



Agenda Item: Resolution

Title: RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE CITY OF LARAMIE FOR 2023

Recommended Council MOTION:

Move to Approve a Resolution 2023 - 22 adopting policy goals and objectives for the City of Laramie for 2023, and Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to Sign.

---If additional discussion is needed by governing body, Council may wish to first move this item for approval and then postpone to a date certain to follow a special meeting/work session to be scheduled.----

Administrative or Policy Goal:

The governing body sets public policy goals each year as part of ensuring the orderly and efficient operations of municipal government.

Background:

Council received a report on the state of the city and progress made in 2022. This resolution would establish goals for the new year.

At the retreat in January, concepts for public policy goals were considered, discussed and prioritized. Subsequently, City Manager, Mayor and Vice-Mayor met to transcribe the notes and discussion that occurred at the retreat into concise statements of intended public policy goals for 2023, along with Staff/Management comment, as follows:

Transcribed Notes	City Manager Comments	Converted to a Draft Policy Statement
Infrastructure Planning & Investment		Infrastructure Planning & Investment
ADA & Sidewalks; Address snow & ice sidewalk issues (Snow Angel volunteers); ADA sidewalk, curb & gutter grants. Assist Laramie residents improve accessibility in their neighborhood; Bike paths, walkable spaces; Refocus Traffic Commission to focus on multi-modal advisory group	Two related, but distinct efforts: improve access on City-owned property and awareness among private owners of their role.	Prioritize planning and construction/reconstruction of public amenities, facilities and rights-of-way to maximize safe access for persons of all abilities and ages. Increase public awareness about how property owners support accessibility for persons of all abilities. Work with the Disabilities Commission, Board of Health and other interagency partners to improve physical access for differently-abled persons of all ages.
Storm Water West Laramie, Storm Water Franchise Fund; Storm Grate clearing for improved drainage; Drainage		Improve robustness of the storm water management system.

Iverson bicycle boulevard; invest in bicycle infrastructure	Could support complete street designs actually making it to construction as set forth in City planning documents.	Ensure non-motorized transportation options are integrated comprehensively into municipal and regional transportation systems.
Paving West Laramie 2 blocks north of Snowy Range	There are engineering constraints that influence where paving can occur in West Laramie; surface paving generally must follow sub-surface storm system installation in this area.	Continue Grant Seeking and Aggressive Investment in Water, Sewer and Street Systems
Internet as Utility (FoCo Model)	Suggest the first step be to assess and report on what is available in the community already. This was done recently and data could be updated to reflect current condition. Concept is complimentary to adopted Economic Development Plan and have included that citation for reference.	Assess community connectivity options in effort to ensure adequate broadband infrastructure to retain workforce and businesses. (re: <i>Thrive!</i> , Strategy #10)
Interagency Collaboration		
Police Officers & Mental Health ; Mental Health Resources for Residents; County-City Mental Health response with Community Mental Health Centre; Drug and Alcohol Diversion Program ; Care Solace & Suicide Prevention Training more widely; Police- Community Collab Mental Health	City must collaborate with partners across the response and care continuum. Suggest separating into two goals here for clarity.	Continue to participate with the Albany County Mental Health [Interagency] Board to explore and develop community-integrative programs to address mental health needs.
		Expand offerings within the drug and alcohol diversion program.
	Consider goal for Council action in 2023 resulting from adoption of the Joint Growth Plan.	Conclude growth strategy effort with Albany County and adopt a joint intergovernmental agreement for growth management planning.
	Consider goal for Council action in 2023 resulting from adoption of an updated Aquifer Protection Plan.	Conclude effort with Albany County to update aquifer protection strategy and establish City Ordinances necessary to enforce the plan after it is adopted.

City Services & Resident Engagement		City Services & Resident Engagement
Outreach program, Community Engagement; Human Rights Commission; Police- Community Relations Board		Implement a Police Community Relations Board. Consider establishing a Human Rights Commission within an overall streamlined structure for resident boards & commissions.
	Consider goal for Council action in 2023 related to Enterprise Resource Software (ERP) replacement and implementation project which lays groundwork for greater community outreach, information, engagement and operational efficiency.	Continue ERP project to modernize municipal business operations and process for more efficient and effective public services.
Modify Agenda language "listening sessions" or "education" "summary" instead of cover sheet.	Recommend marrying these two goals as both are intended to facilitate improved public participation and access to municipal government.	Implement strategies to raise awareness about and participation in matters being considered by the governing body.
Redesign Council Chambers		
Water Safety Instructor "training for retired citizens. Add part time lifeguards at rec center. Develop an app to streamline/organize volunteers.	This is a task and is similar to other tasks in the notes (see Snow Angel reference above). In general, it seems the council's public policy objective is to more fully integrate volunteerism within the structure and services of municipal government. A draft policy statement is offered.	Establish a municipal volunteer program and consider smart phone apps and other means for making volunteerism easier.
Economic Development		Economic Development
Snowy Range Road Recreation Alley: Recreation Alley to include: 2nd Rec Center, fields for field hockey, soccer ..., ice center move to West Laramie, fly fishing & ski rentals, etc.	Concept is complimentary to adopted Economic Development Plan and have included that citation for reference.	Evaluate potential to transform the Snowy Range Road corridor to better capture and allow for expansion of the tourism economy stemming from outdoor recreation and to provide essential amenities for the neighborhood/district. (re: <i>Thrive!</i> ,

		Strategy #13)
URA; After North 4th URA		Initiate Urban Renewal redevelopment of City-owned property for housing and business expansion.
"intentional Housing/Neighborhood (rather than "fill" approach); City develops affordable housing & Multi unit housing; Affordable housing; Have "University Approved Housing" for students		Explore housing approaches that provide smaller [affordable] housing within intentional neighborhood planning and design (ex: Senior Village, Family starter homes, low-income small homes)
Engineering/planning review for operations and have process to meet new growth	Concept is complimentary to adopted Economic Development Plan and I've included that citation for reference.	Develop informational resources for developers about federal, state and local building requirements, the demand for housing, and direct partnership opportunities with the city. (re: <i>Thrive!</i> , Strategy #13)
	This seems like two related, but complementary efforts.	Improve communication with developers and contractors about changes made to municipal code and ensure Planning and Public Work/Engineering provide information to private sector partners.
7th Penny		Evaluate community needs and potential uses for the available ("7th") penny tax.

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