



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session (livestreamed)

May 20, 2025
City Council Chambers, 350 Kimbark St., Longmont, CO

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The May 20, 2025, Regular Session of the Longmont City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Joan Peck in the City Council Chambers.

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2. ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dawn Quintana, City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were Mayor Peck and Council Members Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, and Shiquita Yarbrough.

Mayor Peck led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CHAIR REMINDER TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Peck reviewed the procedures for Public Invited to be Heard and Public Hearings.

Public participation at regular and special City Council meetings is regulated by Rule 5 of City Council Rules of Procedure.

- **Speakers should sign up on the sheet outside of Council Chambers prior to the start of the meeting at 7 pm.**
- **Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes and one person may not give or assign their time to others.** The Chair may regulate the time for public participation, may restrict cumulative or redundant presentations, and may require that each speaker's comments pertain to the subject under discussion
- **Only Longmont residents and employees of the City of Longmont may speak during "First Call – Public Invited To Be Heard" (Item 8) and must sign up on the list prior to the start of the meeting**
- **Persons wishing to speak on a specific Second Reading or Public Hearing Item (Item 10) are asked to add their name to the speaker list for the specific item prior to the start of the meeting**
- **Anyone may speak and no sign-up is required to speak during "Final Call – Public Invited To Be Heard" (Item 13)**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 6, 2025 – Regular Session

MOTION

Sean McCoy moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the May 6, 2025 – Regular Session as amended to correct Council Member Crist's vote to "Oppose" on O-2025-27

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

5. AGENDA REVISIONS, AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS, AND MOTIONS TO

DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO ADD AGENDA ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Dawn Quintana, City Clerk, noted a scrivener's error in the ordinance for Item 10D, O-2025-33. On page 3, line 17 of the ordinance in the packet, the word "Register" appears instead of "Registered." A corrected ordinance along with a map reflecting the 500 foot distance restrictions were provided in hard copy to council members.

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Joan Peck, to direct staff to bring City Council a comprehensive set of options to streamline, offer more flexibility for, and increase clarity for future redevelopment in key urban renewal areas to inform the creation of an Urban Renewal Innovation Overlay Zone and present the options in a study session at the end of summer or in early Fall

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

MOTION

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to direct staff to bring back an update on airport operations including options for landing fees, flight paths, lease length and terms, and unleaded fuel on June 3rd

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to ask the Airport Advisory Board to review current airport public notification and communication practices and recommend improvements, if needed

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to ask the Airport Advisory Board to evaluate current Voluntary Noise Abatement Program education and communication strategies and advise on what, if any, improvements are needed to increase their reach and efficacy

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report from the City Manager.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A.** A Proclamation Designating May 1-31, 2025 As "Archaeological And Historic Preservation Month" In Longmont, Colorado

Jennifer Hewett-Apperson, Principal Planner and staff liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission, recognized the commission members in attendance and shared a few words about Historic Preservation Month.

- B.** Longmont Senior Citizens Advisory Board 2025 Annual Report and Recommendations

Ronnie Maynes, Senior Services Manager, shared important updates with Council on the Senior Center activities and programs during the past year and statistics for use of their services.

John Higgins, Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, provided an update on food security for seniors, emphasizing its significance and the board's actions to tackle the issue. He shared statistics, highlighting that

Longmont seniors have a high rate of community involvement and that food insecurity can make older adults appear 14 years older. He requested that Council make food security a stated priority under the Council Priority area titled 'Equity, Safety, and Sustainability', and emphasized that this change was requested without requesting any funding. Higgins also mentioned the connection between seniors and children regarding food insecurity and shared existing initiatives by the city. Additionally, he announced that the first food table at the Longmont Senior Center will take place on June 14, with supplies from the Longmont Food Rescue program.

8. FIRST CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Dinh Pham, Youth Council member and student at Niwot High School, spoke about the issue of food security and asked that it be added as a priority under the Council priorities.

Howard Morgan, 229 Airport Road, explained that this is a general aviation airport and said that many of the biggest companies in Longmont have airplanes for their businesses.

Anthony Clever, 229 Airport Road, said a landing fee would be a double tax on his operations because he already pays rent to the city for the concrete pad for his hangar at the airport which, under the Federal Aviation Administration, may only hold an airplane.

Chad Rennie, 907 Champion Circle, President of the Experimental Aviation Association (EAA) Chapter 648, read a statement from the EAA stating they were dismayed by the recent threats to the aviation community, dissatisfied with the delay of the notification to pilots, and wished for a speedy resolution to this troubling situation. He also shared the importance of aviation programs for youth.

Shakeel Dalal, 219 Francis Street, spoke on Item 9B and asked that the ordinance be amended to allow residents to build accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on property they own but do not occupy, and just require owners to live in Longmont. This amendment would allow families to keep generations together, expand housing choices, and would maximize the positive impact of the ordinance.

Heather Crate, 619 Folklore Avenue, spoke representing Boulder County Public Health and asked the Council to deny O-2025-37. She further explained the harms of secondhand smoke, the concerns for workers in these environments with no protections, and the lack of clear standards for identifying when someone has overconsumed.

Lloyd Fisher, 2143 Sand Dollar Drive, spoke in support of the airport and asked to keep

opportunity to learn about aviation open for future youth.

Huck Wach, 1272 Longs Peak Avenue, spoke about the ADU changes and proposed that Longmont property owners be allowed to have an ADU without the owner occupancy requirement at the time of permit. He also asked the Council to allow short term rentals in ADUs and suggested short term rentals could be restricted in primary homes, instead.

Martin Orner, 1417 Auburn Court, expressed his dissatisfaction with the maintenance of the 17th Avenue right-of-way and said after a year of talking to city staff, nothing had been done.

Katie Wiser, 832 Atwood Street, spoke about senior food insecurity and the meal delivery service conducted by Meals on Wheels. She explained that last year they prepared 6% more meals for delivery and this year are preparing 5% more per day than last year. She noted that Longmont's program, serving residents of Longmont, is the fourth largest program in the state while the three larger programs serve entire counties.

Barbara Holthaus, 1000 Corey Street, spoke as a member of the Library Advisory Board and reminded the Council of how important library services are as they consider the 2026 budget. She urged the Council to establish sustainable funding to provide services for literacy, technology, and unfettered information as well as to allow for expanded services and to ensure equal access to library services.

John Lembke, 744 Stonebridge Drive, spoke in support of the ADU ordinance and suggested that gas appliances be discouraged. He also spoke in favor of ranked choice voting.

Georgia Rabatsikos, 1420 Renaissance Drive, urged Council to deny O-2025-37 as written or amend it to prohibit indoor marijuana smoking. She explained her concerns about indoor air quality and 'air creep'.

Jonathan Kasemir, 1900 Creekside Drive, encouraged continued safety and access to general aviation and the Longmont airport and shared his support for the young Eagles program of the EAA that fostered his love for the airport.

Rich Basiliere, 229 Airport Road, spoke in support of the airport, echoed comments of previous speakers, and said he was frustrated that nothing was done when there was a threat to the aviation community.

Scott Stewart, 229 Grant Street, spoke about airport accountability and shared snippets

from old city documents about funding and operation of the airport, underlining his perspective that the airport should be self-supporting and implement charge policies that foster its long-term sustainability.

9. CONSENT AGENDA AND INTRODUCTION AND READING BY TITLE OF FIRST READING ORDINANCES

The Second Reading and Public Hearing for all ordinances introduced on this consent agenda will be held on June 3, 2025

- A. O-2025-34,** A Bill For An Ordinance Conditionally Approving The Union Reservoir No. 4 And Weld County Road 26 Annexation (Generally Located East Of Union Reservoir And West Of Weld County Road 5, And Zoning The Property N-PF (Nonresidential-Public Facilities)

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to approve the consent agenda except items B, D

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- B. O-2025-35,** A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Title 15 Of The Longmont Municipal Code Concerning Administrative Approval Of Accessory Dwelling Units

Mayor Pro Tem Hidalgo-Fahring stated that she pulled the item from Consent to amend the ordinance on page 6, lines 5 and 6, to strike the requirement that the owner live at the primary dwelling of the property and replace it with a requirement that the owner live in the City of Longmont.

MOTION

Susie Hidalgo-Fahring moved, seconded by Matthew Popkin, to amend **O-2025-35,** A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Title 15 Of The Longmont Municipal Code Concerning Administrative Approval Of Accessory Dwelling Units and strike the requirement that the owner live in the primary dwelling

from page 6, lines 5 and 6, and insert instead they they must live in the City of Longmont

Council discussed the motion with staff and talked through various different possible scenarios and how this change would impact those scenarios.

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: Diane Crist, Sean McCoy

Abstained: None

Carried: 5 – 2

MOTION

Susie Hidalgo-Fahring moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve **O-2025-35**, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Title 15 Of The Longmont Municipal Code Concerning Administrative Approval Of Accessory Dwelling Units, as amended

Approved: Aren Rodriguez, Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Matthew Popkin, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: Diane Crist, Sean McCoy

Abstained: None

Carried: 5 – 2

- C. O-2025-36**, A Bill For An Ordinance Repealing And Reenacting Sections 14.04.290, 14.04.300, 14.04.530 And 14.04.540 Of The Longmont Municipal Code Concerning City Entry And Inspection, Installation, Construction, And Maintenance Of Water Facilities And Meters, Pits, Vaults, And Service Lines

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to approve the consent agenda except items B, D

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- D. O-2025-37, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Titles 6, 9, 10, And 15 Of The Longmont Municipal Code Implementing Marijuana Hospitality Licensed Establishments**

Council Member Popkin stated that he pulled the item from Consent because he would like to remove the allowance for indoor smoking from the ordinance.

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Diane Crist, to amend **O-2025-37, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Titles 6, 9, 10, And 15 Of The Longmont Municipal Code Implementing Marijuana Hospitality Licensed Establishments** to delete Section 3 from the ordinance as presented and thereby disallow indoor smoking

Council discussed the motion.

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Matthew Popkin

Dissented: Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Abstained: None

Failed: 3 – 4

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve **O-2025-37, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Titles 6, 9, 10, And 15 Of The Longmont Municipal Code Implementing Marijuana Hospitality Licensed Establishments**

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: Diane Crist

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 1

- E. R-2025-24, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Amendment To The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And St.**

Vrain Valley School District For A Joint School Resource Officer Program

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to approve the consent agenda except items B, D

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- F. R-2025-25,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving Contract Amendment #3 Of The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And The State Of Colorado Department Of Human Services Office Of Behavioral Health For The Co-Responder Program

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to approve the consent agenda except items B, D

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- G. R-2025-26,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Longmont And The Colorado Department Of Human Services Office Of Behavioral Health Administration, For Contract Number 26 IBEH 197631, For Longmont Public Safety's LEAD Program

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to approve the consent agenda except items B, D

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

H. Approve The 2025/2026 Water Supply And Water Shortage Implementation Plan

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to approve the consent agenda except items B, D

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

I. Approve One Capital Improvement Program Amendment

MOTION

Matthew Popkin moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to approve the consent agenda except items B, D

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

10. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ANY MATTER

A. O-2025-30, A Bill For An Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations For Expenses And Liabilities Of The City Of Longmont For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025

Mayor Peck read the title of the ordinance into the record. There was no formal staff presentation on this item.

Council Member Popkin engaged with staff regarding the City's requirements and process for carryover appropriations.

Mayor Peck opened a public hearing on this item. There being no one present to address Council on this issue, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Sean McCoy moved, seconded by Diane Crist, to pass and adopt **O-2025-30**, A Bill For An Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations For Expenses And Liabilities Of The City Of Longmont For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

B. O-2025-31, A Bill For An Ordinance Authorizing The Consent To Vance Brand Municipal Airport Lease Assignment For Hangar Parcel H-44A To Doug Lyle

Mayor Peck read the title of the ordinance into the record. There was no formal staff presentation on this item.

Mayor Peck opened a public hearing on this item. There being no one present to address Council on this issue, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Sean McCoy moved, seconded by Diane Crist, to pass and adopt **O-2025-31**, A Bill For An Ordinance Authorizing The Consent To Vance Brand Municipal Airport Lease Assignment For Hangar Parcel H-44A To Doug Lyle

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- C. O-2025-32, A Bill For An Ordinance Authorizing The Consent To Vance Brand Municipal Airport Lease Assignment For Hangar Parcel SH-6-T To Silver Wings At Longmont HOA, LLC**

Mayor Peck read the title of the ordinance into the record. There was no formal staff presentation on this item.

Mayor Peck opened a public hearing on this item. There being no one present to address Council on this issue, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Diane Crist moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to pass and adopt **O-2025-32, A Bill For An Ordinance Authorizing The Consent To Vance Brand Municipal Airport Lease Assignment For Hangar Parcel SH-6-T To Silver Wings At Longmont HOA, LLC**

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- D. O-2025-33, A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Longmont Municipal Code Concerning Residency Restrictions for Registered Sex Offenders**

Mayor Peck read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Jeremy Tyrrell, Assistant City Attorney, gave a quick presentation on the changes to the ordinance between first and second reading which were a change in the setback from schools and daycares that was reduced to 500 feet, and changes to the wording in the preamble of the ordinance. He also noted the scrivener's error on page 3, line 17 which had been corrected to

read “Registered.”

Mayor Peck opened the Public Hearing on this item.

Chuck Douglas, 2179 Steppe Drive, commented on the lasting scars the victims will carry from being sexually assaulted, urged the Council to approve the residency restrictions, and suggested that this community had been targeted by this operation because of the lack of regulations for these homes.

Kristie Mcfarland, 1320 Judson Street, seconded what the prior speaker said.

Julia Munster, explained her perspective as a treatment provider and shared that these offenders are severely monitored, have strict rules and regulations they must follow, and are held accountable for their past actions. She noted that Mobarez provides a solution that is much needed.

Bobette Berger, 2196 Winding Drive, expressed her gratitude for council, staff, and fellow residents for their work and engagement on this issue. She also posed various questions about how the requirements in the ordinance would be managed.

Steven Faas, 2900 Cormorant Place, talked about the recidivism data and explained that the statistics could be misleading since many offenses are not reported to the police. He asked the Council to use a common sense approach and put control and balance in place.

Charlotte Iverson, 182 Olympia Avenue, stated that she was thankful for this ordinance but said the issue of a commercial business being allowed to operate in a residential area had not been addressed and said it is a violation of the law.

Gary Hodges, 2148 Stuart Street, challenged the proposed policy and said it inherently makes one person more important than other by protecting some residents with the setbacks but not others. He said all residents are deserving of common protection and said the buffer map shown should be done in the inverse and show the permitted zones for sex offender residences.

Connie Hamming, 2129 Winding Drive, discussed the legal terms and definition of ‘misrepresentation’ and ‘pervasive approach’ and explained how

the home's operator Mobarez Solutions had misrepresented facts to obtain certifications and to establish this home. She urged Council to enforce Longmont's residential regulations and require the home to move to more compatible zoning.

Keiran Bissell, 744 Bluegrass Drive, asked council to prioritize actual safety in the community and to allow the treatment providers and officers to do their work. She alleged this ordinance would cause many to become unhoused which would not help create actual safety in the community.

Monica Fitzpatrick, 310 5th Avenue, commented that she thinks this ordinance will cause harm and explained the many reporting regulations for those with sex offenses, and suggested that the person most likely to commit a sex offense is not on the registry. She emphasized that criminalizing housing will not provide safety and reiterated that when sex offenders are housed together, it leads to better outcomes.

Nathan Drashner, 2205 Winding Drive, encouraged the Council to pass this ordinance and shared that people on both sides of this issue have many feelings and said that regardless of feelings, the proper procedure should be followed to establish a home like the one at 2200 Winding Drive.

Anna Graves, 2293 Winding Drive, spoke emphatically about how the existing oversight for these types of homes is broken and said the home in question was hiding behind residential recovery in a residential zone. She emphasized that this situation is unacceptable and alleged that those speaking in favor of this facility that was established with no certification, and zero communication or transparency, have a contractual agreement or benefit somehow from this home.

Jon Krecker, 403 Olympia Avenue, said the ordinance does nothing to address the residence in Prairie Village at 2200 Winding Drive and alleged that this is blatant discrimination against the homeowners of this neighborhood. Prairie Village is not zoned for a medical treatment facility of any kind and the home must be shut down now.

Steve Altschuler, 1555 Taylor Mountain Drive, reminded the Council that their job is to pay attention to and listen to the residents of Longmont, and suggested that a 1,000 foot setback be implemented instead of the 500 feet. He also echoed that a business does not belong in a residential

neighborhood.

Amy DiLullo, 1685 Brown Court, said that action needs to be taken and that she agrees with other speakers in support of the ordinance.

Michael Poompan, 2200 Winding Drive, Director of Operations for Mobarez Solutions, said the proposed restrictions would cripple this vital resource which would ultimately increase the risks to the entire community. He said the home did not pop up over night, is not the only home like this in town, and reiterated that they hoped to foster solutions and find a way to balance the needs of all residents.

Greg Stone, 2200 Winding Drive, the house lead for the home in question, shared his experience and journey from being incarcerated, to obtaining sobriety, going to church and becoming the house lead for the home at Winding Drive. He said that without the groups to share his stories and struggles, he would not have gotten through incarceration and said in the home, the men hold each other accountable.

Mayor Peck closed the public hearing.

MOTION

Diane Crist moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to pass and adopt **O-2025-33**, A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Longmont Municipal Code Concerning Residency Restrictions for Registered Sex Offenders

Council discussed the ordinance, some of the wording, and clarified that a resident currently living within the boundaries prior to enactment of this law but who offends after its passage, would have to move or sell their home. They briefly discussed other aspects of the ordinance including the legality of forcing someone to move or sell their home, the punishment for violating the ordinance, as well as how to monitor the impacts of the ordinance on homelessness of sex offenders to understand any consequences of it going forward.

Staff explained that the sex offenders who are required to register are required to notify Public Safety about their location and where they live, and have to do so more frequently if they are unhoused. There are currently 41 unhoused persons on the registry in Longmont, and staff noted all of the data can be monitored and tracked in order to later analyze to see if there are

unintended consequences.

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

The discussion and action on each item removed from the Consent Agenda is reflected under the item itself.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Air Quality And Oil And Gas Update

Dr. Jane Turner, Air Quality and Oil and Gas Program Manager, explained that the worst air quality issues occur in summer, with ozone being the biggest concern in the Front Range. This area is classified as being in severe non-attainment, highlighting the importance for all of us to prioritize our health and take simple steps to improve air quality. During summer, we also face smoke issues. Small particles can enter the lungs and then the bloodstream, potentially causing harm to our health. If you can't see the mountains, it's a good day to stay indoors and ensure that your air filters are changed regularly. Dr. Turner mentioned an app called AirNow to help people stay informed about air quality. She also reviewed local efforts to address these issues like grazing and wildfire mitigation to reduce risks of fire. The City actively monitors air quality and has an extensive research program dedicated to it. Currently, we have two air quality monitoring stations: one at Lykins Gulch and another at Union Reservoir. The data from these stations is displayed in real-time at www.bouldair.com and contributes to broader statewide data, such as that from the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC).

Dr. Turner also discussed methane levels since 2020 and explained that while we experienced significant spikes until 2023, those spikes have diminished recently. The introduction of many new regulations has made operators more aware of these spikes, prompting them to enhance their practices as they aim

to improve their reputations, knowing that we are closely monitoring the situation.

The City was also awarded \$295,000 for an Air Quality Research Grant from the Colorado Air Quality Enterprise to take all the data and do more sophisticated research on it. Turner said staff planned to focus on sources of ozone and hopefully help the state point to impactful mitigation methods.

Lastly, Dr. Turner described the groundwater monitoring around old plugged oil and gas wells and said there are no elevated levels of groundwater contamination in the past five years.

13. FINAL CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Gary Hodges, 2148 Stuart Street, said he thought it was stunning that the Council voted 7-0 on the setbacks and no one presented compelling evidence that setbacks do anything. Setbacks won't keep people from going to parks or schools, he said, and sex offenders would now be concentrated in certain areas. He expressed his disappointment and invited Council to a cookout at his house on Sunday to discuss these things with his guests.

Melissa Irwin, 2194 Winding Drive, remarked that she had attended the Open House by Mobarez Solutions and came away with as many questions as answers. She opined there were no professionals in the house and said no business should be run in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

Anna Graves, thanked the Council for their vote on the ordinance and said it is obvious there is a gap in state laws and that the state has failed the community, and asked to be informed as staff and Council learn more about this operation.

Nathan Drashner echoed the comments and said it is a criminal justice issue, the state is failing on this which is not fair to this community.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member McCoy reminded everyone that school would be out for the summer soon and urged everyone to watch for kids in the neighborhoods and parks.

Council Member Crist noted that a great place for children to go is the newly opened Fox Meadows Park.

Council Member Popkin commented that the sex offender policy restricted registered sex offenders from living in certain areas across the whole town and from places where all kids frequent. The focus was on the places that would be frequented, he said, and he noted that later the effectiveness of this policy could be discussed. He said he would appreciate a quarterly update to learn if this ordinance is reducing housing stability.

15. CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Dominguez explained that Council had previously directed staff to bring back options for a fishbowl related to minimum wage and since some neighboring communities are interested in this idea, he said staff was looking at bringing these communities together in a virtual meeting to have a conversation and get a sense of what everyone is looking at. He asked Council to affirm their desire for staff to proceed with this idea.

Council agreed by general consensus with this idea and Dominguez concluded noting that the meeting with other communities would be held first to go over what Longmont has done and then a Longmont specific fishbowl would be held, which other cities could attend if they desired.

16. CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

The City Attorney had no additional items to bring before City Council.

17. ADJOURN

2025 Council Contingency: \$20,000

Carryover Contingency from 2024: \$101,486*

*(will be carried over after 2024 fiscal year close-out)

MOTION

Sean McCoy moved, seconded by Diane Crist, to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

Approved: Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, Matthew Popkin, Aren Rodriguez, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

The video of this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@cityoflongmont>