

AGENDA
CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

(VIA ZOOM MEETING)

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 406 IVINSON AVE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

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Written materials relative to an agenda item shall be submitted six (6) days in advance of the meeting (sooner if there are holidays prior to the meeting) in order that copies may be included with the agenda and to give the council an opportunity to review the material in advance of the appearance.

Zoom Link: <https://cityoflaramie.zoom.us/j/89517528355?pwd=dE9ZQVlSNGYyRmxzVHN0ZEdFYs85UT09>

1. SPECIAL MEETING

Documents:

[SM Reso 2022-07 Rock Creek Wind Project 1-11-22.pdf](#)

- 1.A. Resolution 2022-07, Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Other Governmental Entities Seeking Impact Assistance Funds from the Rock Creek Wind Energy Project or Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with Other Governmental Entities Seeking Impact Assistance Funds from the Rock**

**Creek Wind Energy Project
[Feezer, ACM]**

Documents:

[Resolution 2022-07 Cover Sheet Rock Creek Wind Energy Project.pdf](#)
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2. WORK SESSION

2.A. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Aggregate time limit 30 minutes)
(Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.)

2.B. WORK SESSION: Workforce Report
[Jordan, CM; Andrews, Senior HR Generalist]

Documents:

[Cover Sheet Workforce Report 1-11-22.pdf](#)

2.C. City Council Updates/Council Comments

2.D. Agenda Review

**NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **Special Meeting** of the **Laramie City Council** will be held **Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 6:00 pm** via Zoom Webinar ID #895 1752 8355 Passcode # 241974, for the following purpose:

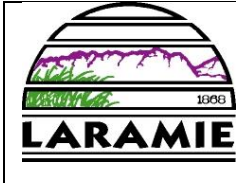
1. Resolution 2022-07, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with other governmental entities seeking impact assistance funds from the Rock Creek Wind Energy Project or Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with other governmental entities seeking impact assistance funds from the Rock Creek Wind Energy Project

/s/ Paul Weaver, Mayor

Attest:/s/Nancy Bartholomew, CMC, City Clerk

Advertised: January 7, 2022 sent to the newspaper Laramie Boomerang and published on our website at www.cityoflaramie.org.

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Agenda Item: Resolution

Title: Resolution 2022-07 - Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with other governmental entities seeking impact assistance funds from the Rock Creek Wind Energy Project.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve Resolution 2022-07 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with other governmental entities seeking impact assistance funds from the Rock Creek Wind Energy Project and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

To allow the City to seek fair reimbursement for effects on City services caused by wind energy development.

Summary of Resolution:

The attached resolution allows the City Manager, or her designee or designees, to negotiate and sign when negotiations are complete an MOU between the City of Laramie and the Counties of Albany and Carbon and cities and towns within those counties to present to the Industrial Siting Commission (“ISC”) seeking impact assistance funds available under the permit application for the Rock Creek Wind Energy Project.

Wind energy projects must be permitted by the ISC. As part of the permit, the ISC can award impact assistance funds to affected counties and communities. As a matter of course – in order to present a united position to the ISC – the counties and communities beforehand negotiate an MOU between themselves to present to the ISC a unanimous recommendation for distribution. The MOU sets out an agreed-upon amount due to each county and community.

The City of Laramie has entered at least five such MOUs, on other wind energy and transmission projects. The real work involves meeting with the other governmental entities to precisely calculate each entity’s fair share. That meeting, in this case, is scheduled for January 14, 2022.

The MOU will after that meeting be circulated for signature. The MOU must be approved, signed and delivered to the Clerk of Albany County, by all parties, on January 18, 2022. This resolution is therefore necessary as Council’s next business meeting is not scheduled until after the close of business on January 18, 2022.

Responsible Staff:

Todd Feezer, Assistant City Manager, tfeezer@cityoflaramie.org or 307.721.5304

Attachments:

Resolution 2022-07

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES SEEKING IMPACT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FROM THE ROCK CREEK WIND ENERGY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie has routinely negotiated MOUs with other affected governmental entities for jointly requesting impact assistance funds from wind projects seeking permits from the Wyoming Industrial Siting Council (“ISC”); and,

WHEREAS, Rock Creek Wind, LLC has applied to the ISC for a permit allowing the Rock Creek Wind Energy Project to be built in western Albany and eastern Carbon Counties, and the City of Laramie, along with Rock River, Medicine Bow, Hanna, Elk Mountain, Sinclair, Rawlins, Carbon County, and Albany County (“Governmental Entities”) may all be eligible for impact assistance funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Governmental Entities intend to, as conducted in the past, in advance of such permit hearings, meet and negotiate an MOU setting out each of the entities’ fair entitlement to impact assistance funds, in order to present a unanimous recommendation to the ISC; and,

WHEREAS, the MOU must be approved, signed and delivered to the Industrial Siting Division, by all parties, by January 21, 2022, which causes very difficult timing for negotiations and our own City Council’s business schedule.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:

SECTION 1: That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this resolution by this reference.

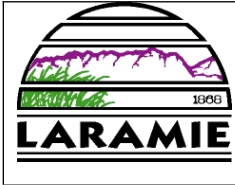
SECTION 2: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or her designee(s), to negotiate with the other Governmental Entities for an MOU to present to the ISC, and to sign the MOU on behalf of the City of Laramie when and if the MOU is acceptable to the City Manager.

PASSED AND APPROVED this January 11, 2022.

Paul Weaver, Mayor and President
City of Laramie, City Council

ATTEST:

Nancy Bartholomew, CMC
City of Laramie, City Clerk



Agenda Item: Discussion Item

Title: Workforce Report

Recommended Council MOTION:

No motions are made during work sessions.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Goal C. Milestone #2: Make sustainable modifications to compensation that will strengthen City's ability to recruit and retain highly qualified staff members, inclusive of salary, benefits, and gender equity in compensation.

Background:

The workforce report presents data concerning the City of Laramie's workforce with the intention of being used for future planning and decision-making. It focuses on authorized positions and actual filled positions in comparison to community growth; demographics of city staff including gender, age, and ethnicity; and how COVID-19 has affected retention, turnover, and succession. Unless otherwise noted, information is gathered from the City's payroll system, HR and budget documents, Wyoming Department of Labor, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Responsible Staff:

Janine Jordan, City Manager
Kristi Andrews, Senior HR Generalist

Attachments: n/a