

# AGENDA

## CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 406  
IVINSON AVE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026, 6:00 PM

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#### **1. WORK SESSION**

- 2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Aggregate time limit 30 minutes)  
(Limit of 3 minutes per speaker. When attend a meeting**

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**3. WORK SESSION: Life Saving Awards**

**[Brian Browne, Police Chief]**

**3.A. Public Comment on Agenda Item**

**4. WORK SESSION: Presentation Related to Possible Building Code Updates**

**[Derek Teini, Community & Economic Development Director; Lucas Whitt, Chief Building Official]**

Documents:

[Summary City Council WS 2.10.2026.pdf](#)

**4.A. Public Comment on Agenda Item**

**5. WORK SESSION: Staff Presentation on the Forge Laramie Comprehensive Planning Effort**

**[Gabathuler, Planning Manager]**

Documents:

[Summary\\_Forge Comp Plan Work Session 2.10.26.pdf](#)  
[LAR\\_CityCouncilMtgFinal\\_021026.pdf](#)

**5.A. Public Comment on Agenda Item**

**6. WORK SESSION: Civic Cents**

**[Jennifer Wade, Administrative Services Director]**

Documents:

[Civic Cents Summary.pdf](#)  
[Civic Cents Introduction.pdf](#)

**6.A. Public Comment on Agenda Item**

**7. City Council Updates/Council Comments**

**8. Agenda Review**

Documents:

[Feb 17 2026 CC Draft Agenda.pdf](#)

	<p><b>Agenda Item: Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Title: Presentation Related to Possible Building Code Updates</b></p>
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**Recommended Council MOTION:**

No action will be taken.

**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

To protect the health and safety of the public by regulating minimum requirements for new and existing buildings, facilities, storage and processes; and to regulate and govern the safeguarding of life and property from deficiencies in design, construction, and maintenance of buildings that are occupied or will be occupied in the future.

**Background:**

The amendments and updates being considered and discussed during this Work Session are related to the Building Code, which is adopted in its entirety within Municipal Code. The International Building Codes are a nationwide code adopted and used by most Cities, Towns and Counties across the country, and is considered the industry standard in building codes.

As the City continues to consider how these codes may affect our local community, we have heard that these codes cause difficulty in some areas of construction. Due to this concern, the City of Laramie Code Administration Division (Building Department) has tracked issues we have noted as staff over the last couple of years. Additionally, on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 the City held a “Contractors Meeting” to discuss possible changes that could be made that would help address issues experienced by the contracting community. This meeting was intended to give contractors a voice in how building codes affect the way they build and construct in our community.

This work session will be focused on reviewing suggested changes proposed by contractors at the Contractors Meeting, changes suggested through an online survey provided to every licensed contractor in the City and staffs recommended changes. The desire is to receive feedback from Council on suggested code changes so staff can begin drafting necessary language to be included in an ordinance that will be presented to the Planning Commission and City Council.

**Responsible Staff:**

Lucas Whitt, Chief Building Official,  
721-5293


Derek Teini, Community and Economic  
Development Director, 721-5245

Attachments:

- None

Future dates are subject to change

Work Session	2/10/2026
PC Public Hearing Advertised	
Public Hearing Held	
CC Public Hearing Advertised	
Introduction/1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	

	<p><b>Agenda Item: Discussion Item</b></p> <p><b>Title: Update on the Forge Laramie Comprehensive Planning Effort</b></p>
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**Recommended Council MOTION:**

No motion. No action can be taken.

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**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

The Comprehensive Plan serves as an overarching framework that reinforces and advances the full range of City Council goals, providing long-term policy direction without prioritizing any single objective.

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**Background:**

The City of Laramie is updating its Comprehensive Plan, a long-range vision that will guide development, land use, and policy direction over the next 20 years. During this work session, Clarion and City staff will provide a presentation outlining where we are in the planning process so far, including a recap of community engagement to date, major themes emerging from public input and analysis, and the anticipated next steps as we move into the drafting phase of the plan.

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**Responsible Staff:**

City Planning Department  
Philipp Gabathuler, AICP, Planning Manager,  
721-5232

**Attachments:**

- None



# Comprehensive Plan 2045

Project Update | February 10, 2026

# Project Update Overview

- About the Forge Laramie process
  - Why we plan
  - Project timeline
- Community engagement summary
  - Community Engagement Round #1
  - Forge Exchange
- Technical foundations summary
  - Plan Assessment
  - Existing Conditions, Trends and Projections Report
- Next Steps
- Discussion



# The Forge Laramie Process

# Forge Laramie Process



# Stakeholder & Community Engagement

# Stakeholder Interviews & Steering Committee Meetings

## Stakeholder Themes derived from...

- **Stakeholder Interviews: 48**
- **Steering Committee Brainstorm** on ideas and opportunities

### Stakeholder Interviews

The project team hosted 18 in-person interviews on June 24 and 25, 2025, speaking to a total of 48 stakeholders. The list of stakeholder groups interviewed as part of this process is provided below.

- Albany County School District (ACSD)
- Laramie City Council
- Laramie City Manager's Office
- Laramie Fire Department
- Laramie Parks and Recreation Department
- Laramie Planning Division
- Laramie Police Department
- Laramie Solid Waste Division
- Laramie Streets Division
- Laramie Utilities Division
- Laramie County Community College (LCCC)
- Laramie Regional Airport
- Laramie Main Street Alliance
- Laramie Soup Kitchen
- Visit Laramie
- WyoTech

# Stakeholder Theme Topics

- Airport Service
- Brain Drain (students leaving)
- City Regulations
- Collaboration
- Community Engagement
- Connectivity
- Development Opportunities
- Downtown
- Education
- Emergency Services
- Energy
- Fiscal Challenges
- Gateway Corridors
- Hazard Mitigation
- Housing (Cost, Inventory, Location)
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Transit
- Quality of Life
- Resource Protection
- Streets
- Tourism
- Transparency & Information Sharing
- Utilities
- Workforce

# Community Engagement

## Three rounds over lifetime of project

- **Round 1:** Conducted between June and end of 2025
  - Tables at public events, including farmer's market, Freedom Has a Birthday, Blue Devils, PrideFest, and more
  - Stakeholder interviews
  - Steering Committee meetings
- **Round 2:** Forge Exchange (happening now)
- **Round 3:** Public feedback on plan draft (future)



# WHAT WE HEARD FROM LARAMIE



## Downtown Vitality

*Lively streets and shops*



## Safer Connections

*Safer ways to move*



## Outdoors Identity

*Trails, river, mountains*



## Protecting Nature

*Views, river wildlife*



## Community Spaces

*Welcoming places for all*



## Open Questions

*Priorities to decide next*

**1,354**  
Social Map Posts

**223**  
Contributors

**886**  
Votes

**752**  
Visits

**97%**  
Local Input  
(82070 ZIP)

# DOWNTOWN VITALITY

*Lively streets, full shops, and local events.*

## MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

**130+** Posts focused on downtown vibrancy.  
*Most upvoted idea: year-round market*

## LARAMIE WANTS...

**More Shopping** 47%

**More Entertainment** 36%

## LARAMIE VALUES...

**Continued Economic Growth** 40%

**Arts & Music Scene** 31%

“

*Laramie desperately needs to be more open to new businesses and growth... We need more businesses, more housing, and to diversify our local workforce.*

”

# SAFER CONNECTIONS

*Walk, bike, and cross town with confidence.*

## MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

**230+** Posts mapped unsafe crossings, broken sidewalks, or disconnected bike routes.  
*Most upvoted idea: protected bike lanes*

## LARAMIE WANTS...

**More  
Transportation  
Options** 29%

**Safer Streets** 22%

## LARAMIE VALUES...

**Ongoing  
Walkability & Transit  
Investment** 49%

“

*Install sidewalks  
where there are none  
in the city limits.*

”

# OUTDOORS IDENTITY

*Trails, river, and mountains as daily life.*

## MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

**110+** Posts highlighted trails, river access, and Snowy Range connection  
*Most upvoted idea: improve trailheads in town*

## LARAMIE LOVES...

**The Outdoors 85%**

**University &  
Recreation 39%**

## LARAMIE VALUES...

**Access to Outdoor  
Recreation 51%**

**Quality Parks 60%**

“

*Continued support for  
recreation for both  
youth and adults.*

”

# PROTECTING NATURE

*Views, river health, skies, and wildlife edges.*

## MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

**70+** Posts about river health, dark skies, and preventing sprawl  
*Most upvoted idea: restore and enhance Laramie River corridor*

## LARAMIE WANTS...

**More Public &  
Outdoor Space 47%**

## LARAMIE VALUES...

**Parks Preserved 60%**

**Balanced Growth &  
Protection 40%**

“

*I'm worried about suburban sprawl ruining the feel of Laramie... Laramie must continue to plan and push back against sprawl.*

”

# COMMUNITY SPACES

*Safe, welcoming places for all ages.*

## MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

**260+**

Posts about family amenities, parks, and gathering spaces  
*Top idea: create a welcoming pedestrian route between West Laramie and downtown*

## LARAMIE WANTS...

**More Public &  
Outdoor Space** 47%

**Better Connected  
Neighborhoods** 26%

## LARAMIE VALUES...

**Diverse Community  
Programming** 20%

“

*The City needs to get connected to people who live here... and build spaces that people can actually afford and enjoy.*

”

# OPEN QUESTIONS

*Housing, parking, access, and priorities ahead.*

## MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

**130+**

Posts questioning housing, parking balance, and corridor priorities

*Top idea: address housing affordability and availability*

## LARAMIE WANTS...

**More Housing** 47%

**More  
Transportation  
Options** 29%

## LARAMIE VALUES...

**Diverse Housing  
Choices** 21%

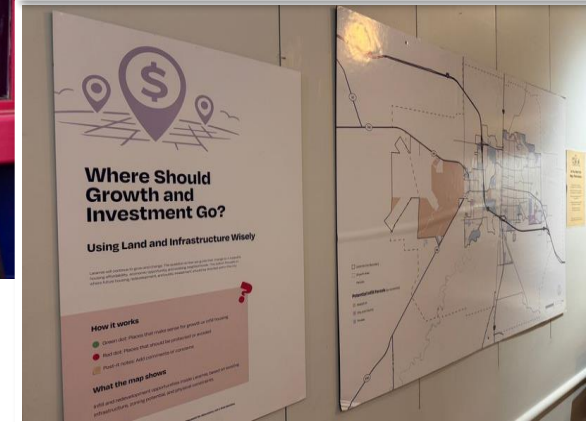
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*Housing is the major issue in our community. Good quality, and a mix of housing types is needed.*

”

# Forge Exchange – Happening Now!

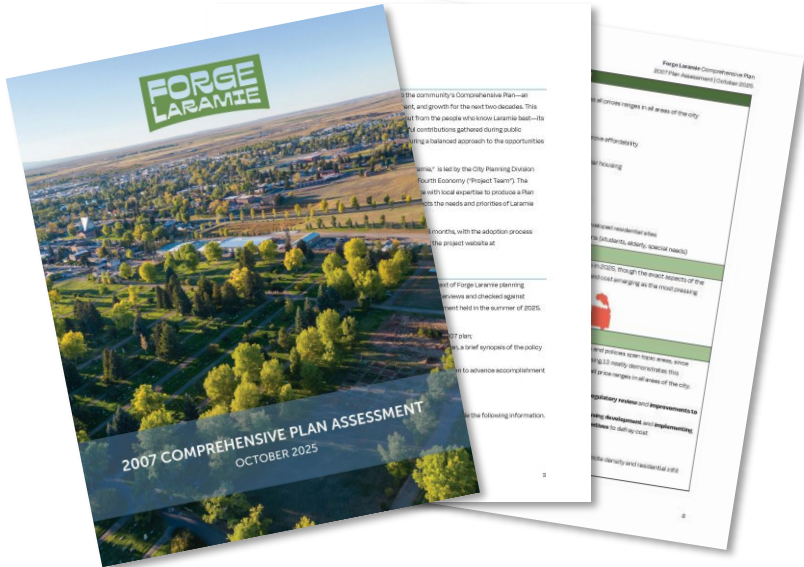
- In Laramie Main Street space
- **January to March, 2026**
- **Open House Feb. 19**
- Revolving topics
  - Economic Development
  - Housing
  - Downtown / Commercial Development



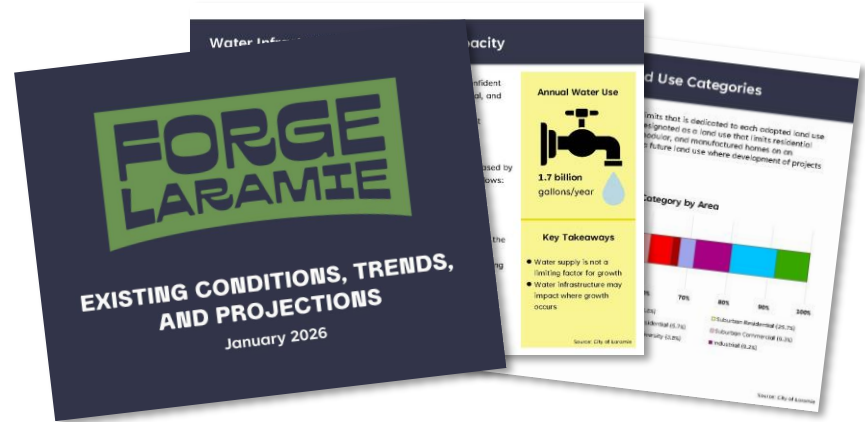
# Technical Foundations

# Establishing Plan Foundations

## 2007 Plan Assessment

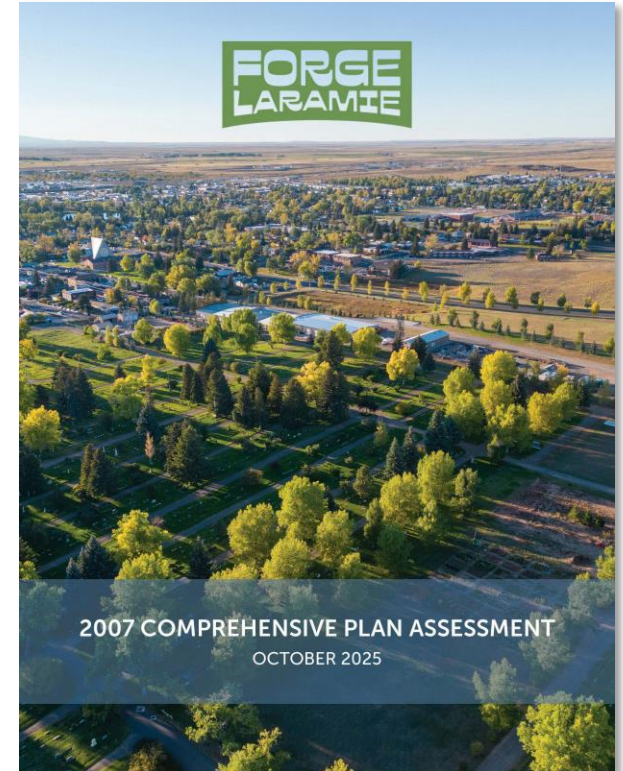


## Forge Laramie Technical Analysis



# About the 2007 Plan Assessment

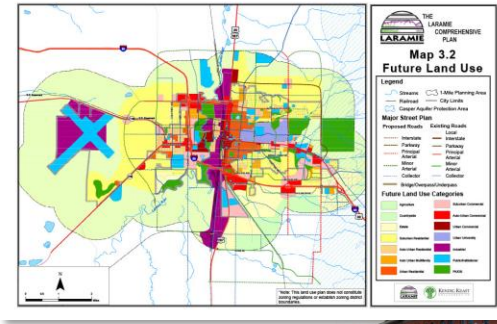
- **Reviews goals and action in 2007 Comprehensive Plan** in relation to Forge Laramie planning themes
- Forge themes summarized from **stakeholder interviews and community input**
- Describes:
  - Whether Forge Laramie themes were addressed in the 2007 plan;
  - A brief synopsis of the policy direction contained in the 2007 plan; and
  - Preliminary ideas on future policies and actions that can be taken to advance accomplishment of each planning theme.



# What's in Laramie's 2007 Comprehensive Plan?

## What's in the 2007 Plan?

- Introduction
- Planning Challenges
- Conditions and Outlook
- Community Character
- Parks & Recreation
- Housing and Neighborhoods
- Public Utilities
- Urban Growth
- Transportation
- Economic Development (Thrive Laramie)
- Public Safety
- Conservation
- Implementation



## Introduction

The Laramie Comprehensive Plan is the outcome of a visioning and action plan adopted by the City Council on May 30, 2003, entitled *The Laramie Plan: A Blueprint for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. The Laramie Plan was developed by a citizen task force, extensive public input, countless hours of staff and volunteer time as well as tax payer dollars. The Laramie Plan describes the vision and hopes of our community as we plan for our future. The Laramie Plan outlines possible actions to help Laramie reach beyond its geographic confines to make it a center of economic, educational, and cultural excellence in our region. Laramie is more than a pleasant place to live, it is a space where business and opportunity can flourish.

The process began in 2001 with a series of visioning workshops, public forums, and meetings where residents contributed their ideas to the development of *The Laramie Plan*. People from throughout the City and County brought together their opinions, expertise, hopes, and dreams. They infused the planning process with a determination that we should and could become a better community. The Laramie Plan expresses our community's belief that this area is blessed with a rich heritage, a vibrant people and workforce, and a location as a crossroads for business, research, and education in Wyoming.

### COMMUNITY VISION

The Laramie Plan established a Community Vision that was used as the foundation for the Laramie Comprehensive Plan. The Community Vision was built around shared values of Laramie's vision that are critical to health and stability as the City moves into the future.

The Community Vision is:

"Laramie will be a strong, energetic, growing community bringing talent, technology, and a great "revvins" lifestyle together. Above all, Laramie will continue to be our home."



## Thrive Laramie: A Community and Economic Development Action Strategy for the Next 10 Years

January, 2020



# Excerpt from 2007 Plan Assessment

## ***FORGE LARAMIE THEME: PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS***

### **Related 2007 Plan Goals and Actions**

#### ***Chapter 10, Public Safety***

**Pedestrian Crossings.1-8:** Install improvements such as crossings, timers, and signals to intersections identified as unsafe, initiate police enforcement on both drivers and pedestrians, implement traffic safety and law education programs

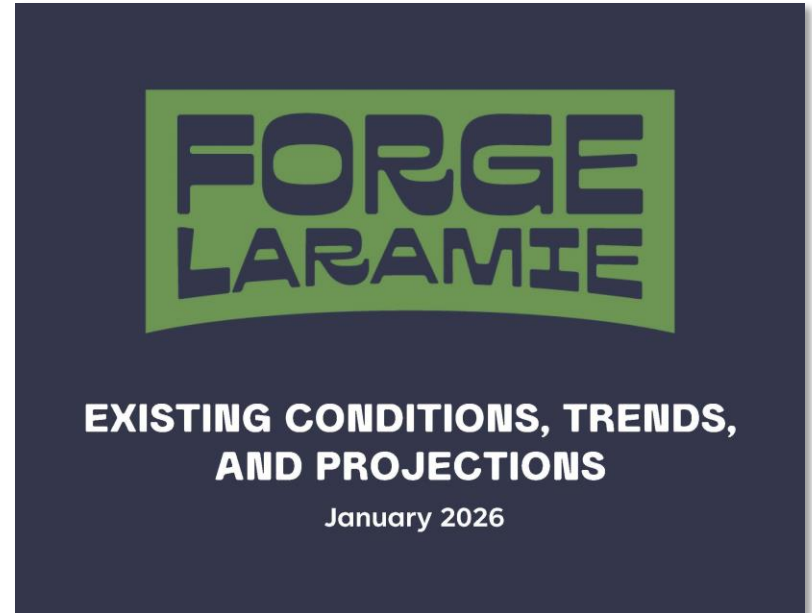
### **Progress Along the Policy Track**

Unsafe pedestrian crossings were clearly identified in the 2007 plan, along with policies and actions to potentially remedy the safety issues. The update will pick up where 2007 progress concluded, and investigate the need to add new locations to the list for safety improvements.



# About the Forge Laramie Technical Analysis

- Includes data on **existing conditions**, and **analyzes projected future trends**, to provide a common understanding of the city as it exists today
- Serves as a **point-in-time reference** to help inform development of the plan
- Provides a **common knowledge base** for the community as the project moves forward



# Technical Analysis Topics



Community demographics



Land use and development



Housing



Quality of life



Economic development



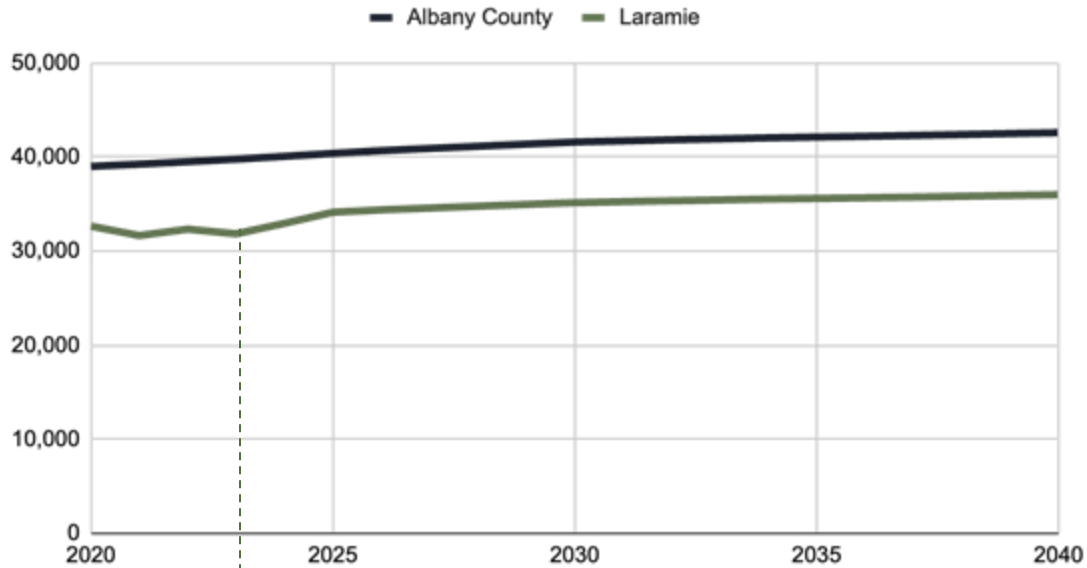
Natural resources and hazards



# Laramie is Projected to Grow

Laramie's population is projected to **increase by 10%, or 3,300 people** between 2020 and 2040, outpacing Wyoming (6%) and Albany County (9%)

### Population Projections 2020-2040



Population (2023):  
**31,848**

Source: [Wyoming Economic Analysis Division](#)





## Other Demographic Information

- Race and ethnicity
- Migration patterns
- Age composition
- Median household income
- Educational attainment
- Poverty status

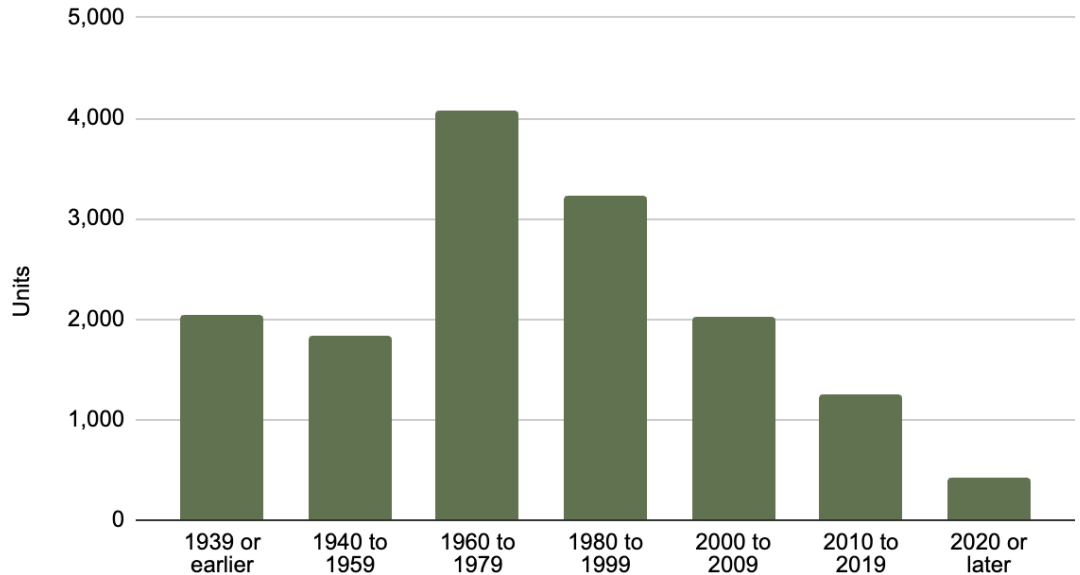




# Housing Production is Declining

Since peaking from 1960 to 1979, **housing unit production has been declining** in Laramie. Only 25% of Laramie housing units were built in the 2000s.

## Housing Unit Production Over Time





# Housing Costs are Rising

Overall, the median value of Laramie and Wyoming homes have **increased by more than 50% since 2013**, to a median home price of \$302,000 in 2023.

Change in Home Values (2013-2023)		
Home Value	Laramie	Wyoming
Less than \$50,000	-6.8%	-25.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-59.4%	-52.3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	-88.3%	-56.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	-72.7%	-52.4%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	14.0%	21.9%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	171.7%	133.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	714.6%	234.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	-66.7%*	175.2%
Median home value (change in dollars)	56.0%	53.4%

Source: Census ACS 2023 5-year

\*few entries



## Other Housing Information

- Vacancy rates
- Housing unit production
- Housing unit type
- Household size
- Housing tenure
- Short-term rental data
- Housing affordability
- Change in home values
- Monthly housing costs
- Cost burden





# Job Growth in Competitive Among Peers

Laramie's job growth from 2019 to 2024 was in the middle among peer communities, but **Laramie's projected job growth (7%) is ahead of many peer communities**

## Past & Projected Job Growth

	Job Growth 2019-2024	Projected Job Growth 2025-2029
Logan, Utah	5%	11%
Bozeman, Montana	19%	10%
Fort Collins, Colorado	4%	8%
Ellensburg, Washington	6%	8%
<b>Laramie, Wyoming</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>7%</b>
Corvallis, OR	3%	7%
Cheyenne, Wyoming	4%	6%
Flagstaff, Arizona	9%	6%
Durango, Colorado	2%	6%
Casper, Wyoming	6%	5%
Gillette, Wyoming	3%	5%
Missoula, Montana	6%	4%
Moscow, Idaho	-%	2%
Pullman, WA	-6%	2%



## Other Economic Development Information

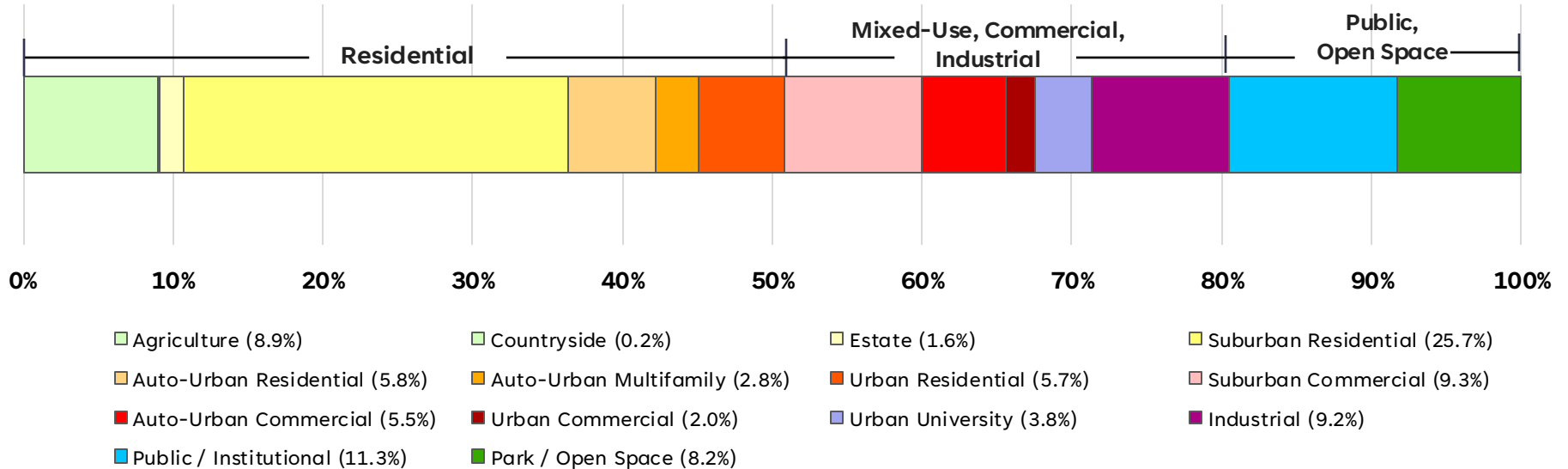
- Change in employment
- Change in wages
- Projected job growth
- Jobs by industry
- Economic impact of UW
- Unemployment rate
- Commute inflow/outflow
- Tourism data
- City revenue and budget data





# Opportunities Exist to Support a Variety of Land Uses

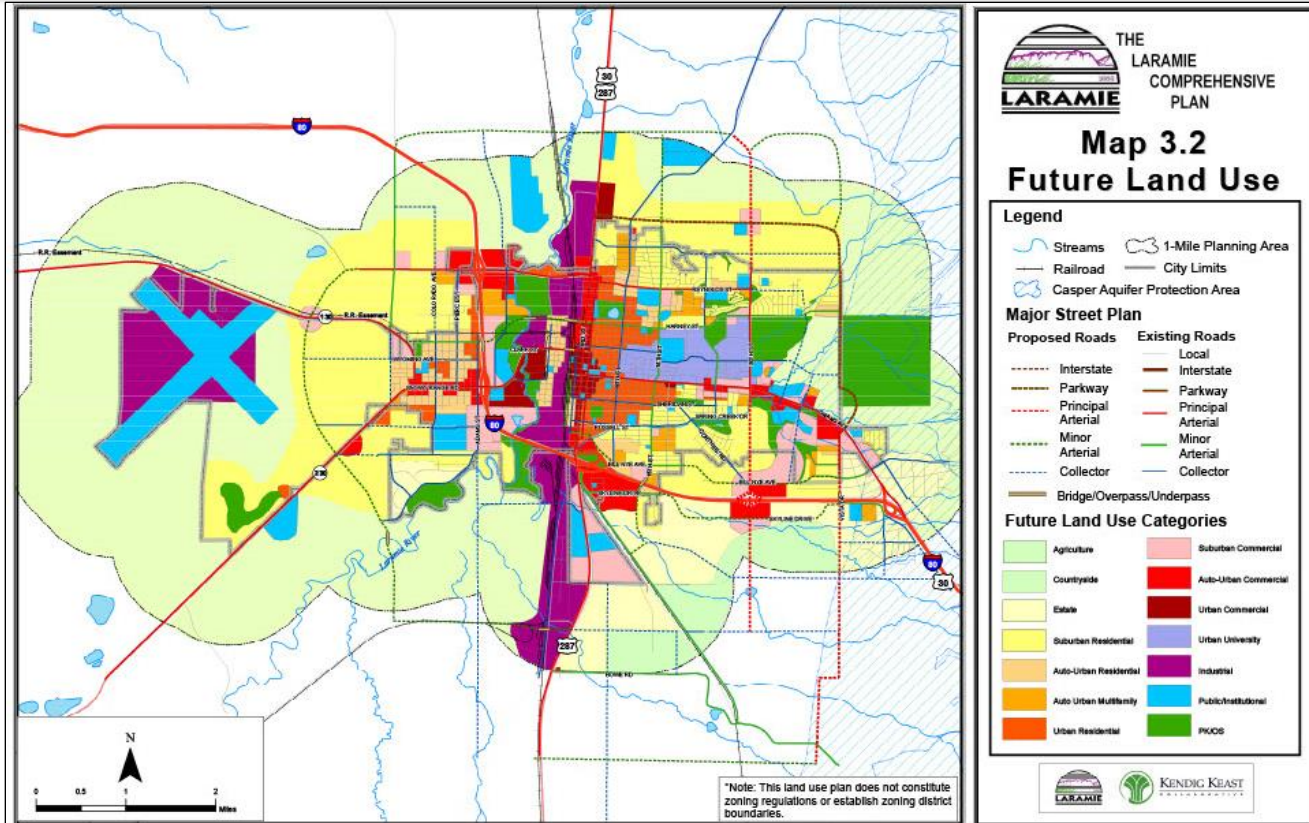
## Adopted Future Land Use Category by Area





# Opportunities Exist to Support a Variety of Land Uses

Proposed changes to the adopted **Future Land Use Map (FLUM)** as part of the Forge Laramie process will be guided and closely informed by the Growth Area Plan





## Other Land Use & Development Information

- Building permit data
- Growth Area Plan land use distribution
- Public transit routes
- Average monthly ridership
- Rail service information
- Laramie Regional Airport information
- Power service and provider information
- Infill Opportunities map
- Water, sewer, and solid waste infrastructure and service capacity





## Other Quality of Life Information

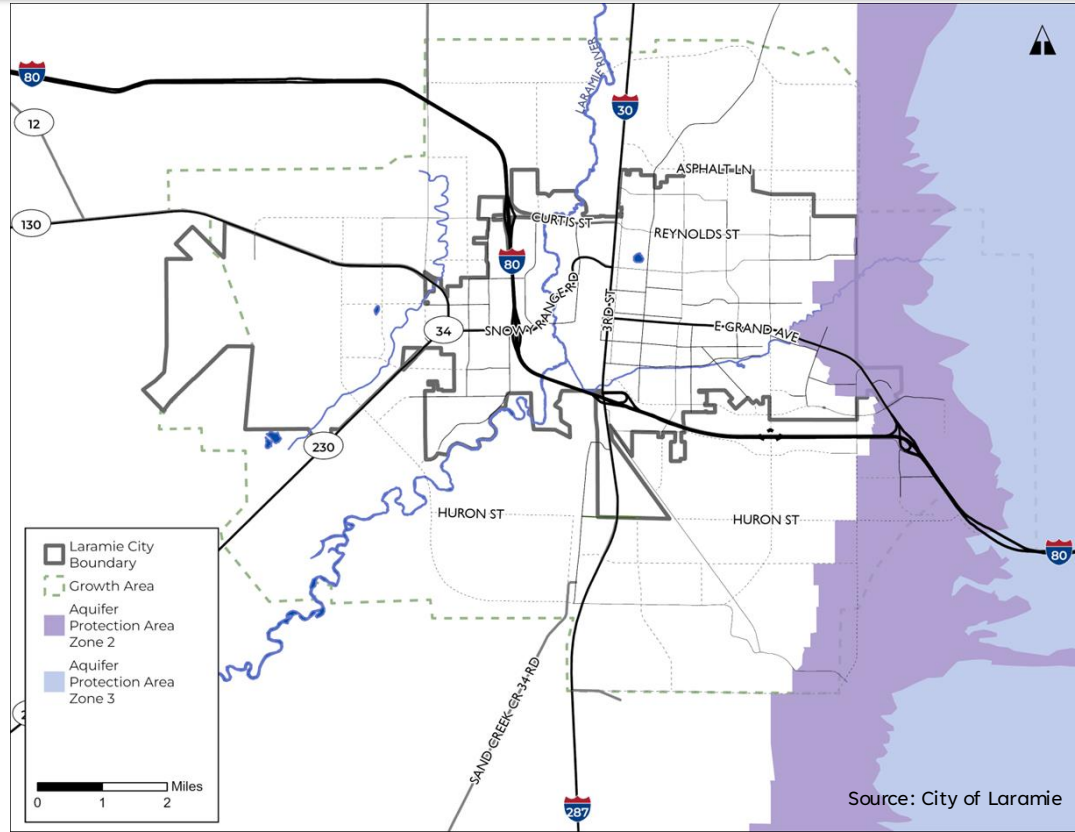
- Arts and Culture plan information
- Parks, recreation, and open space map
- Pathways and trails map
- Education providers map
- Emergency services information





# Casper Aquifer Limits Growth to the East

Casper Aquifer is the **primary source of drinking water for city and county residents**. The City balances local development pressures with preservation of the aquifer through the application of the **Aquifer Protection Overlay district**, which includes additional land use, wastewater, and setback requirements.





## Other Natural Resources & Hazards Information


- Floodplain management map
- Municipal ranches and water rights
- Pilot Hill project information
- Wildlife habitat information
- County hazard risk rankings



# Next Steps

# Looking Ahead

- **Jan-March** Forge Exchange
- **Spring-early Summer:** Draft the update Comprehensive Plan



## Forge Laramie

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Forge Exchange is now open for the next rounds of public engagement! Think of a series of interactive museum exhibits. It is located at 103 Grand Ave and is open Wednesday from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, and Friday from 8:00 - 11:00 am. You can also call (307) 721-5207 to set up an appointment outside of these hours.

Survey 1 closed on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025. Thank you to all who provided feedback - we received over 1,100 responses! Results are shared in the document files below.

### What is Forge Laramie?

The City of Laramie is updating its Comprehensive Plan, a pivotal blueprint that will guide land use, development, and growth for the next 20 years. This plan is rooted in community values and aspirations, ensuring that Laramie's future reflects the priorities and identity of the people who live, work, and invest here.

Over the summer, community members shared more than 1,350 contributions through surveys, workshops, and an online social map. From downtown vitality and safer connections to protecting nature, expanding housing options, and creating welcoming community spaces, the themes that emerged provide a clear picture of what matters most to Laramie.

You can see what we heard from residents through initial engagement under Project Update One.

### PROJECT PHASES

- Phase 1: Project Initiation  
May 2025 - June 2025
- Phase 2: Technical Foundation and Community Vision  
July 2025 - November 2025
- Phase 3: Draft Updated Comprehensive Plan**  
December 2025 - July 2026
- Phase 4: Comprehensive Plan Adoption  
August 2026 - October 2026


[forgelaramie.com](https://forgelaramie.com)



# Discussion



[ForgeLaramie.com](https://www.ForgeLaramie.com)

	<p><b>Agenda Item: Discussion Item</b></p> <p><b>Title: Civic Cents</b></p>
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**Recommended Council MOTION:**

None

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**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

A solid foundation in municipal finance supports many policy goals of the City Council. More granularly, this work session series is an outgrowth of a 2024 council goal to develop improvements in financial transparency.

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**Background:**

The City's finance division, collaborating with the City Manager's Office, has been working to improve financial transparency for the past several years. This work started small, with a redesign of the budget publication in 2019, and has grown and morphed since this time into a larger initiative. Accomplishments to date have included launching an open data tool for Laramie's budget and spending (made possible by the City's new financial software), establishment of the City Manager's Budget Advisory Committee, and publishing more concise financial information (the Community Financial Report and the Budget in Brief).

The journey toward transparency continues with this work session series, where financial topics will be explored in bite-sized chunks determined by the City Council. At each work session this spring, leading up to budget season, there will be a short presentation and discussion.

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**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

Wyoming Statutes 16-4

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**BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:**

None

**Responsible Staff:**

Jennifer Wade, Administrative Services Director  
(307) 721-5224 or [jwade@cityoflaramie.org](mailto:jwade@cityoflaramie.org)

**Attachments:**

Presentation – Introduction to Civic Cents



# CIVIC CENTS

Democracy is a slow process of stumbling to the right decision instead of going straight forward to the wrong one

# WELCOME TO THE CIVIC CENTS WORK SESSION SERIES

Let's make sense of Laramie's finances, moving away from the traditional model of communicating mountains of financial information in the month of budget work sessions. This series is grounded in the idea that, together, we create our government.





## ESSENTIAL FOR DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE SERVICES

The money tree myth counsels that prosperity and good fortune result from effort and attention. We must engage about and plan for our public finances in a meaningful way to get the most out of them for our community. These conversations are especially important for making sound budget decisions.



## INFLUENCES HOW OUR COMMUNITY GROWS

Once we understand 1) what our finances look like 2) what our community wants and 3) what our opportunities are, the City Council and City staff work to facilitate community growth in a way that best suits Laramie, recognizing the importance of it being a great place to live, work, and play.



## AFFECTS QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS

The financial decisions we make have a direct impact on our community. The user fees and taxes that our community members pay, and the revenue we receive from other sources (State of WY + grants), are the basic mechanisms for how we deliver services - public safety services, reliable and safe infrastructure, and quality of life amenities, like parks and recreation.



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY WITH COMMON CENTS



# ESSENTIAL FOR DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE SERVICES

The money tree myth counsels that prosperity and good fortune result from effort and attention. We must engage about and plan for our public finances in a meaningful way to get the most out of them for our community. These conversations are especially important for making sound budget decisions.



# INFLUENCES HOW OUR COMMUNITY GROWS

Once we understand 1) what our finances look like 2) what our community wants and 3) what our opportunities are, the City Council and City staff work to facilitate community growth in a way that best suits Laramie, recognizing the importance of it being a great place to live, work, and play.



# AFFECTS QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS

The financial decisions we make have a direct impact on our community. The user fees and taxes that our community members pay, and the revenue we receive from other sources (State of WY + grants), are the basic mechanisms for how we deliver services - public safety services, reliable and safe infrastructure, and quality of life amenities, like parks and recreation.

BUT, WE TEND TO ONLY TALK ABOUT FINANCES ONCE A YEAR!



It's time for a change in approach - working towards true transparency.



The budget has been presented in a way that can be intimidating.



It's easy to get lost in the process.



We don't always talk about what matters most to our community.



It's easy to get stuck in the formal, feeling like it's necessary for trust.

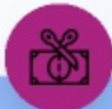
# CIVIC CENTS STARTS TO LAY DOWN DIFFERENT ROOTS

The City Council will chart the course forward on this journey, and I will follow your lead. We will build a strong financial foundation together by communicating about the finances (revenue, spending, reserves) in a way that is easy to digest.



# THE ROAD FORWARD

At each work session this spring, we'll take 10 minutes to explore a financial topic. Then we'll have a 10 minute discussion about the topic and determine what we explore next.



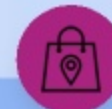
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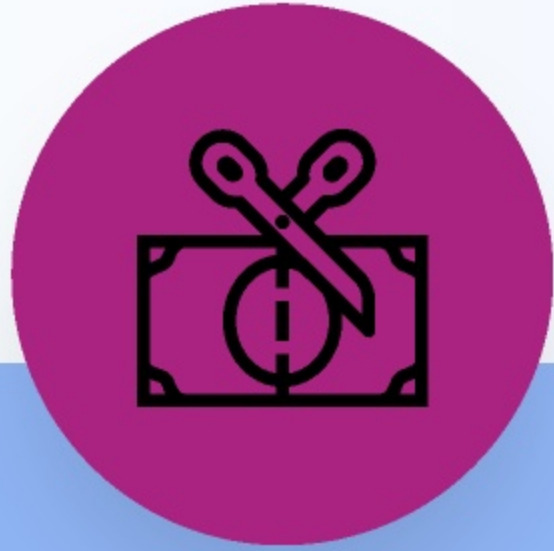
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SO, WHERE DO WE START THE  
CONVERSATION?





# CIVIC CENTS

Democracy is a slow process of stumbling to the right decision instead of going straight forward to the wrong one



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**DRAFT AGENDA ITEMS**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

1. AGENDA
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
5. Consideration of Changes in Agenda and Setting the Agenda
6. PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/NOTIFICATIONS
  - 6.A. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS
  - 6.B. PUBLIC HEARING
    - 6.B.i. PUBLIC HEARING: Transfer Retail Liquor License #12 from AB Laramie LLC to Big D Oil Company dba Big D #27 Located at 2901 E Grand Ave [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
  - 6.C. ANNOUNCEMENTS
    - 6.C.i. Monthly Staff Recognition (*3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month*)
7. Disclosures by City Council Members
8. Approval of Consent Agenda
9. CONSENT AGENDA
  - 9.A. MINUTES: City Council Meetings. [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
  - 9.B. MINUTES: Minutes from the Laramie Youth Council Regular Meeting of January 7, 2026 [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
  - 9.C. MINUTES: Minutes from the Civil Service Commission for Police and Fire from October 8, 2025 [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
  - 9.D. MINUTES: Minutes from the 11/6/25 Laramie Advisory Commission on Disabilities Meeting. [Patti Russell, Human Resources]
  - 9.E. CEMETERY DEEDS: Cemetery Deeds for February 1-15, 2026. [Michael Bork, Parks, Recreation and Public Services Director]
  - 9.F. LICENSE: Temporary Use of a Laramie County Retail Liquor License within City Limits for DeLancey Enterprises, LLC for the UW Rodeo Gala at the Marion Rochelle Gateway Center on March 6, 2026 [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
  - 9.G. LICENSE: Temporary Use of a City of Laramie Retail Liquor License No. 4 for Hensley Property Holdings, LLC dba Roxie's on Grand in Albany County for the UW Rodeo at the Hanson Arena, April 24-26, 2026 [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
  - 9.H. MOU: Memorandum of Understanding for Victim Witness Services [Robert Southard, City Attorney]
  - 9.I. MOU: Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Laramie, Wyoming, and the Laramie Police Department Foundation [Brian Browne, Chief of Police]
  - 9.J. RESOLUTION: Resolution 2026-17, Amending City Council Rules of Procedure [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]

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- 9.K. RESOLUTION: Resolution 2026-18, Formally Waiving the Requirements Set Forth in Wyoming Statute 16-1-1001 (I) (B), Wyoming Resident Contractors, for the West Laramie Lift Station Project [Brooks Webb, Public Works Director]
- 9.L. RESOLUTION: Resolution 2026-19, Appointing One Member to Laramie Advisory Commission on Disabilities [Patti Russell, Human Resources]
- 9.M. SCHEDULE MEETINGS:
- 9.M.i. February 24, 2026, 6:00 pm (Cancel) – WORK SESSION: Establishing an Emergency Fund
  - 9.M.ii. February 24, 2026, 6:00 pm – WORK SESSION: Civic Cents
  - 9.M.iii. March 10, 2026, 6:00 pm – WORK SESSION: Civic Cents
  - 9.M.iv. March 24, 2026, 6:00 pm – WORK SESSION: Civic Cents
  - 9.M.v. March 24, 2026, 5:30 pm – WORK SESSION: Community Partner Applications (Joint with the Albany County Board of Commissioners)
  - 9.M.vi. April 14, 2026, 6:00 pm – WORK SESSION: Construction Season Update
  - 9.M.vii. April 14, 2026, 6:00 pm – WORK SESSION: Civic Cents
  - 9.M.viii. April 28, 2026, 6:00 pm – WORK SESSION: Civic Cents
  - 9.M.ix. April 28, 2026, 6:00 pm – WORK SESSION: City-wide Parking Taskforce Development
  - 9.M.x. May 26, 2026, 6:00 pm – WORK SESSION: Fee for Service Agreements
10. REGULAR AGENDA
11. Award of Contract for the Purchase of Six Hundred (600) Water Meters for the Meter Replacement Program [Brooks Webb, Public Works]
12. Transfer Retail Liquor License #12 from AB Laramie LLC to Big D Oil Company dba Big D #27 [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
13. Approval of Bank Qualified Lease-Leaseback Financing for City Hall & Annex improvements [Jennifer Wade, Administrative Services Director]
14. Resolution 2026-20, Supporting the Submission of an Application to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture for a 2026 Emergency Insect Management Program Grant [Michael Bork, Park, Recreation and Public Services Director]
15. Resolution 2026-21, Designating Recreation Project Request Priorities to the Albany County Recreation Board for Funding Consideration in Fiscal Year 2027 [Michael Bork, Park, Recreation and Public Services Director]
16. Original Ordinance No. 2117, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Chapter 2.10 Related to Board and Commission Members. Introduction and First Reading. [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
17. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.
18. Consideration of future Council Work Session topics.
19. Adjourn