

# AGENDA

## CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 406  
IVINSON AVE

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026, 6:00 PM

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**Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. When attending a meeting remotely, the public must have their video cameras enabled and turned on when addressing the council. See Rule 1.G. When commenting on non-agenda items, the comments must be germane to City business over which Council has control. Written public comment shall be submitted to the City Clerk for dissemination and retention for official City records, or submitted to the City Council through electronic correspondence at [council@cityoflaramie.org](mailto:council@cityoflaramie.org). Full text available in Council Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct 4.02 and Appendix B and C.**

**Written materials and other items must 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.**

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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 remotely, the public must have their video cameras enabled and turned on when addressing the council. When commenting on non-agenda items, the comments must be germane to City business over which Council has control.)  
(Written or other materials must be submitted to the City Clerk for public record and dissemination six (6) days prior to the meeting per City Council Rules of Procedure Appendix B.)

**3. WORK SESSION: Development 101 (Postponed to a future date)**

**4. WORK SESSION: Civic Cents**

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

Documents:

[Civic Cents Summary Session 3.pdf](#)  
[Civic Cents Budget Process Overview.pdf](#)


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

**5. City Council Updates/Council Comments**

**6. Agenda Review**

Documents:

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

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|  | <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 – Civic Cents Budget Process Overview



# **Budget Preparation Process Overview**

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# Key Terms

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## Revenue

- Inflows of resources

## Available Reserves

- Cash and other assets expected to be available within a one-year term, less obligations expected to be due within a one-year term and capital reserve requirements.

## Personnel Expenditures

- Costs for all types of personnel related costs, including benefited employee wages, non-benefited employee wages, overtime, benefits, employment taxes, and similar items.

## Operating Expenditures

- Ongoing costs of conducting routine operations, including contractual services and operating supplies.

## Capital Expenditures

- Costs of capital investment, including buildings, vehicles, large equipment items, infrastructure maintenance (parks, streets, water, wastewater, etc.), major software acquisition, etc.

Highlights of the budget preparation and adoption process are described on pages 13-14 of the FY 2026 budget publication.

Regardless of the type of budget forecast, the City Manager determines the amounts recommended for the City Council’s consideration using a collaborative process.

| Type of Budget or Forecast | How Prepared  | Who Prepares                         |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Revenue                    | Actual trends for past 3-5 years  | Administrative Services Director     |
| Available Reserves         | Analysis of current balances, obligated amounts, and future reserve requirements  | Administrative Services Director     |
| Personnel Expenditures     | Budget team prepares zero based budget for authorized positions. Directors request supplemental amounts.                | Budget Team, HR, and Dept. Directors |
| Operating Expenditures     | Existing budget from previous year carries forward (incremental budgeting). Directors can request supplemental amounts. | Budget Team and Dept. Directors      |
| Capital Expenditures       | Zero based budgets are used. Directors request all appropriations.  | Dept. Directors                      |

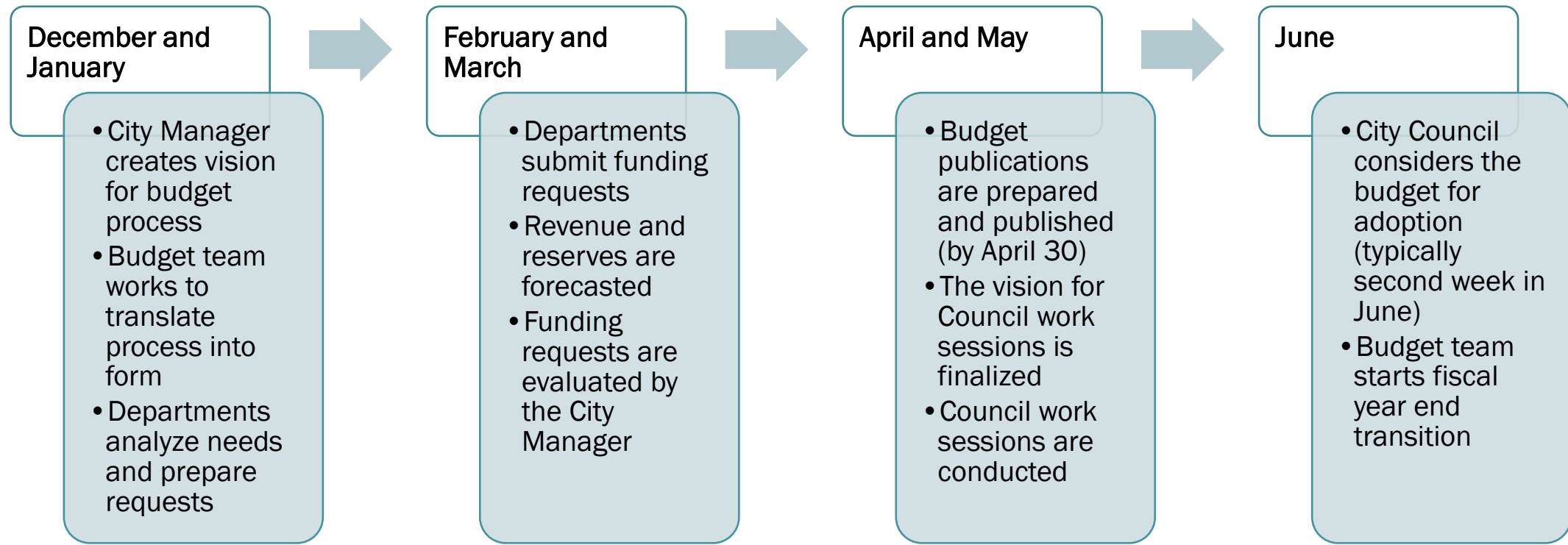
## **Budget Development**

# Overview of the City Manager's Recommendation

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1. City Manager works with the Budget Team to develop direction and focus areas for budget preparation.
2. City Manager meets with Directors for budget kickoff meeting, listening to concerns for upcoming year and communicating the vision for budget preparation.
3. City leadership team meets to review the budget process, focus areas, and projected funding. Continues meeting as needed to review group topics.
4. Directors present supplemental requests to the City Manager for consideration.
5. City Manager considers requests and asks for follow-up as necessary (both from budget team and directors).
6. City Manager approves or denies requests, discussing final decisions with Directors.
7. Budget team translates the City Manager's recommended budget into publication form.
8. The City Manager's recommendation is presented to the City Council and public (around April 30).

# Another View of Budget Preparation



# Sustainability

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The recommended budget should be sustainable over the long term.

- Is the combined total of forecasted revenue and available reserves sufficient to fund total expenditures?
- Are on-going expenditures funded with on-going resources? Are one-time amounts properly excluded from funding operating costs? What do long term trends tell us?
- Do funds have sufficient reserves for capital investment? For what time period?



# **Questions about the Budget Process?**





## Looking ahead to More Civic Cents

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- Summarize the vision for the story of the City, as told by each fund
- Topic for next Civic Cents – story of the City as told through the SPET? Other ideas?

**DRAFT AGENDA ITEMS**  
**MARCH 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: Original Ordinance No. 2118, Repealing Laramie Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 13.80 Related to Surface Water Drainage
    - 6.B.ii. PUBLIC HEARING: Original Ordinance No. 2119, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Title 8 Related to Nuisance Abatements [PH/Gabathuler, Planning Manager]
    - 6.B.iii. PUBLIC HEARING: Original Ordinance No. 2120, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Title 15 Related to the Unified Development Code [PH/Gabathuler, Planning Manager]
  - 6.C. ANNOUNCEMENTS
    - 6.C.i. Monthly Staff Recognition (*3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month*)
      - Owen Schildt, Management Analyst
7. Disclosures by City Council Members
8. Approval of Consent Agenda
9. CONSENT AGENDA
  - 9.A. MINUTES: Minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on March 3, 2026 [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
  - 9.B. MINUTES: Minutes from the Laramie Regional Airport Joint Powers Board from the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2026 [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
  - 9.C. MINUTES: Minutes from the Laramie Youth Council from the Regular Meeting on February 4, 2026 [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
  - 9.D. CEMETERY DEEDS: Cemetery Deeds for March 1-15, 2026. [Michael Bork, Parks, Recreation, and Public Services Director]
  - 9.E. CONTRACT: City Hall Furniture Contract, Omnia Contract with Beck Total Office Interiors (\$78,809.89) [Todd Feezer, City Manager]
  - 9.F. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: Amendment Number One to the Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Laramie and Haddad Drugan LLC, Seattle, Washington (\$5,000) [Todd Feezer, City Manager]
  - 9.G. LICENSE: Temporary Use of a Laramie County Retail Liquor License within City Limits for DeLancey Enterprises, LLC for the Ducks Unlimited Banquet at the

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**MARCH 17, 2026**

Marian Rochelle Gateway Center on March 28, 2026 [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]

- 9.H. RESOLUTION: Resolution 2026-24, Appointing Emeritus Status Membership on the Parks, Tree, and Recreation Board [Mayor Cumbie, Councilor Fried, Councilor Bowling]
- 9.I. ORDINANCE: Original Ordinance No. 2117, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Chapter 2.10 Related to Board and Commission Members. Third and Final Reading. (Introduced by Newman) [Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk]
- 9.J. SCHEDULE MEETINGS:
- 10. Mayor Announcements/Acknowledgement of Board and Commission Member Appointments
- 11. REGULAR AGENDA
  - 11.A. Award of Design Build Contract for Spring Creek Trail Phase 2 [Michael Bork, Parks, Recreation, and Public Services Director]
  - 11.B. Resolution 2026-25, Resolution Pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 15-9-107 Finding that Blight Exists on the Proposed West Side Urban Renewal Project [Feezer, ICM]
  - 11.C. Original Ordinance No. 2118, Repealing Laramie Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 13.80 Related to Surface Water Drainage. Second Reading. (Introduced by Newman) [Brooks Webb, Public Works Director]
  - 11.D. Original Ordinance No. 2119, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Title 8 Related to Nuisance Abatements. Second Reading. (Introduced by Vigil) [Philipp Gabathuler, Planning Manager]
  - 11.E. Original Ordinance No. 2120, Amending Laramie Municipal Code Title 15 Related to the Unified Development Code. Second Reading. (Introduced by Bowling) [Philipp Gabathuler, Planning Manager]
- 12. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.
- 13. Consideration of future Council Work Session topics.
- 14. Adjourn