



**MINUTES**  
**City Council Regular Session (livestreamed)**  
**August 13, 2024**  
City Council Chambers, 350 Kimbark St., Longmont, CO

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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The August 13, 2024, 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, Marcia Martin, and Shiquita Yarbrough.

Aren Rodriguez was absent.

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.

- A.** 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.** July 23, 2024 – Regular Session

#### **MOTION**

Sean McCoy moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to approve the July 23, 2024 – Regular Session minutes as presented

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 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, reviewed the three agenda revision notes on the agenda about Items 9E, 9F and 12A.

**A.** On 8/12/24 at 5pm, the agenda was revised as follows:

1) The title for item 9E was corrected to add the words “Of A” before the word “Cent.” A revised ordinance was uploaded to this item with the same corrected title. The corrected title is:

**9E. O-2024-57**, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 4.04, Of The Longmont Municipal Code For Extending The Existing Two-Tenths Of A Cent Open Space Sales And Use Taxes And Referring Said Extension To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

2) The title for item 9F was corrected to add the words “Of A” before the word “Cent.” A revised resolution was uploaded to this item with the same corrected title. The corrected title is:

**9F. R-2024-49**, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Calling A Special Municipal Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, As Part Of The Coordinated Election Conducted By Boulder And Weld Counties, Concerning Extending The Existing Two-Tenths Of A Cent Open Space Sales And Use Taxes, And Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Boulder County And An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Weld County For The Conduct And Administration Of The 2024 Coordinated Election

3) Item 12A was amended to add a supplement of Additional Comments received on this item.

### **MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to support the ballot measure extending the existing two-tenths of a cent open space sales tax

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** Diane Crist

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 5 – 1**

## **6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no report from the City Manager.

## **7. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Special Reports or Presentations.

## **8. FIRST CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Peck announced that no comments would be heard on Modern West 2 at this meeting and reminded the public of the upcoming public hearing on this item on August 27, 2024.

Kat Bradley-Bennett, 5914 Blue Mountain Drive, spoke in favor of passing the extension of the open space tax language as presented, without any changes.

Shari Malloy 1632 Sherman Way, spoke in favor of passing the extension of the open space tax language as presented, without any changes.

Jamie Simo, 517 Independence Drive, also spoke in favor of passing the extension of the open space tax language as presented, without any changes.

Kevin Krayna, 1136 Purdue Drive, spoke about the June 4 special session and said nothing had been done since about the house across the street at 1129 Purdue and none of neighbors' concerns were addressed.

Nadine Lester, 1517 Mayfield Lane, also spoke in favor the extension of the open space tax.

Paul Menchen, 1411 Terra Rosa Avenue, talked about appropriate places to build homes in the City and said he enjoys walking his dog in the vicinity of the airport.

Robert Morriss III, 170 South Pratt Parkway, talked about the Brain Injury Support Group and invited everyone to attend.

Gary Hodges, 2148 Stuart Street, talked about the paradox of increased efficiency which, he said, has an end result of more energy use, and about the omission of planning for hail from the Platte River Power Authority's Integrated Resource Plan.

Steve Altschuler, 1555 Taylor Mountain Drive, spoke about city council's goal of ending gas for new builds and remodels and said electricity is four times more expensive than gas, while gas is clean and efficient.

Ron Stewart, 203 Western Sky Circle, spoke in favor of the permanent extension of the open space tax and of keeping the same ballot language as proposed. He also noted that Boulder County's open space tax extension on the ballot last year was approved by more than 70% of Longmont voters and passed in every precinct in Longmont.

Strider Benston, 951 West 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, expressed his support of the extension of the open space tax, shared the title of a new book he is reading, and expressed the importance of the rights of democracy.

Erin Angel, 1304 South Terry Street, spoke in favor of passing the extension of the open space tax language as presented, without any changes.

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

Dawn Quintana, City Clerk, read the titles of the ordinances and the Second Reading and Public Hearing Date into the record and reviewed all of the items on the Consent Agenda.

*The Second Reading and Public Hearing for all ordinances introduced on this consent agenda will be held on August 27, 2024, except for O-2024-54 for the Tower of Compassion Historic Landmark which will be held on September 10, 2024.*

### **MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the consent agenda except items E, F

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

- A. O-2024-53, A Bill For An Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations For Expenses And Liabilities Of The City Of Longmont For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024**

### **MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the consent agenda except items E, F

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

- B. O-2024-54, A Bill For An Ordinance Designating The Tower Of Compassion As A Local Historic Landmark**

**MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the consent agenda except items E, F

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

- C. O-2024-55, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Title 9, Chapter 13.24, And Section 2.97.010 Of The Longmont Municipal Code Concerning Prohibiting Alleyway Obstructions To Ensure Access To City Services**

**MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the consent agenda except items E, F

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

- D. O-2024-56, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapters 14.32 And 4.78 Of The**

## Longmont Municipal Code On Regulations Governing Electric Service

### **MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the consent agenda except items E, F

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

- E. **O-2024-57**, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 4.04, Of The Longmont Municipal Code For Extending The Existing Two-Tenths Of A Cent Open Space Sales And Use Taxes And Referring Said Extension To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

Council Member Crist expressed her concern with extending the tax without the ability to renew it periodically and said she wondered if the measure could wait until the City had other items to place on the coordinated ballot so as to maximize the dollars budgeted for elections. She also asked for clarification about what presses this measure to be on the ballot this November.

Danielle Cassidy, Open Space Manager, explained the challenges with long-term planning with the sunset of the tax on the horizon and said staff was limited in what they could plan for and accomplish due to the funding uncertainty.

Harold Dominguez, City Manager, added that the challenge is the sunset and the ongoing dollars needed to fund the ongoing operations in the Open Space fund.

### **MOTION**

Diane Crist moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to approve **O-2024-57**, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 4.04, Of The Longmont Municipal Code For Extending The Existing Two-Tenths Of A Cent Open Space Sales And Use Taxes And Referring Said Extension To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean

McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

- F. R-2024-49,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Calling A Special Municipal Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, As Part Of The Coordinated Election Conducted By Boulder And Weld Counties, Concerning Extending The Existing Two-Tenths Of A Cent Open Space Sales And Use Taxes, And Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Boulder County And An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Weld County For The Conduct And Administration Of The 2024 Coordinated Election

Council Member Crist reiterated that her concern is with the cost to place one item on the ballot.

**MOTION**

Diane Crist moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to pass and adopt **R-2024-49**, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Calling A Special Municipal Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, As Part Of The Coordinated Election Conducted By Boulder And Weld Counties, Concerning Extending The Existing Two-Tenths Of A Cent Open Space Sales And Use Taxes, And Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Boulder County And An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Weld County For The Conduct And Administration Of The 2024 Coordinated Election

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

- G. R-2024-50,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Adopting And Entering Into The Trust Agreement For The Colorado Firefighter Heart, Cancer, And Behavioral Health Benefits Trust And Taking Other Actions In Connection Therewith

**MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the consent



agenda except items E, F

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

- H. R-2024-51,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Longmont And The Federal Aviation Administration For A Grant Concerning Perimeter Fence Construction At The Vance Brand Municipal Airport

**MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the consent agenda except items E, F

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

- I. R-2024-52,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving A Cooperative Agreement Between The City And The Longmont Professional Firefighters Association International Association Of Firefighters Local 1806 For January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2026

**MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the consent agenda except items E, F

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

**J. Approve Three Capital Improvement Program Amendments**

**MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the consent agenda except items E, F

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

**K. Approve \$30,868 from Council Contingency for Longmont Economic Development Partnership (LEDP)**

**MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to approve the consent agenda except items E, F

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

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

- A. O-2024-52, A Bill For An Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations For Expenses And Liabilities Of The City Of Longmont For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024**

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**

Susie Hidalgo-Fahring moved, seconded by Diane Crist, to pass and adopt **O-2024-52**, A Bill For An Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations For Expenses And Liabilities Of The City Of Longmont For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 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. O-2024-58**, A Bill For An Ordinance Approving The Concept Plan Amendment For A Portion Of The Schlagel Williams Annexation Known As The ModernWest 2 Development, Generally Located South Of Rogers Road And East Of Airport Road

Mayor Peck read the title of the ordinance into the record and invited Jennifer Hewitt-Apperson, Principal Planner, to present on this item.

Jennifer Hewitt-Apperson provided an overview of the property and concept plan amendment:

- 27.25 acres southeast of Vance Brand Municipal Airport
- A mixture of high density residential and commercial uses and a greenway are proposed

- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Circular 151-90 was provided to provide staff guidance and was included in packet
- Concept plan was revised to comply with the FAA-provided Advisory Circular and residential uses would not be permitted in “Zone B” of the proposed map amendment
- Proposed concept plan has two residential areas outside of proposed “Zone B”
- Only areas in “Zone B” would be a commercial area and Outlot C
- Strong letters had been received by the City from both the FAA and CDOT about this project

Hewitt-Apperson explained that staff wanted to present the review criteria ahead of the Public Hearing to be held in two weeks. The six criteria for all applications are:

1. Consistency with adopted plans, codes, regulations
2. Compliance with City standards, including streets & utilities
3. Compatibility with surrounding properties
4. Will not adversely affect surrounding properties or planned city facilities/services, or will mitigate impacts
5. Complies with sustainability evaluation system if applicable
6. Includes appropriate transportation plan

The three additional review criteria for Concept Plans are:

1. Appropriate land use, utility, & transportation design
2. Mitigation of potential adverse impacts on surrounding properties
3. Mitigation of potential environmental impacts

She reminded the Council that the ultimate decision is for the Council to make and staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission provide recommendations. She also reiterated that the burden of proving compliance is the applicant’s burden and she said that a more detailed discussion of the criteria would take place during the staff presentation at the Public Hearing on August 27.

Harold Dominguez, City Manager, introduced Eric Pilsk with Kaplan Krisch to discuss FAA assurances and regulations.

Eric Pilsk said it is unusual to see letters threatening to remove grants from the FAA or the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). He explained

that because the City does have land use authority and can take action, the FAA has a higher standard for the compatibility of development in the vicinity. When the City accepts grants from the FAA and from CDOT, the City agrees to comply with a number of conditions including land use compatibility around the airport. Of the six factors that comprise compatibility, he said the letters did not identify which of the six CDOT and the FAA have concerns with and, he noted, the FAA has a huge amount of discretion with what it deems compatible.

Pilsk concluded that even though the developer has done a lot to try to mitigate the project and make it as compatible as possible, the most recent letter indicates the FAA does not believe the project is compatible and the City should take these letters seriously and assume they will follow through. He further explained how litigation under Part 16 could lead to a determination that the City is not in compliance with airport operations and not be able to receive FAA or CDOT grant funds, nor would the City be excused from meeting the obligations of funding the airport to keep it safe and operational.

City Manager Dominguez explained the possible significant budgetary impacts if the City were to not be eligible for grant funds which are a significant portion of the airports funding source for improvements and operations.

Council asked for clarification about how possible regulatory objections relate to the narrow latitude for interpreting the criteria of the land use decision.

Jeremy Tyrrell, Assistant City Attorney, explained that the first criteria is compliance with state and federal laws and said it could be interpreted that the regulatory concerns fall in this first criterion.

Council shared other concerns they have including traffic safety and the need to update the Airport Master Plan and discussed these with staff.

In response to questions from Council about process, Attorney Tyrrell clarified that this is an unconventional first reading where staff wanted to give more information up front and reiterated that a second reading and public hearing were scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>, if Council decided to pass this item to second reading and public hearing.

Council talked about the importance of listening to the community before

making a decision, the importance of following established procedures, and asked why Modern West 1 did not have these issues. Hewitt-Apperson and Pilsk explained that Modern West 1 was annexed in 2019, did not generate the comments from the FAA or CDOT, and now has its development rights. Also, attitudes have changed about land use compatibility in response to controversies at other area airports since that time, they noted.

#### **MOTION**

Shiquita Yarbrough moved, seconded by Marcia Martin, to approve **O-2024-58**, A Bill For An Ordinance Approving The Concept Plan Amendment For A Portion Of The Schlagel Williams Annexation Known As The ModernWest 2 Development, Generally Located South Of Rogers Road And East Of Airport Road and pass the item to second reading and public hearing

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** Diane Crist, Sean McCoy

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 4 – 2**

***The Second Reading and Public Hearing for O-2024-58 will be held on August 27, 2024.***

***\*\*Attachment 7 for Item 12A in the downloadable packet was corrected at 10 am on 8/12/24. The original pdf did not convert correctly and some pages of Attachment 7 were not legible. These pages are now corrected and legible.\*\****

***Additional Comments received on Item 12A – Added 8/12/24 at 5 pm***

#### **B. Resilient St. Vrain Project and Flood Map Updates**

- 1. R-2024-53**, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving A Grant Agreement With The Colorado Department Of Public Safety, Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management To Fund The Resilient Saint Vrain Project Hover Road Reach

Jim Angstadt, Director of Engineering Services, provided an update on the multi-year Resilient St. Vrain Project to restore the St. Vrain Creek Channel

after the 2013 floods. Currently the Izaak Walton Phase 2 is in bid phase and the Boston Avenue bridge is under construction and is slated to be complete at the end of 2024. The project has won two American Public Works Association awards. Two letters of Map Revisions have been completed for the portions of the project that have been completed to update floodplain maps. The next reach is City Reach 3 which is the Hover Road reach. This resolution is for part of the funding to procure consultant services for that work which will, in part, be paid for by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for \$1m with a \$400,000 City match to pursue the design of this next reach of the project. Angstadt ended noting that the entire RSVP project has cost \$148 million and been possible thanks to funding from many sources including: storm bonds that had not been issued yet but were authorized by voters, FEMA, HUD CDBG-DR, Governor's signature flood recovery project, Army Corp of Engineers, and FEMA Hazard mitigation grant funds.

**MOTION**

Susie Hidalgo-Fahring moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to pass and adopt **R-2024-53**, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving A Grant Agreement With The Colorado Department Of Public Safety, Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management To Fund The Resilient Saint Vrain Project Hover Road Reach

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

2. **O-2024-59**, A Bill For An Ordinance Adopting The 2024 Flood Insurance Studies And The Flood Insurance Rate Maps And Models For Weld And Boulder Counties

Mayor Peck read the title of the ordinance into the record and invited staff to present on the item.

Monica Bortolini, Senior Engineer and the Floodplain Administrator for the City, gave a refresher on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and said Longmont had been a participant since 1977. She explained the Community Rating System that is part of the NFIP and said in order to provide a discount on flood insurance policies and to stay in the NFIP, the City is required to

adopt these new proposed maps and make them official. The Boulder County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) will be effective in October, and the Weld ones will be effective in September. Bortolini also explained that flood insurance is required for any structure that is habitable in the floodplain and said until the next revisions are made and accepted after the adoption of these maps, many homes will be newly required to have flood insurance and it will be a surprise for them. She shared that a public information campaign was in progress to notify those affected.

**MOTION**

Sean McCoy moved, seconded by Diane Crist, to approve A Bill For An Ordinance Adopting The 2024 Flood Insurance Studies And The Flood Insurance Rate Maps And Models For Weld And Boulder Counties

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

*The Second Reading and Public Hearing for O-2024-59 will be held on August 27, 2024.*

- C. Proposed Changes To Section 14.32 Relating To Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Interconnection Standards, Solar Energy Rates, Renewable Power Purchase Program (RPPP), and Community Solar

Darrell Hahn, Director of Electric Services, and Hannah Mulroy, Energy Portfolio Development Manager, reminded the Council of the goal of renewable energy by 2030 and they noted that staff was requesting direction on interconnection standards, Value of Solar rates and Legacy Rates for solar customers, as well as regarding the Renewable Power Purchase Program (RPPP).

Mulroy discussed the interconnection standards, and shared the proposals to increase the system size from 120% to 200% (to 12kW), to allow for system sizing, and to establish DER (Distributed Energy Resource) interconnection standards.

She also explained the Solar Rate Recommendations and the



proposed adoption of a 15-year legacy rate, the proposed implementation of a value of solar rate of 18% over wholesale, as well as the proposed reduction of the RPPP rate by 66%.

**MOTION**

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Joan Peck, to direct staff to implement all three recommendations as presented by staff

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

Mulroy shared that in reviewing codes, she realized that a code change would be necessary in the area of Community Solar. She shared that staff was proposing a demonstration project that would be a limited subscription by lottery, opt-in program that would start in 2025. The program is designed to scale to serve more if it is successful but will initially serve 35-50 subscribers. There would be a 20% discount for income qualified residential customers and a 20% premium for market rate residential customers. She reviewed how the program would work, provided history on how it was developed, and said the program was designed to be revenue neutral. Mulroy requested Council direction to add the minor discount premium to the rates in code in order to implement this program.

**MOTION**

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Marcia Martin, to direct staff to bring back an ordinance to adopt a community solar discount/premium

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

**13. FINAL CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

John Grimswald, owner of a business at 229 Airport Road, thanked the council and staff for their work and said he was impressed at the Council's ability to frame the discussions and have a well-reasoned discussion about the airport and development near it.

**14. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Crist asked if Council Member Martin was able to attend Coffee with Council on August 24 and Council Member Martin confirmed she did plan to be there.

**15. CITY MANAGER REMARKS**

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

**16. CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS**

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

**17. ADJOURN**

**Current Balance in 2024 General Fund Council Contingency: \$133,354**

**MOTION**

Sean McCoy moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

**Approved:** Joan Peck, Diane Crist, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Shiquita Yarbrough

**Dissented:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Carried: 6 – 0**

CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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