



MINUTES
City Council Regular Session
August 8, 2023
City Council Chambers, 350 Kimbark St., Longmont, CO

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The August 8, 2023, 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

Krystal Eucker, Deputy City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were Mayor Peck and Council Members Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy, 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.

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 (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 those on the list prior to the start of the meeting will be invited to speak at "First Call – Public Invited To Be Heard"**
- **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 prior to the start of the meeting**
- **No sign-up is required to speak at "Final Call – Public Invited To Be Heard" (Item 13)**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 11, 2023 – Regular Session Minutes

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Marcia Martin, to approve the July 11, 2023 Regular Session Minutes as presented

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

B. July 25, 2023 – Regular Session Minutes (*minutes attached and published 8/7/23 at 4:41 p.m.*)

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to approve the July 25, 2023 Regular Session Minutes as presented

Approved: Joan Peck, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Marcia Martin, Sean McCoy, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, 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

- A.** Informational Item #7 regarding *Information About The City's West Nile Virus Prevention Program* was added to the packet on 8/4/2023 at 3:47 p.m.

There was no presentation or discussion on agenda item 5A, although the information can be found in the Council Packet.

Council Member Yarbrough commented that she intends to make a motion for reconsideration for the 150 Francis Street Annexation and that clean-up of the site should be addressed during the reconsideration.

MOTION

Shiquita Yarbrough moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to reconsider the failed motion regarding the 150 Francis Street Annexation from the July 25, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

Approved: Joan Peck, Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters, Shiquita Yarbrough

Dissented: Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Sean McCoy

Abstained: None

Carried: 5 – 2

MOTION

Shiquita Yarbrough moved, seconded by Aren Rodriguez, to direct staff to table the reconsideration of the 150 Francis Street Annexation to September 12, 2023

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

Dissented: Sean McCoy

Abstained: None

Carried: 6 – 1

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report from the City Manager.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A.** A Proclamation Designating August, 15, 2023 as "Habitat for Humanity Day" In Longmont, Colorado.

Mayor Peck read the proclamation into the record.

Members of Habitat for Humanity accepted the proclamation and commented that they were thankful to be celebrating their 35th year.

- B.** Project Recovery Through Boulder County Community Services (Partnership with Tribe Recovery Homes, Inc.)

Heidi Grove, Homeless Solutions for Boulder County Systems Manager, explained that Project Recovery began as a grant-funded initiative to integrate recovery home services into the housing services continuum throughout Boulder County, thereby increasing the availability of substance use disorder and/or co-occurring treatment and peer support services. Since its inception, additional grant funding and contributions from the City of Boulder and the County have helped to expand their efforts. She further explained that Sober Living is a residence where individuals are provided a supportive community to help them transition from addiction to a substance-free, self-sufficient life. Sober Living/Recovery Housing is governed by the Colorado Association of Recovery Residences (CARR).

Heidi shared that Boulder County Community Services was selected and awarded \$899,902 through a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) competitive funding notice for three years and that the County had provided additional funding to the organization. Heidi added that in 2023, outpatient and

intensive outpatient services will be scaling up, and a second home would be sought out and secured for participants. She also added that three individuals from Longmont are receiving services from the program and are challenged by a lack of transportation and stabilization.

Heidi concluded the presentation by inquiring if there is an opportunity to provide these services in the City of Longmont. Council indicated that they would like to understand the program better.

C. Longmont Public Media Quarterly Update

Sergio Angeles, Executive Director of Longmont Public Media (LPM), gave an overview of 2023 Quarter 2 (Q2) metrics and updates. Both paid and non-paid memberships had increased, as well as membership revenue. He also reviewed the most popular, most viewed, and disliked videos of Q2. He shared that LPM is an award-winning station and that Joel's Garden Academy won Best Instructional Video at the 2023 Hometown Video Awards.

Sergio also informed Council that the partnership with TinkerMill would not be moving forward, and said he would remain as the Executive Director.

8. FIRST CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Diane Crist, 2034 Mt. Sneffels Street, expressed her concern about the language of citizens and residents being interchangeable in the City Charter and gave her understanding of the difference between the words. She also expressed her concern about the high water in the area.

Georgetta Johnston, 320 Homestead Parkway, voiced her support for arts and entertainment, senior citizens, and affordable housing.

Stanley Tolle, 2001 Terry Street, voiced his opinion that affordable housing be a separate item on the ballot and asked that Centennial Pool not be shut down without an alternate pool.

Scott Conlin, 1014 5th Avenue, thanked the Council for supporting recreation efforts and putting the question before the voters in the Fall. He also advocated for specific features for the new recreation center and asked that the recreation questions be merged on the ballot.

Paige Lewis, 805 Nelson Park Lane, voiced her strong support for additional recreation facilities to meet the needs of our community and asked that recreation questions be put together on the ballot.

Ethan Augreen, a resident of planet Earth of the United States of America, voiced his concern that Council violated its rules when individuals from other municipalities were allowed to speak during First Call-Public Invited to be Heard on July 25th.

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

Second Reading and Public Hearing for ordinances on this agenda (including the ordinances appearing under General Business) will be held on: August 22, 2023

- A. O-2023-35,** A Bill For An Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations For Expenses And Liabilities Of The City Of Longmont For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023

MOTION

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

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- B. R-2023-61,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Boulder County For The Conduct And Administration Of The 2023 Coordinated Election To Be Held On November 7, 2023

MOTION

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

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- C. R-2023-62,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Weld County For The Conduct And Administration Of The 2023 Coordinated Election To Be Held On November 7, 2023

MOTION

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

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- D. R-2023-63,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Authorizing A Loan From Fund Balance In The City's Fleet Fund To The Golf Enterprise Fund, And Providing For Repayment Of The Loan From The Golf Enterprise Fund

MOTION

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

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- E. R-2023-64,** A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council To Approve A Portion Of Land To Be Dedicated As A Public Right Of Way For Iron Horse Drive

MOTION

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

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- F. R-2023-66,** A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Longmont, Colorado, Approving The Mayoral Appointment Of Chris McGilvray As A Longmont Urban Renewal Authority Commissioner

MOTION

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

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- G.** Approve Two Capital Improvement Program Amendments

MOTION

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

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

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

- A. O-2023-31, A Bill For An Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations For Expenses And Liabilities Of The City Of Longmont For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023**

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

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Marcia Martin, to approve A Bill For An Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations For Expenses And Liabilities Of The City Of Longmont For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- B. O-2023-32, A Bill For An Ordinance Conditionally Approving The Vacation Of One Irrigation Ditch Easement, Two Waterline Easements, And Two Utility Easements, Generally Located On Two Parcels South Of East Rogers Road, East Of Martin Street And North Of East Second Avenue**

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

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to approve A Bill For An Ordinance Conditionally Approving The Vacation Of One Irrigation Ditch Easement, Two Waterline Easements, And Two Utility Easements, Generally Located On Two Parcels South Of East Rogers Road, East Of Martin Street And North Of East Second Avenue

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- C. O-2023-33,** A Bill For An Ordinance Conditionally Approving The Vacation Of A Portion Of Public Right-Of-Way Known As East Second Avenue, Generally Located At The Eastern Terminus Of East Second Avenue, South Of East Rogers Road And East Of Martin Street

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

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Marcia Martin, to approve A Bill For An Ordinance Conditionally Approving The Vacation Of A Portion Of Public Right-Of-Way Known As East Second Avenue, Generally Located At The Eastern Terminus Of East Second Avenue, South Of East Rogers Road And East Of Martin Street

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

- D. O-2023-34,** A Bill For An Ordinance Conditionally Approving The Vacation Of A Portion Of Public Right-Of-Way Known As East Rogers Road Generally Located East Of Martin Street, West Of Lashley Street And North Of East Second Avenue

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

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Aren Rodriguez, to approve A Bill For An Ordinance Conditionally Approving The Vacation Of A Portion Of Public Right-Of-Way Known As East Rogers Road Generally Located East Of Martin Street, West Of Lashley Street And North Of East Second Avenue

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

E. Approve Amendments To City Council's Rules of Procedure

Mayor Peck opened the item for discussion.

Council engaged in discussion and gave their opinions regarding the proposed changes to the City Council Rules of Procedure.

Mayor Peck opened a public hearing on this item.

Steve Altschuler, 1555 Taylor Drive, voiced his opinion regarding resident and citizen and the danger of classifying the terms to have the same meaning.

Mayor Peck closed the public hearing.

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to remove the reference to Friday work sessions from Rule 25 Meetings and replace it with monthly pre-sessions from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM before a Longmont Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

MOTION

Tim Waters moved, seconded by Joan Peck, to amend the motion by removing the language relative to pre-sessions or Friday morning meetings and that it not be replaced with any other language

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve the reintroduction and passage of board pre-interview changes in Rule 27 Boards that were introduced in March of 2022 but not brought back for a second reading and thus not officially adopted

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

MOTION

Tim Waters moved, seconded by Marcia Martin, to move to approve the change in language for the heading for Rule 5, from citizen to public and the language in paragraph A from citizens to Longmont residents

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

MOTION

Susie Hidalgo-Fahring moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to approve council

rules of procedure Rule 5, paragraph C

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

Dissented: Marcia Martin, Aren Rodriguez, Tim Waters

Abstained: None

Carried: 4 – 3

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Seeking Direction On Proposed Changes To Backflow Program

Azra Bilgin, Senior Civil Engineer, reviewed the City's Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control (BPCCC) Program and its vital role in keeping Longmont's drinking water safe.

The proposed changes to the City's current BPCCC Program are an effort to comply with regulations enforced by the State of Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, enhance program administration, improve compliance, and establish efficiencies.

The BPCCC Program is enforced on all commercial, industrial, multi-family, irrigation, and fire line services and some single-family service lines. Over 5,000 backflow assemblies are tested annually by the City, and over 90 percent of all assemblies receive a passing test. The existing program involves a cumbersome notification and tracking process to enforce annual testing. The proposed changes shift some enforcement costs directly to non-compliant customers. The City's Municipal Code allows staff to suspend water service as a penalty, but this option is rarely used due to the penalty being placed on a tenant rather than the responsible party.

Section 14.06 of the Longmont Municipal Code establishes the City's BPCCC Program requirements. The proposed modifications to the Code improve compliance and provide efficiencies in administering the program. Proposed changes include:

- Defining the property owner as the responsible party.
- Revising enforcement to include fines.
- Adding fees for City-hired contractor(s) to conduct testing of assemblies.
- Providing a portal for testers to submit results.

The proposed modifications will address the City's challenges in administering the BPCCC Program. The authority granted to the director to complete testing at the responsible party's expense ensures that all backflow prevention assemblies are tested, even in cases of non-cooperation. Instituting fines for non-compliance places the burden on property owners rather than tenants and reduces impacts from water suspension on multi-family residents and small businesses. Suspension of water service would be a last resort after all other options have been exhausted. The City's continued goal is to work with the community proactively to protect the potable water system.

Azra and Council engaged in a discussion regarding the proposed changes.

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to accept the recommended approach for the Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Program

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

B. 2023 Potential Ballot Questions

Arts & Entertainment Center Ballot Item

1. **O-2023-36**, A Bill For An Ordinance Concerning The Funding Of An Arts And Entertainment Center And In Connection Therewith Amending Chapter 4.04 Of The Municipal Code For The City Of Longmont, Colorado, Increasing The City Sales And Use Tax Rate From 3.53 Percent To 3.62 Percent Beginning On The First Day Of The Sixth Month Prior To The Projected Completion Date Of The Arts And Entertainment Center, Authorizing An Increase In The City Property Tax Of Not

More Than 1.9 Mills For Not More Than Twenty Years Beginning With The Year In Which \$35,000,000 In Private Funding For Construction Has Been Made Available To The City, And Referring Said Tax Increases To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

Harold Dominguez, City Manager, reviewed the proposed ballot initiatives for an arts and entertainment center.

Arts and Entertainment Center

- \$45 million ballot measure
- Contingent on private fundraising efforts of \$35 million prior to funding from the City
- Location to be determined, options at 1st and Main or Sugar Mill evaluated at a high level
- Financial Information
 - Project cost – \$45,000,000
 - Annual debt service – \$3,790,674
 - Mill levy to cover debt payment – 1.90 mills
 - Annual operating & non-operating cost – \$2,526,257
 - Sales tax increase to cover operations – 0.09
 - 1.90 mill levy lasts for 20 years
 - Mill levy does not begin until private fundraising efforts of \$35 million have been made available to the City
 - 0.09 sales tax increase begins six months prior to the projected completion date of A&E Center
- Taxpayer Impacts
 - Annual property tax on a \$500,000 home – \$67.93
 - Annual property tax on \$1 million of non-residential property – \$551
 - Additional sales tax on a \$100 purchase – \$0.09

Harold and Council engaged in a discussion regarding the ballot questions and shared concerns regarding inflation.

MOTION

Marcia Martin moved, seconded by Sean McCoy, to approve A Bill For An Ordinance Concerning The Funding Of An Arts And Entertainment Center And In Connection Therewith Amending Chapter 4.04 Of The Municipal Code For The City Of Longmont, Colorado, Increasing The City Sales And Use Tax Rate From 3.53 Percent To 3.62 Percent Beginning On The First Day Of The Sixth

Month Prior To The Projected Completion Date Of The Arts And Entertainment Center, Authorizing An Increase In The City Property Tax Of Not More Than 1.9 Mills For Not More Than Twenty Years Beginning With The Year In Which \$35,000,000 In Private Funding For Construction Has Been Made Available To The City, And Referring Said Tax Increases To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

Library Funding Ballot Item

2. **O-2023-37**, A Bill For An Ordinance Concerning The Funding Of Libraries And In Connection Therewith Amending Chapter 4.04 Of The Municipal Code For The City Of Longmont, Colorado, Increasing The City Sales And Use Tax Rate From 3.53 Percent To 3.68 Percent Beginning January 1, 2024, Authorizing An Increase In The City Property Tax Of Not More Than 1 Mill For Not More Than Twenty Years Beginning With Tax Collection Year 2024, And Referring Said Tax Increases To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

Harold Dominguez, City Manager, reviewed the proposed ballot initiative regarding the library ballot question.

Library Ballot Question

- **Library Branch**
 - Project cost – \$25,700,000
 - Annual bond debt service – \$1,991,062
 - Mill levy to cover debt payment – 1.0 mills
 - Annual operating & non-operating cost – \$2,662,456
 - Sales tax increase to cover operations – 0.09
- **Library Preferred Level of Services**
 - Annual operating cost – \$1,850,000
 - Sales tax increase to cover operations – 0.06
 - 1.0 mill levy lasts for 20 years
 - Mill levy begins in 2024

- 0.15 sales tax increase begins in January 2024
- Taxpayer Impacts
 - Annual property tax on a \$500,000 home – \$35.75
 - Annual property tax on \$1 million of non-residential property – \$290
 - Additional sales tax on a \$100 purchase – \$0.15

Jim Golden, Chief Financial Officer, Harold, and Council discussed the library ballot question.

MOTION

Tim Waters moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to approve A Bill For An Ordinance Concerning The Funding Of Libraries And In Connection Therewith Amending Chapter 4.04 Of The Municipal Code For The City Of Longmont, Colorado, Increasing The City Sales And Use Tax Rate From 3.53 Percent To 3.68 Percent Beginning January 1, 2024, Authorizing An Increase In The City Property Tax Of Not More Than 1 Mill For Not More Than Twenty Years Beginning With Tax Collection Year 2024, And Referring Said Tax Increases To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

Recreation Facilities Ballot Items

There are various options to consider with the Recreation Facilities Ballot items. Council will need to decide which of these to refer to the November ballot.

3. **O-2023-38**, A Bill For An Ordinance Concerning Funding Recreation Facilities, Including The Construction Of A Recreation Center At Dry Creek Community Park And In Connection Therewith Amending Chapter 4.04 Of The Municipal Code For The City Of Longmont, Colorado, Increasing The City Sales And Use Tax Rate From 3.53 Percent To 3.64 Percent Beginning January 1, 2025, Authorizing An Increase In The City Property Tax Of Not More Than 2.78 Mills For Not More Than Twenty Years Beginning With Tax Collection Year 2024, And Referring Said Tax Increases To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

This option was not chosen by Council for approval.

4. **R-2023-65**, A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Concerning Funding, In Partnership With The YMCA, A Recreation Facility And Affordable Housing And In Connection Therewith Authorizing An Increase In The City Property Tax Of Not More Than 2 Mills For Not More Than Three Years Beginning When The YMCA Has Received A Low Income Housing Tax Credit Award, Authorizing A Conveyance Of Land, And Referring Said Tax Increase And Land Conveyance To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

This option was not chosen by Council for approval.

5. **O-2023-39**, A Bill For An Ordinance Concerning Funding Recreation Facilities, Including The Construction Of A Recreation Center At Dry Creek Community Park, And In Partnership With The YMCA, A Recreation Facility And Affordable Housing, And In Connection Therewith Amending Chapter 4.04 Of The Municipal Code For The City Of Longmont, Colorado, Increasing The City Sales And Use Tax Rate From 3.53 Percent To 3.64 Percent Beginning January 1, 2025, Authorizing An Increase In The City Property Tax Of Not More Than 2.78 Mills For Not More Than Twenty Years Beginning With Tax Collection Year 2024, Authorizing An Increase In The City Property Tax Of Not More Than 2 Mills For Not More Than Three Years Beginning When The YMCA Has Received A Low Income Housing Tax Credit Award, Authorizing A Conveyance Of Land, And Referring Said Tax Increases And Land Conveyance To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

Harold Dominguez, City Manager, and Jim Golden, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the recreation facilities ballot question.

Recreation Facilities Ballot Question

- Recreation Center
 - Project cost – \$72,000,000
 - Annual debt service – \$5,565,833

- Mill levy to cover debt payment – 2.78 mills
- Annual operating & non-operating cost – \$3,071,670
- Sales tax increase to cover operations – 0.11
 - 2.78 mill levy lasts for 20 years
 - Mill levy begins in 2024
 - 0.11 sales tax increase begins in January 2025
 - Recreation buildings impact fee monies will be used on Dry Creek Recreation Center
 - In turn, part of \$72 million COP funding will fund Quail Rec Center Improvements
 - Taxpayer Impacts
 - Annual property tax on a \$500,000 home – \$99.39
 - Annual property tax on \$1 million of non-residential property – \$806.20
 - Additional sales tax on a \$100 purchase - \$0.11

Jeff Friesner, Director of Recreation, reviewed the improvements proposed to bring the Quail Recreation Facility up to date, including painting, renovating locker rooms and showers, and replacing the small water slide in the leisure pool.

- YMCA Complex/Centennial Pool
 - Project cost – \$12,000,000
 - Annual debt service – N/A
 - Tax increase to raise \$12 million – 2.0 mills for three years
 - Taxpayer Impacts Information
 - Annual property tax on a \$500,000 home – \$71.50
 - Annual property tax on \$1 million of non-residential property – \$580

Chris Coker, YMCA Chief Operating Officer, gave a brief history of the YMCA and mentioned that the local YMCA would be 150 years old next year. The Y left its religious roots decades ago because it is more about social change and community welfare.

Harold, Jim and Council discussed the recreation facility ballot question and the consensus of the Council was to combine the recreation ballot questions into one question.

MOTION

Tim Waters moved, seconded by Shiquita Yarbrough, to ask for authorization to increase taxes to be used to finance a recreation facility and to use \$5 million from impact fees for improvements to the Quail Recreation Center

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

MOTION

Susie Hidalgo-Fahring moved, seconded by Tim Waters, to approve A Bill For An Ordinance Concerning Funding Recreation Facilities, Including The Construction Of A Recreation Center At Dry Creek Community Park, And In Partnership With The YMCA, A Recreation Facility And Affordable Housing, And In Connection Therewith Amending Chapter 4.04 Of The Municipal Code For The City Of Longmont, Colorado, Increasing The City Sales And Use Tax Rate From 3.53 Percent To 3.64 Percent Beginning January 1, 2025, Authorizing An Increase In The City Property Tax Of Not More Than 2.78 Mills For Not More Than Twenty Years Beginning With Tax Collection Year 2024, Authorizing An Increase In The City Property Tax Of Not More Than 2 Mills For Not More Than Three Years Beginning When The YMCA Has Received A Low Income Housing Tax Credit Award, Authorizing A Conveyance Of Land, And Referring Said Tax Increases And Land Conveyance To A Vote Of The Qualified Electors

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

13. FINAL CALL - PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

There was no one present to address Council for Final Call – Public Invited to be Heard.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member McCoy gave a reminder of the Curling and Gaelic Football Tournament that will be at Sandstone on August 18-20 and said they were looking for volunteers to help with the event.

Mayor Peck commented that the Nepali Jarta event at Longmont Museum was packed with standing room only.

15. CITY MANAGER REMARKS

Harold Dominguez, City Manager, informed Council that the evaluations for City Manager will be September 5th, City Attorney will be September 12th and the Municipal Judge will be September 19th.

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 10:16.

Current Balance in General Fund Council Contingency: \$184,753

MOTION

Aren Rodriguez moved, seconded by Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Dissented: None

Abstained: None

Carried: 7 – 0

CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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