



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session

November 9, 2021

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

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The November 9, 2021, 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.

Masks are required for all attendees of the Longmont City Council meeting in accordance with Boulder County Public Health Order 2021-08.

2. ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Anyone wishing to speak at "First Call – Public Invited To Be Heard" will need to add his or her name to the Public Invited To Be Heard sign-up list. Only those on the list will be invited to speak at the first "Public Invited To Be Heard."

Speakers who do not place their names on the list will have the opportunity to speak during public hearing items this evening or at the "Final Call – Public Invited To Be Heard" at the end of the meeting.

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 their 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).

Anyone needing assistance in order to speak to City Council (for example an ASL interpreter or a Spanish-speaking interpreter), is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office 24 hours before the meeting so staff can arrange for the requested help.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for the newly seated Council to approve.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS, AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS, AND MOTIONS TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO ADD AGENDA ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no agenda revisions or motions to add future agenda items.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Update on COVID-19

Harold Dominguez provided an update on the cumulative case rate, transmission rate, and number of hospitalizations, and explained that Boulder County is still doing relatively well though Longmont has a majority of the cases in Boulder County. He noted that hospital staffing is still a concern and that the Governor had elevated the Combined Hospital Transfer Center plan to Tier 3.

Council inquired if there is a determined trigger that would return things to fully remote, for example, and Harold Dominguez responded that decisions are being made in conjunction with Public Health but decisions are up to each organization.

Council asked if the City was prepared with hybrid meeting options and Sandra Seader, Assistant City Manager, explained that staff was doing some scenario testing and reminded the Council that they would need to approve special rules in order to meet virtually again.

Council discussed breakthrough case statistics, enforcement, and the wastewater data with Harold.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Boulder County Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice Committee

Christina Pacheco, Division Manager for Children Youth and Families, and Shannon Bryan, Strategic Programs Coordinator with Boulder County, provided an overview of the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) in Juvenile Justice Committee and explained the committee along with its core partners is focused on data and disparity using a collaborative approach. The model for addressing disparities looks at each decision point in the juvenile justice system and the committee drills deeper into specific decision points to seek the root cause of a particular disparity. The goal of the committee is to identify, recommend and implement strategies to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the Boulder County juvenile justice system.

Council asked how restorative justice fit into this model and Shannon responded that diversion would take place at a couple of different decision points, such as at the arrest decision point and, she shared, the committee plans to look at who is offered diversion and the success rate of that diversion.

Council pointed out that the statistics shared by the committee should reflect all groups, including white juveniles.

Council further inquired if the committee looked at prior arrests or trends for a particular youth and Shannon explained that the committee partners with other organizations to gather more information and to look holistically at a juvenile and try to figure out the “why.”

Shannon explained that their timeline got off course due to COVID but said the committee hoped to reach out to community partners and have a robust data

conversation by February 2022 and then look at different strategies/interventions and then recommendations by the beginning of summer 2022.

Harold noted that he would like to see data on the impact that programs like GRIP, ReWind and Restorative Justice are having.

8. FIRST CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Olga Bermudez, Children Youth and Families, introduced Longmont Youth Council members Allyson De Bie, Emma Milczuk, Austin Brubaker, and Katherine Bogdanov, who shared some of the challenges, projects, and progress of the Longmont Youth Council over the past year. The youth council members shared that over the past year they focused on environmental activism, a new mental health project, a project to help monolingual students with their language, as well as their annual Halloween for the Hungry food drive. They noted that they struggled with Zoom meetings but found ways to be successful nonetheless.

James Kenworthy, 107 Caribou Place, said that Longmont is 150 years old, he has lived here for 47 years and shared how happy and proud he was of the current Council.

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-2021-69, 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 (Public Hearing and Second Reading Scheduled for November 30, 2021)**

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

- B. O-2021-70**, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Section 3.04.885 Of The Longmont Municipal Code Adopting An Amendment To The City Of Longmont Police Employees' Pension Plan And Trust Agreement (Public Hearing and Second Reading Scheduled for November 30, 2021)

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

- C. R-2021-116**, A Resolution Approving A Certificate Of Compliance In Support Of An Application Requesting Coverage Under The FPPA Defined Benefit System Administered By The Fire And Police Pension Association For New Police Officers In The City Of Longmont

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

- D. R-2021-117**, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Agreement Between The City And The Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation For Grant Funding For The Longmont Bright EYES Initiative

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

- E. R-2021-118,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And The United States Of America For The Institute Of Museum And Library Services Grant Funding Through The American Rescue Plan Grants Program

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

- F. R-2021-119,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Boulder County Concerning The Use Of A City Of Longmont Van For The COVID-19 Shelter For The Homeless

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

- G. R-2021-120,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Longmont And The United States Geological Survey To Provide Streamflow Gages On The Boulder, Lefthand, and St. Vrain Creeks

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

H. City of Longmont Youth Council Appointments 2021-2022

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the consent agenda

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

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

A. O-2021-67, A Bill For An Ordinance Designating The Calkins / Hawkins House At 821 Collyer Street As A Local Historic Landmark

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez noted that the Historic Preservation Commission had unanimously approved this designation.

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

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Marcia Martin, to pass and adopt A Bill For An Ordinance Designating The Calkins / Hawkins House At 821 Collyer Street As A Local Historic Landmark

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

- B. O-2021-68,** A Bill For An Ordinance Authorizing The City Of Longmont To Amend The Lease For Vance Brand Municipal Airport Hangar Parcel Known As Hangar Parcel SH-6-T

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 Tim Waters, to pass and adopt A Bill For An Ordinance Authorizing The City Of Longmont To Amend The Lease For Vance Brand Municipal Airport Hangar Parcel Known As Hangar Parcel SH-6-T

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, 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.** City Council Meeting Calendar for 2022

Sandra Seader, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item and noted that each year Council sets the coming year's meeting schedule.

Council Member Yarbrough said that the Charter requires that Council meet twice per month and proposed that the Council discuss reducing the number of meetings from the current weekly meetings to the required twice monthly meetings.

Council discussed the idea and noted the importance of being able to call a meeting if it was needed, of possibly making long meetings longer with fewer of them, of the importance of keeping meetings transparent and accessible to the public, and of carefully considering the pacing of items in order to not over or under fill agendas.

Harold said staff could work through the pacing of items and Sandra explained that executive sessions could still be held ahead of scheduled meetings as is currently done.

Mayor Peck suggested that Council try a reduced three meetings per month schedule for the first quarter and then reevaluate to see if it was working, and, if Council would like to continue the rest of the year in this manner.

Council further discussed the third meeting of the month and noted it could be an Open Forum, a Study Session or an Longmont Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.

Sandra confirmed that generally the second and fourth Tuesdays would be Regular Sessions as required by the Charter and the third meeting of the month would be a Study Session and all meetings would begin at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION

Shiquita Yarbrough moved, seconded by Aren Rodriguez, moved to have three meetings per month for a trial period of the first quarter, with the understanding that there will be times when more meetings are needed such as executive sessions

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to amend the motion to clarify that meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and that the third meeting could be a Study Session and/or a special meeting, and executive sessions would be held prior to a scheduled meeting

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

Council Member Yarbrough thanked her fellow Council Members for the discussion and shared that her interest in the change was to make sure meetings are more equitable for the community and for those who work full-time jobs without taking away any responsibilities of the Council.

13. FINAL CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Strider Benston, 951 17th Avenue, congratulated rookie and veteran council people on their election and re-election; noted that Sen. Max Cleland, former Secretary of State for Georgia, a Vietnam Veteran and a triple amputee, and original member of the 9/11 Commission, had died; and lamented that Big Bird had been assaulted for being a government propagandist for encouraging vaccinations. Strider concluded expressing that, "Democracy counts."

14. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Martin commented that democracy does count and it is at risk, and she asked all to not forget that.

15. CITY MANAGER REMARKS

Harold Dominguez, City Manager, shared a slide showing the thresholds for COVID restrictions that he did not have open during his earlier update.

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: \$205,753

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 0

CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk