



**Agenda Item:** Amendment

**Title:** Consideration of an amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Laramie and GH Family Partnership, LLC for the provision of outdoor placemaking, gathering and outdoor dining.

**Recommended Council MOTION:**

I move that the Laramie City Council approve the amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Laramie and GH Family Partnership, LLC for the provision of outdoor placemaking, gathering and outdoor dining and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

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**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

To provide for outdoor placemaking, gathering and dining in downtown Laramie similar to the Hollyhock Commons project that was implemented in 2020 and 2021. These projects lead to a more vibrant and successful downtown through the provision of placemaking, gather and outdoor dining options.

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**Background:**

In 2020 in response the pandemic the City implemented Hollyhock Commons in the Hollyhock Parking lot. This placemaking, gathering and outdoor dining area proved to be successful and was implemented again in 2021. For 2022 staff has worked with Jeff Gruver, GH Family Partnership, LLC to lease the area between the Laramie Vision Clinic and Undercover Spa as the site of the 2022 community space.

The tables, umbrellas and planters from the Hollyhock Commons along with surface improvements, painting, potential art projects and potential lighting may change this from a vacant space blocked off by chain link fence to a vibrant location in Laramie’s downtown. City staff has teamed up with LMSA, LPAC, LCBA and Metrohm Raman to provide funding for and guidance for the improvements. This project also does not require any removal of parking as the previous project has done.

The lease for this area is \$800/year and is related to the owners need to purchase additional insurance for the space.

The amendment to the lease will allow for the City to keep the tables and planters on the lot throughout the entire year. Umbrellas, flowers and portable restrooms will be removed during the winter seasons. This will allow for continued use throughout the year as weather allows. City staff will be responsible for snow removal on the sidewalks on each side of the property however, will not remove snow within the area due to the possibility of damaging the ground cover.

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**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

N/A

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**Budget/Fiscal Information:****Revenue**

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service		
Grants for Projects	\$10,800.00	LMSA, LPAC, LCBA, Metrohm Raman
Loans on Project		
Other		
Total	\$10,800.00	

**Expense**

Proposed Project Cost.

Project Budget	Amount	Funds
Project Cost	\$17,500.00	
Loans on Project		
Grants for Project	\$10,800.00	
Other/Outside Projects		
City's Amount	\$6,700.00	This amount will be drastically reduced in future years.
Contingency   0%	\$0.00	
Total Amount	\$17,500.00	

**Responsible Staff:**Todd Feezer, Assistant City Manager, [tfeezer@cityoflaramie.org](mailto:tfeezer@cityoflaramie.org), 307.721.5304**Attachments:**

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