

AGENDA

CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING

CITY COUNCIL JOINT WORK SESSION WITH ALBANY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 406 IVINSON AVE
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023, 6:00 PM

City Council Meetings are open to the public in accordance with W.S. 16-4-403.

Meetings are currently available in-person on a first come first serve basis, YouTube Live Feed (www.youtube.com/cityoflaramie/live), Cable Channel 191, or Zoom Webinar- Meeting ID: 850 4458 0667 Passcode: 013737 via internet, app, or telephone 1(669)900-9128. Public comments during the meeting may be provided in-person or via Zoom meeting. Public comments may also be submitted via email: council@cityoflaramie.org. **Please email: clerk@cityoflaramie.org to request speaking time during the 30-minute public comment periods on non-agenda items by no later than 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting. Limited speaking slots may be assigned by lottery for non-agenda items when more than 10 requests are received; public comments may also be submitted in writing to council@cityoflaramie.org for the record. Requests for accommodations from persons with disabilities must be made to the City Manager's Office 24 hours in advance of a meeting.**

Please be advised no additional agenda item will be introduced at a Regular City Council meeting after the hour of 9:30 pm, unless the majority of the City Council members present vote to extend the meeting.

Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. 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. 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.

Zoom Link: <https://cityoflaramie.zoom.us/j/85044580667?pwd=YUdac3h5T3RaQzZwU2NTdmFmSmtTQT09>

1. WORK SESSION

Documents:

[WS_BOC_WYDOT STIP 7-25-23.pdf](#)

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

3. WORK SESSION: Pilot Hill Future Management Planning

Documents:

[City and County Work Session Topic Sheet July 21 2023.pdf](#)

3.A. Public Comments

(Please observe the time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker.)

4. Dismiss Albany County Commissioners

5. City Council Updates/Council Comments

**NOTICE OF JOINT WORK SESSION WITH CITY COUNCIL AND
ALBANY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Joint Work Session of the **Laramie City Council and Albany County Board of Commissioners** will be held Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m., 406 Ivinson Ave, Council Chambers, and via Zoom meeting, for the following purpose:

- 1. WORK SESSION: WYDOT STIP Presentation**
- 2. WORK SESSION: Pilot Hill Future Management Plans**

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 4458 0667
Passcode: 013737

/s/ Brian Harrington, Mayor
Attest:/s/Nancy Bartholomew

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AGENDA TOPIC:

PILOT HILL RECREATION & WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT AREA

The Pilot Hill Inc., Board of Directors has requested time during the City/County work session to discuss ideas for the long-term management and funding of the Pilot Hill recreation area.

Overview:

The Pilot Hill project is a community-driven effort to preserve what is now nearly 11 square miles of dedicated open space east of Laramie for non-motorized recreation, educational opportunities, aquifer protection and wildlife habitat. The majority of the formerly private land is now owned by the State of Wyoming and under a WY State Special Use - Recreation lease to Albany County. The second largest portion is owned by the University of Wyoming. All of the Pilot Hill acreage is under management agreements between UW and Pilot Hill Inc., and Albany County and Pilot Hill Inc., a private non-profit corporation.

The term of the state lease with Albany County is for 25 years and was authorized in 2020. The Office of State Lands & Investments lease agreement, and subsequent management agreements for the UW and State Lands with Pilot Hill, Inc. are based on the community driven Pilot Hill Land Use Plan. The Plan designates (approximately) 4000 acres as a nonmotorized recreation corridor with developed trails and user amenities, and an approximate 3100-acre Wildlife Habitat Management Area that is managed through a partnership agreement with Pilot Hill Inc. and the Wyoming Game & Fish Department, and accommodates seasonal hunting and wildlife viewing.

Pilot Hill opened to our community for use in 2020, and since then trail counters have recorded over 200,000 visits by Laramie citizens, school groups, and visitors to the community. Pilot Hill, Inc., has constructed nearly 14 new trail miles that build on the previously established (approx.) 13 miles of trails in the Schoolyard section of the recreation corridor.

In 2023, Pilot Hill, Inc., secured a Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant and matching private funds to construct a trailhead on an extended parcel of UW land under a management agreement with Pilot Hill. This proposed primary trailhead will be strategically located at the east end of Willett Drive, adjacent to the city's Jacoby Ridge Trail and paved bike trail, and within a few miles of local businesses, schools, and residential areas. In addition, approximately 7 additional trail miles are being built, and the remaining +/- 20 trail miles of fully engineered are slated for construction over the coming 3-5 years.

Without a doubt, the Pilot Hill area has enhanced the quality of life for Albany County residents, is serving as an economic driver for businesses, and generating tourism driven tax revenue for both the City and County.

Long-term Strategic Planning Opportunities to Explore with City and County:

- Maintaining City/County/Community long-range vision for this unique area.
- Management expertise needed to ensure optimal outcomes for the land/people/wildlife.
- Opportunities to leverage current and potential partnerships to meet the long-term financial goals.
- Sustainable financial options to secure dedicated funding for ongoing operating expenses.