

MINUTES City Council Regular Session

August 24, 2021

City Council Chambers, 350 Kimbark St., Longmont, CO

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The August 24, 2021, Regular Session of the Longmont City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Brian Bagley in the City Council Chambers.

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, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, and Tim Waters.

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.

Let's work together to beat this virus! Everyone is welcome to wear a mask to and during the public meetings, though masks are not mandated for indoor meetings at the time of publication of this agenda. For the safety of everyone, many staff and public alike will wear a mask as a precautionary measure. Anyone who has not yet been vaccinated is strongly encouraged to wear a mask and any staff members who are not vaccinated are required to wear a mask while indoors.

Public participation at regular and special City Council meetings is regulated by Rule 5 of City Council Rules of Procedure. Each speaker is limited to three minutes and Council Rules dictate that 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.

Anyone wishing to speak at "First Call – Public Invited To Be Heard" (Item 8) shall add his or her name to the Public Invited To Be Heard sign-up list prior to the start of the meeting. Only those on the list will be invited to speak at the first "Public Invited To Be Heard."

Anyone wishing to speak on a "Second Reading or Public Hearing Items" (Item 10) are asked to add their name to the speaker list for each second reading/public hearing item they wish to speak on prior to the start of the meeting, but it is not required to sign-up in order to speak on a published public hearing item.

Anyone wishing to speak during "Final Call – Public Invited To Be Heard" (Item 13) at the end of the meeting will be invited to do so (no sign-up required).

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 10, 2021 – Regular Session Minutes

MOTION

Tim Waters moved, seconded by Joan Peck, to approve the August 10, 2021 – Regular Session Minutes as presented

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

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

Council Member Waters inquired if a motion was needed to get City Manager, City Attorney and Municipal Judge performance reviews scheduled.

Mayor Bagley concurred that it is time to schedule these reviews and asked for them to be scheduled before the November election on separate Tuesdays.

MOTION

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to direct staff to put a resolution of support for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act on a September agenda for Council's consideration

Approved: Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Joan Peck, Aren

Rodriguez, Tim Waters **Dissented:** Brian Bagley

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 - 1

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Update on COVID-19

Harold Dominguez, City Manager, shared the most recent data from the Boulder County Health Department and noted the County was in high transmission. He reviewed current case numbers for Boulder County, vaccination rates, hospitalization rate, and the seven-day positivity rate. Harold explained that staff was expecting a new masking order from the County and asked Council what their preference would be regarding the format of their meetings if an indoor masking order were issued.

Mayor Bagley expressed a desire to return to virtual if masks were required indoors and made this motion. Council discussed the motion and their individual preferences.

MOTION

Brian Bagley moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to return to virtual meetings if an indoor masking order were issued by Boulder County

Approved: Brian Bagley, Marcia Martin, Tim Waters

Dissented: Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez

Abstained: None

Failed: 3 – 4

MOTION

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Polly Christensen, to continue in person meetings masked, if an indoor masking order were issued, with the public required to be masked as well

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 - 0

Council Member Martin asked Harold if the deaths associated with care facilities were deaths of elders or of caregivers in those facilities. Harold responded that he would have to find that out and get back to Council but noted that data is clearly showing that if someone is vaccinated, they are less likely to have a breakthrough case.

Mayor Bagley affirmed the importance of getting vaccinated and reminded everyone that the purpose of the vaccines and mask mandates is to protect and keep our hospital system open and functioning appropriately to handle emergencies when needed.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Reports or Presentations.

8. FIRST CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Greg Harris, 1423 Linden Street, spoke in opposition to the healthy beverages ordinance and indicated that what children drink is a parental responsibility not a governmental responsibility. He asked Council to vote 'No' on the ordinance.

Steve Altschuler, 1555 Taylor Drive, opined that the health beverages ordinance was governmental overreach and suggested other possible actions that would also constitute overreach such as disallowing fast food restaurants or forbidding adults from consuming sugar.

Michael Bacca, expressed his dissatisfaction with the Longmont Police Department during a recent interaction when he tried to file a complaint and opined that the stolen license plate issue recently covered by media demonstrated a monumental failure. He suggested that those involved should be held accountable for their actions.

Jeffrey Justice, 1402 Emery Court, also spoke in opposition to the healthy beverages ordinance and also shared that he enjoyed the presentation on COVID-19 data. He suggested that current low hospitalization numbers be taken into consideration with policies around the pandemic.

Jana Watson-Capps, 1520 Harlequin Drive, shared her concerns of worsening air quality around Union Reservoir that she has noted from tracking her own symptoms after rowing at the reservoir every morning. She asked Council to protect residents and closely watch the well to the north of Union Reservoir.

Joe Linhuff, 819 South Pratt Parkway, discussed similar concerns about air quality at Union Reservoir he has noted when walking or rowing in the morning. He suggested concerning particulates that are causing poor air quality might be coming from the Knight well north of Union.

Keith James, Juniper Street, expressed his distrust of the data regarding COVID noting the homeless are not being tested, for example, and also shared his outrage with the police and stolen license plate issue and indicated that the police had broken their code of ethics and broken the public's fragile trust in law enforcement. He noted he thought about running for a Council seat but is no longer interested after these things.

Virginia Black, 2609 Elmhurst Circle, representative of the Longmont Citizen's Climate Lobby, thanked Council for placing a resolution of support for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act on a future agenda.

Geri Schmidt, 56 Spring Dale Place, also spoke about police accountability in light of the recent publicized issue of an undercover officer using a stolen license plate and urged Council to continue to hold police accountable and to strive for more accountability, transparency and proactive communication for law enforcement.

Strider Benston, 951 West 17th Avenue, talked about current international affairs related to Afghanistan, what led up to the United States' involvement in that country, and about the recent removal of military forces from there. He opined that it is good to get out but that the process of doing so is terrible.

Mayor Bagley spoke in response to the various comments about Longmont Police Department staff, explained why an undercover officer had used a stolen plate, shared that the policy had been since changed, and vouched for the officers in question.

Harold reviewed the timeline of events, explained that the ball was dropped and while the City intended to pay the unpaid tolls incurred from the license plate used by the officer last year, they were not paid until the issue surfaced recently and the tolls were paid

immediately. He noted that officers now use state-issued license plates after the change in policy and process.

Mayor Bagley apologized on behalf of the City for the error and its impacts on the former owner of the car to which the stolen plates were associated.

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

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

A. O-2021-42, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Title 9 And Title 2 Of The Longmont Municipal Code On Healthy Beverages For Children's Meals

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda except items none

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-2021-92, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Boulder County For Its Financial And Housing Counseling Program

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda except items none

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-2021-93, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement With The Colorado Department Of Public Health

And Environment For Grant Funding For The Longmont Composting Cart Expansion Program

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda except items none

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-2021-94, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And The Colorado Department of Transportation For Road Maintenance For Fiscal Years 2022-2026

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda except items none

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 – 0

E. R-2021-95, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Colorado Department Of Public Health And Environment For Grant Funding For The 5 Star State Certification Program

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda except items none

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 - 0

F. R-2021-96, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And The Colorado Department Of Transportation For Grant Funding For High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement For The Period Of July 2021 To June 2022

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda except items none

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin,

Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 - 0

G. R-2021-97, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement With The Colorado Bureau Of Investigation For The Use Of The Criminal Justice Information System For Fingerprint-Based Background Checks For Certain City Positions Where Mandated By Law

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda except items none

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 – 0

H. Approve Three Capital Improvement Program Amendments

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda except items none

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

A. Public Hearing To Consider Action On Amendment #20-03 To The 2020 CDBG Action Plan

Mayor Bagley opened a public hearing on this item.

Kathy Fedler, Housing and Community Investment Manager, explained the proposed amendment to the 2020 CDBG Action Plan that changes one activity from a grant to the Longmont Housing Authority to one for a debt reduction for Aspen Meadows where significant syndication and rehabilitation was need and completed on the building. She shared the success of the project despite the pandemic and applauded the staff from Senior and Recreation Services, Palace Construction (the contractor), LHA maintenance and community management staff, and Project Manager Molly O'Donnell for doing a fabulous job seeing the project to fruition during the pandemic and for completing it with a savings of \$7,600.

Council expressed their praise and gratitude to all involved for their dedication and for creating efficiencies that would allow for more funds to be put toward debt service.

MOTION

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Polly Christensen, to approve Amendment #20-03 To The 2020 CDBG Action Plan as presented

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 - 0

B. O-2021-39, A Bill For An Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations For Expenses And Liabilities Of The City Of Longmont For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2021

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

Jim Golden, Chief Financial Officer, corrected an estimate he previously gave to Council regarding the Fire Stations bond and said that the actual total amount was \$9,460,000 and this appropriation included an amendment to increase that by \$1,742,843 from the Public Improvement Fund.

Kerry Sheahan, Senior Project Manager, explained that the increase to the bond is based on increased labor and material costs, noted that work is expected to start on Station #6 on October 15 and Station #2 start is delayed until November 15 due to delays in materials. She further noted that Station #6 should be complete by July 15 and Station #2 by August 15.

Harold emphasized that contractors are holding prices for shorter timeframes due to changes in the market and shared that this practice in response to the pandemic and supply chain issues could impact other City projects.

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 Making Additional Appropriations For Expenses And Liabilities Of The City Of Longmont For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2021

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 – 0

C. O-2021-40, A Bill For An Ordinance Authorizing The City Of Longmont To Lease The Real Property Known As Vance Brand Municipal Airport Hangar Parcel H-65 (The Premises) To Romeo Charley, LLC (Tenant)

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.

Council Member Christensen asked what the business of Romeo Charley was and Joni Marsh, Assistant City Manager, responded that the lease was for personal airplane storage hangars.

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to pass and adopt A Bill For An Ordinance Authorizing The City Of Longmont To Lease The Real Property Known As Vance Brand Municipal Airport Hangar Parcel H-65 (The Premises) To Romeo Charley, LLC (Tenant)

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 - 0

D. O-2021-41, A Bill For An Ordinance Authorizing The City Of Longmont To Lease The Real Property Known As Vance Brand Municipal Airport Hangar Parcel H-66 (The Premises) To Romeo Charley, LLC (Tenant)

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

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Brian Bagley, to pass and adopt A Bill For An Ordinance Authorizing The City Of Longmont To Lease The Real Property Known As Vance Brand Municipal Airport Hangar Parcel H-66 (The Premises) To Romeo Charley, LLC (Tenant)

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. Longmont General Improvement District No. 1

Recess As The Longmont City Council And Convene As The Board of Directors Of The Longmont General Improvement District No. 1

MOTION

Brian Bagley moved, seconded by Joan Peck, to recess as the Longmont City Council and convene as the Board of Directors of the Longmont General Improvement District No. 1

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin,

Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 - 0

1. R-LGID-2021-02, A Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Longmont General Improvement District No. 1 Enacting A supplemental Budget And Making An Additional Appropriation For The Expenses And Liabilities Of The District For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2021

MOTION

Tim Waters moved, seconded by Joan Peck, to pass and adopt A Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Longmont General Improvement District No. 1 Enacting A supplemental Budget And Making An Additional Appropriation For The Expenses And Liabilities Of The District For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2021

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 - 0

Adjourn As The Longmont General Improvement District No. 1 Board of Directors and Reconvene As The Longmont City Council

MOTION

Brian Bagley moved, seconded by Polly Christensen, to adjourn as the Board of Directors of the Longmont General Improvement District No. 1 and reconvene as the Longmont City Council.

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin,

Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 – 0

B. Rate Study - Electric & Storm Drainage Rate Proposal

Becky Doyle, Assistant Director of Business Services for Public Works and Natural Resources, introduced the item and explained that this would be the final presentation of a series given over the course of the year that brings together cost information and proposed rates in order to continue to provide reliable services that residents and businesses expect.

Brian McGill, Utility Rate Analyst, walked Council through the cost of service results and staff recommended rate for the electric utility, explaining that a two-year year rate plan was recommended for 2022 and 2023. He noted that the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project would be completed during this time and Distributed Energy Resource (DER) would be rolled out by LPC as well, and data from these projects would need to be analyzed by staff to understand and pilot new rate structures. Brian noted that staff recommended no rate structure changes, to keep residential energy tiered rates, an increase to the monthly electric rebate as part of the CAReS program, and said there would be no rate impact with the AMI project.

Brian reviewed the presentation and shared the revenue requirements for each of the customer classes: residential, commercial-energy; commercial-demand; commercial-coincident; unmetered energy; and general fund-energy/demand, and explained that total revenue for all classes showed a \$4.5M gap in this model. The estimated revenue increases are smoothed evenly over a two-year timeframe as shown in the presentation with a 2.5% increase in residential class,

5.6% for commercial-demand and commercial-coincident, 5% for commercial-energy and unmetered energy, and 3.2% for general fund-energy/demand.

He then laid out and described the various factors affecting cost of service:

- \$1M contribution to reserves
- \$1.4M increase in CIP projects
- \$1.3M increase in operating expenses other than wholesale energy
- \$1.7M increase in wholesale energy costs from PRPA
- \$890,000 decrease for the Customer Information System (CIS)
- wholesale rates

Brian then went over the proposed rate increases for residential and commercial:

- Residential Energy, the largest class 2.5% in 2022 and 2.5% in 2023
- Residential Demand 2.5% in 2022 and 2.5% in 2023
- Residential Self Generation 2.3% in 2022 and 2.4% in 2023
- Commercial Energy 5% in 2022 and 5% in 2023
- Commercial Demand 5.6% in 2022 and 5.6% in 2023
- Commercial Coincident Demand 5.6% in 2022 and 5.6% in 2023

The General Fund Energy/Demand rate is proposed to increase 3.2% which is a straight pass through of the increase expected from Platte River Power Authority. The Unmetered Energy class is based on the wattage of the device that is unmetered and a 5% annual increase is proposed for that rate class.

Brian moved to the Electric Community Investment Fee (ECIF) Fund and explained that the fee was last updated in 2017, an increase of 9.5% is proposed to cover the increased cost of materials, equipment, and labor of building new infrastructure.

Council Member Martin asked if the cost of the four forthcoming LHA housing projects had been projected when considering the increase in the ECIF and Harold and staff responded that they could not project those costs without seeing plans for the projects themselves.

Council Member Martin then asked why there is a disincentive for solarization.

David Hornbacher, Director of Electric, explained that there are services the grid provides to solar customers in the form of energy storage such that the grid

moves the energy, stores it, and provides it when needed. Solar is done as a net meter and the consumer gets the retail value, which, he said, is a strong incentive to consider solar.

Council Member Martin reminded staff that she had suggested a solar plus battery incentive previously and asserted her desire to see better solar incentives. Harold and David both responded explaining that there are budget items in the coming budget to begin developing strategies and solutions.

Lastly, Council Member Martin wondered why staff indicated there was not an increase in the cost of the AMI project and she also asked if she could see the bids on the project. Harold responded that there is no impact on the rates proposed because of the AMI project but the actual cost would not be determined until the project was complete. He also noted that the bids could not be shared at this time.

Raven Martin, CIS Business Analyst, reviewed the three-year rate schedule, proposed rate increase and two rate options for the Storm Drainage fees. She explained that the Storm Drainage Master Plan addresses the aging storm drainage infrastructure and that the City storm sewer assets have not sufficiently been protected, thus, the total fund revenue requirement is \$78M for several projects that have high priority status. The proposed rate increases would fund the high priority projects only because the City did not receive the BRIC grant and, thus, in order to cover flood recovery projects, an additional issuance of debt would be needed.

Raven reviewed the options as presented:

- Option 1 equal percentage increase for all user classes maintains current rate structure
- Option 2 cost divided among the three user classes allocates cost

She noted that even with the proposed 2021 rate increases, Longmont's rates would remain competitive and she also reviewed the various efficiency and assistance programs available to help income-limited residents.

MOTION

Joan Peck moved, seconded by Marcia Martin, to direct staff to prepare an ordinance to amend the Longmont CAReS program to include the storm drainage rate fee

Approved: Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren

Rodriguez, Brian Bagley, Joan Peck, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 - 0

MOTION

Tim Waters moved, seconded by Aren Rodriguez, to direct staff to prepare a storm drainage rate ordinance based on Option 1, where rates would increase for all user classes by the same percentage

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 - 0

MOTION

Brian Bagley moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to direct staff to prepare an electric rate ordinance including the proposed ECIF rate increase of 9.5%

Approved: Brian Bagley, Polly Christensen, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia

Martin, Joan Peck, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Dissented: None **Abstained:** None

Carried: 7 - 0

MOTION

Brian Bagley moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to direct staff to include electric rebates in the CAReS program

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 was no one present to speak during Final Call.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Martin commended staff for the thoroughness with which rate options were presented and expressed that she would like to see more options on electric policy implied by rates, investment in the storm water system is important and that with a push toward more density, the City may need to work on storm drains harder sooner.

Council Member Waters agreed that a failure in the storm water system would be catastrophic and asked about a federal infrastructure bill and the possible implications of it for Longmont.

Sandra Seader, Assistant City Manager, said the bill was stuck in the House and that she would send Council a summary of the bill done by the National League of Cities that was well written.

Council Member Christensen suggested a story be done in the newspaper to educate people on the importance of the storm water system.

Council Member Hidalgo-Fahring agreed with the importance of funding essential infrastructure even though she did not like the idea of raising rates. She also explained that she voted for the healthy beverages ordinance because youth council members helped with the creation of the ordinance and took a lead and went through the whole legislative process. She said that she wanted to support youth trying to make a difference in their community and noted that families still would have a choice to get whatever drink they desired.

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 General Fund Council Contingency: \$225,753

MOTION

City Clerk

Tim Waters moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

10:02 p.m.

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: