



Livingston City Commission Minutes

June 18, 2024

5:30 PM

City – County Complex, Community Room

1. Call to Order

Chair Kahle called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

2. Roll Call

Chair Kahle, Commissioner Schwarz, Commissioner Lyons and Commissioner Willich were present. Vice Chair Nootz was absent.

3. Public Comment

Nancy Adkins commented on prominent community members who have recently passed away and their contributions to Livingston and the community. Ms. Adkins also commented on weed mitigation in the City of Livingston.

Kris King commented in her role with the TBID, LBID and Convention and Visitors Bureau and welcomed questions on the consent items D through F. Ms. King spoke about the mission and operations of each entity and the role they each play in the community. Ms. King also spoke about events and their impact to certain businesses in the City.

Patricia Grabow commented on the importance of cohesion in the downtown. Ms. Grabow also spoke about the importance of rail passenger service in the downtown and opportunities for economic development arising from the Big Sky Passenger Rail project including railcar construction.

Leslie Feigel commented regarding the Chamber of Commerce and its support of the business community.

4. Consent Items

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 04, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

B. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PAID 5/30/24 - 6/12/24

C. APPROVAL OF CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ANNUAL BUDGET

D. APPROVAL OF TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

E. APPROVAL OF LIVINGSTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

F. APPROVAL OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE LIVINGSTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner Willich requested that items C and D be pulled for separate consideration.

Commissioner Schwarz motioned to approve items A, B, E and F. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lyons. The motion passed unanimously.

Referencing Item C, Commissioner Willich inquired about the location of the Dino Dig Park. The City Manager advised that the park is located in Sacajawea Park in the old bandshell foundation. Commissioner Willich inquired about the Board composition of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Board of Trustees. The City Manager welcomed Kris King to discuss the CVB Board members.

Chair Kahle disclosed that she works with Kris King on certain initiatives in the Chair's private employment capacity. Chair Kahle advised that this work is not funded by the City or Ms. King's organizations.

Referencing Item D, Commissioner Willich inquired about the number of hotels in the City. Ms. King advised that there are 11 hotels. Commissioner Willich inquired about the selection process for the Board of Trustees for the TBID. Ms. King offered insight into that process and the requirements for eligibility.

Commissioner Willich motioned to approve items C and D. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schwarz. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Proclamations

A. A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, DECLARING JUNE 16-22, 2024 AS FIREFIGHTER SAFETY STAND DOWN WEEK IN LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

The Chair read the proclamation.

B. A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, DECLARING JULY 2024 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

The Chair read the proclamation.

6. Scheduled Public Comment

7. Action Items

A. ORDINANCE 3053: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE LIVINGSTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES, TO MODIFY SECTIONS 10-7 AND 10-8 TO ENABLE THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN CERTAIN PERMITTED AREAS.

The Chair introduced the item and provided the City Manager an opportunity to discuss the item before the Commission. The City Manager provided a review of the genesis and previous reading of the ordinance and invited questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Willich inquired about the forthcoming Downtown Master Plan process and ability to revisit this ordinance as part of that. The City Manager affirmed that this may be revisited at that time.

Commissioner Lyons requested clarification regarding the applicability of the rule changes. The City Manager offered information regarding both one-time and on-going uses of this process.

Chair Kahle questioned how the state process would work with this and the City Manager advised.

Commissioner Schwarz motioned to approve the Ordinance and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Willich.

The Chair opened public comment.

Nancy Adkins offered words of caution about adopting this Ordinance.

Kris King offered insight into community discussions on parklets and business interest in using on-street parking for food service.

Patricia Grabow advised that she finds the confusion and is worried about implementation. She cited events and homeless folks as among the concerns that she has.

The chair closed public comment.

The City Manager clarified that these requirements arise from the State and that this applies only to permit holders and beverages sold by those permit holders. This change is intended to create a pathway to compliance for permit holders based on observations by the State.

Commissioner Lyons discussed the application of this permit to uses of both the street and sidewalk and concerns for loss of pedestrian space and accessibility. The Commission discussed pedestrian and vehicular access.

The role was called and the motion was passed unanimously.

B. RESOLUTION 5134: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, ACCEPTING UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENTS GRANTED BY KAREN SCHNEIDER FOR HER PROJECT LOCATED AT LLAMA LANE AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS.

The Chair introduced the item and provided the City Manager an opportunity to discuss the item before the Commission. The City Manager provided a review of the Resolution and underlying project.

Commissioner Willich inquired about language on page 106 of the packet. The City Manager advised that the language pertained to the ability to trim trees and maintain the easement.

Commissioner Willich motioned to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Schwarz.

The Chair opened public comment.

Garrett Schultz commented as the owner's representative and is ready to stand for questions.

Nancy Adkins advised that there are no Llamas on Llama Lane.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. RESOLUTION 5135: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, ACCEPTING A WATER UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED BY LIVINGSTON LODGING 2 AND DIVIDE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE HOME 2 SUITES PROJECT LOCATED ON WEST PARK STREET AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS.

The Chair introduced the item and provided the City Manager an opportunity to discuss the item before the Commission. The City Manager provided a review of the Resolution and underlying project.

Motion to approve the resolution made by Commissioner Schwarz and seconded by Commissioner Willich.

The Chair opened public comment and there was none.

The Chair called for a vote and the role was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. CITY COMMISSION LISTENING SESSIONS

The Chair introduced the item and provided the City Manager an opportunity to discuss the item before the Commission. The City Manager provided a review of the City Commission listening sessions as well as an initial plan of meetings and outreach. The Commissioners stated their various availabilities for certain events in the coming weeks. The item was requested to return to the Commission on July 16 for further discussion. 8. City Manager Comment

The City Manager advised of the forthcoming holiday and reminded the community the fireworks are prohibited in City limits.

9. City Commission Comments

Commissioner Willich is excited to see folks at the parade.

Commissioner Lyons is excited to be home to enjoy the summer in Livingston.

Commissioner Schwarz wishes everyone a safe Fourth of July.

Chair Kahle encouraged everyone to watch the professional fireworks and also their dogs.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lyons, seconded by Schwarz. The motion passed unanimously at 6:53pm.

Calendar of Events

Supplemental Material

Notice

- **Public Comment:** The public can speak about an item on the agenda during discussion of that item by coming up to the table or podium, signing-in, and then waiting to be recognized by the Chairman. Individuals are reminded that public comments should be limited to items over which the City Commission has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power (MCA 2-3-202).
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