



MINUTES
City Council Regular Session
February 9, 2021
Via Remote Meeting Connection

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The February 9, 2021, Regular Session of the Longmont City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Brian Bagley via remote meeting connection.

A. *Meetings are being held remotely due to the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic.*

B. *Watch the Livestream any of these ways:*

- *Click 'PLAY' on the video link within the interactive agenda on the City's Agenda Management Portal at <https://www.longmontcolorado.gov/online-services/agendas-and-minutes/agenda-management-portal>*
- *City's YouTube channel at <https://Bit.Ly/Longmontyoutube>*
- *Via the Longmont Public Media website at <https://LongmontPublicMedia.Org/Watch/>*
- *Comcast Channels 8 or 880*

2. ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dawn Quintana, City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were Mayor Bagley and Council Members Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, and Tim Waters.

Joan Peck was absent at the time of Roll Call.

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

3. CHAIR REMINDER TO THE PUBLIC

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

- A. **Anyone wishing to provide Public Comment must watch the Livestream of the meeting and call-in only when the Mayor opens the meeting for public comment. Callers are not able to access the meeting at any other time.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

The toll-free call-in number is: 888 788 0099.

Watch the livestream (instructions above) and write down the Meeting ID when it is displayed at the beginning of the meeting.

WAIT for the Mayor to open public comment and direct callers to call-in.

When the Mayor says to call in, dial the toll-free number, enter the Meeting ID, and, when asked for your Participant ID, press #.

Mute the livestream and listen for instructions on the phone.

Callers will hear confirmation they have entered the meeting, will be told how many others are already participating in the meeting (staff and council included), and will be placed in a virtual waiting room until admitted into the meeting.

Once admitted to the meeting, callers will be called upon by the last three (3) digits of their phone number and allowed to unmute to provide their comments.

Comments are limited to three minutes per person and each speaker will be asked to state their name and address for the record prior to proceeding with their comments.

Once done speaking, callers should hang up.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. January 26, 2021 – Regular Session Minutes

MOTION

Tim Waters moved, seconded by Brian Bagley, to approve the January 26, 2021 – Regular Session Minutes as presented

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

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

Council Member Christensen informed Council that the Boulder County Consortium of Cities had drafted a letter advocating for housing stability protections addressed to Governor Polis and asked that Council sign-on to the letter as a body. She noted that the deadline to sign-on to the letter is February 26.

MOTION

Polly Christensen moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to direct staff to bring back a resolution in support of the housing stability protections advocacy letter as drafted by the Boulder County Consortium of Cities on the February 23 agenda

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Update on COVID-19

Harold Dominguez, City Manager, walked Council through the new COVID Dial 2.0 which bases metrics on seven days instead of 14 days and noted Boulder County moved to yellow level. He further explained that counties with a Five-Star Program will only be able to move to blue level once 70% of Coloradans aged 70 plus have been vaccinated, and that a revised Dial 3.0 is expected in Spring and another evolution in Summer as more and more people are vaccinated. Harold shared the weekly statistics for the County as well and commented that Boulder County is doing well compared to other counties in the state.

Council discussed with Harold the number of vaccines that are available, the low number of Latinos being vaccinated in comparison to the rest of the population, and ways to take vaccination clinics to the community and to trusted locations in order to increase the number of vaccinations in the underrepresented communities.

Harold turned to the topic of the Longmont Housing Authority (LHA) and asked Council for their consent for staff to look for a dedicated meeting time to schedule a meeting for the LHA Commissioners. He informed council there are many items to present, and it would be preferred to focus on these items in a meeting dedicated to LHA due to the anticipated length of the meeting. Council agreed to this proposal and Harold noted staff would reach out with possible meeting dates and times in the next few days.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Reports or Presentations.

8. FIRST CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Joan Peck joined the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Rebecca Parrot, 1709 Atwood Street, urged Council to look at the streets and sidewalks in Northern Longmont and said, compared to other parts of town, there are disparities in how sidewalks and roads are maintained in the lower-income areas in areas of North Longmont that need to be addressed. She also commented that she had shared these comments with the Transportation Advisory Board and said she will continue to do so.

Cathy Wood Pilmore, 2312 Calais Drive, Unit A, called about the historic designation of the silo on Hwy 66 east of Pace Street that is owned by the City. She explained that she had initiated the request, had obtained more than 150 signatures in support of the request, and had been working with Jade Kreuger in Planning to bring the item forward. She closed by asking Council to preserve the silo as an historic landmark.

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

Joan Peck gave an update on the Neighborhood Town Hall held by RTD that she had attended and caused her to be late to the Council meeting. She shared that Longmont's RTD representatives represented the interests of Longmont well and advocated for using FISA funds to pay for a design study and engineering study. She also explained that much of the discussion centered on the topic of the need for RTD to lead out and look for partners to invest in this type of project. She continued noting that Governor Polis had shared his comments with regard to the need to rebuild the public trust in government and said that the RTD board would vote next week in special session on whether to use FISA funds to begin the conversation about what a northern rail project might cost and what may be done.

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

- A. R-2021-14, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Longmont And The Longs Peak Water District For The Sale And Purchase Of Southern Water Supply Project Capacity**

MOTION

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Aren Rodriguez, to approve the consent agenda except items D

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- B. R-2021-15,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Boulder County For Bridge Housing For Individuals Living In Unstable Situations

MOTION

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Aren Rodriguez, to approve the consent agenda except items D

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- C. R-2021-16,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And The Front Range Fire Consortium For Recruit Fire Academy Participation And Leased Resources For Spring 2021 And Fall 2021 Recruit Fire Academy

MOTION

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Aren Rodriguez, to approve the consent agenda except items D

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- D. R-2021-17,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J For A Joint School Resource Officer Program

Council Member Martin expressed support for the School Resource Officer (SRO) program and shared that she has heard from parents of children of color

who say they have been treated differently by SROs and said she felt Council needed evidentiary data about Longmont's program and also asked for a presentation on the program experience before she was willing to vote on it.

Council Member Hidalgo-Fahring also asked how SROs are selected, who makes the selection and what the criteria is, if Public Safety can override a decision if they feel the officer is not a good fit for a school, and what training is provided to the officers including on topics of child and youth development and behavior.

Rob Spendlow, Interim Chief of Public Safety, Jeff Satur, Deputy Chief of Public Safety, and Sargeant John Garcia, Supervisor of the SRO unit, explained the current process that includes background checks, oral interviews by a team selected by the school district, and extensive training offerings on child development, trauma informed interactions, and numerous others.

Council discussed the city's role versus the school district's role in determining the role of the SROs, how they are utilized and supervised, and expressed a desire to postpone a decision on the agreement until both the City and the School District are able to discuss and receive a presentation on the program.

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to table A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J For A Joint School Resource Officer Program until evidentiary data can be presented about the program and representatives of the school district can be present to answer questions

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

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

Mayor Bagley paused the meeting to allow callers wishing to speak on the second reading and public hearing items time to call in. No callers joined to speak on public hearing items.

- A. O-2021-11, A Bill For An Ordinance Conditionally Approving The Vacation Of 11 Right-Of-Way And Utility Easements Within The Planned North Star Subdivision, Generally Located North Of Plateau Road And East Of Mt. Audubon Drive**

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

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

MOTION

Tim Waters moved, seconded by Marcia Martin, to pass and adopt A Bill For An Ordinance Conditionally Approving The Vacation Of 11 Right-Of-Way And Utility Easements Within The Planned North Star Subdivision, Generally Located North Of Plateau Road And East Of Mt. Audubon Drive

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

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.** Westview Acres Annexation Referral – Request for City Council to Refer the Westview Acres Annexation into the Annexation Review Process

Ava Pecherzewski, Principal Planner, reviewed the request and indicated that the City has received petitions for annexation referral for two properties located west of Airport Road and south of Pike Road. The two properties combined consist of approximately six acres and are currently developed with a single-family home on each lot. The properties are zoned Agricultural in Boulder County jurisdiction. The applicant has submitted a Concept Plan for a detached, residential single-family development with 24 lots with two of the lots with existing homes on the parcels. The requested zoning is R-SF, which is consistent with the Envision Longmont’s land use designation for this property as Single-Family Neighborhood.

She further explained that this property was previously reviewed for annexation referral back in April 2020 and at that time Council did not vote to move this referral forward because Council had questions about the overall fiscal impacts to the City if this property were to be annexed and developed. She explained

that the applicant has since completed an Economic Impact Model which, she noted, was provided in the council packet.

Jack Bestall, applicant representative, provided a brief presentation and outlined the area, the project, and how it aligns with Envision Longmont and noted the project is outside the airport influence area. He explained that the number of units had been adjusted from 22 to 24 units to ensure that it has a net economic benefit to the City and concluded by asking Council to refer this to the annexation process.

MOTION

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Marcia Martin, to direct staff to refer the Westview Acres Annexation into the Annexation Review Process

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

B. Ute Creek Silo Historic Designation Request for Direction on Application Process

Mayor Bagley cautioned Council to limit their comments and questions because of Council’s dual role due to the property being City-owned and Council likely acting in a quasi-judicial capacity as the decision maker on the historic preservation designation ordinance.

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to direct staff to move forward with the Ute Creek Silo Historic Designation Request with the property owner’s consent

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

13. FINAL CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

There were no callers for Final Call.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Bagley commented that he would be writing a letter to the editor in the near future and said he would be calling each Council Member individually about it prior to sending it in to the newspaper.

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

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

2021 Available Council Contingency: \$123,701

Carryover Contingency from 2020: \$102,052*

*(will be carried over after 2020 fiscal year close-out)

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Brian Bagley, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk