates the opportunity to address this again.

Commissioner Daniels stated that what was presented to them was not something she could accurately make a decision on.

Vice Chair Willich stated he doesn't usually like to go back on decisions that have been made, unless he made a mistake, and he admitted that he did make a mistake and didn't make the right decision on June 10th.

Chair Nootz expressed agreement with fellow Commissioners. She stated that Commissioner O'Neill brought up good points on June 10th about process and the employee handbook. She reminded everyone that the original decision they had to decide on was if there was a violation of a policy in the employee handbook. She stated that it is unfortunate that the City Manager has been the target of many things over the last year and a half. She expressed that words do matter, but agreed with Vice Chair Willich that context matters.

Vice Chair Willich stated this will require 2 motions. The first would be to revisit the decision made on June 10th, and the 2nd would be within that motion to remove any disciplinary action for the City Manager.

The City Manager stated the process would be a motion to rescind the vote on June 10th, and a second motion would be for the remedy or new corrective action.

Commissioner Daniels motioned to rescind the Commission votes made at the hearing on June 10th, 2026, seconded by Vice Chair Willich. Unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Willich motioned to exonerate Grant Gager's record based on decisions made at the June 10th, 2026, hearing, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

H. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL STRATEGY PURSUANT TO 2-3-203(4)(a)

Chair Nootz motioned to enter closed session, seconded by Vice Chair Willich. Unanimously approved.

9. City Manager Comment

The City Manager addressed a question from last City Commission meeting regarding stormwater and dot 13 on the map. He stated that the dot was not misplaced he stated it pretty well described in the stormwater PER. He shared the stormwater project page on the City website.

10. City Commission Comments

Commissioner O'Neill thanked everyone for the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Wilcox thanked everyone for the productive meeting.

Commissioner Daniels thanked everyone for a productive meeting.

Vice Chair Willich stated thank you very much.

Chair Nootz read a poem from Wendell Berry.

11. Adjournment

10:09pm Chair Nootz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair Willich. Unanimously approved.

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