

RESOLUTION 2023 – 22

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING FOR 2023

Whereas, in January 2023, the Governing Body received a report on the State of the City and reviewed the progress made on the goals established for the prior year, 2022; and,

Whereas, the establishment of policy goals and objectives by the Governing Body promotes the overall efficiency and effectiveness of City services and facilitates community building for current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this resolution by reference; and,

Section 2. That the public policy goals of the City of Laramie for 2023 are hereby declared to be:

| Infrastructure Planning & Investment |
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| 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. |
| Improve robustness of the storm water management system. |
| Ensure non-motorized transportation options are integrated comprehensively into municipal and regional transportation systems. |
| Continue Grant Seeking and Aggressive Investment in Water, Sewer and Street Systems |
| Assess community connectivity options in effort to ensure adequate broadband infrastructure to retain workforce and businesses. (re: <i>Thrive!</i> , Strategy #10) |
| Interagency Collaboration |
| 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. |
| Conclude growth strategy effort with Albany County and adopt a joint intergovernmental agreement for growth management planning. |

City Services & Resident Engagement

Implement a Police Community Relations Board. Consider establishing a Human Rights Commission within an overall streamlined structure for resident boards & commissions.

Continue ERP project to modernize municipal business operations and process for more efficient and effective public services.

Implement strategies to raise awareness about and participation in matters being considered by the governing body.

Establish a municipal volunteer program and consider smart phone apps and other mean for making volunteerism with the city easier.

Economic Development

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: *Thrive!*, Strategy #13)

Initiate Urban Renewal redevelopment of City-owned property for housing and business expansion.

Explore housing approaches that provide smaller [affordable] housing within intentional neighborhood planning and design (ex: Senior Village, Family starter homes, low-income small homes)

Develop informational resources for developers about federal, state and local building requirements, the demand for housing, and direct partnership opportunities with the city. (re: *Thrive!*, Strategy #13)

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.

Evaluate community needs and potential uses for the available ("7th") penny tax.

Environmental Stewardship

Continue energy efficiency efforts and explore potential for larger scale solar projects on city-owned property.

Engage County and School District partners to explore ways to reduce further the waste coming to landfill, including plastic bag reduction program and expanded composting.

Conclude effort with Albany County to update aquifer protection strategy and establish City Ordinances necessary to enforce the plan after it is adopted.

Initiate consumptive-use focused long-term operational agreements for City-owned Monolith & Bath ranch properties.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 1st day of March 2023.

Brian Harrington

MAYOR AND PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Nancy Bartholomew
CITY CLERK