



Agenda Item: Memorandum of Understanding

Title: Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with other governmental entities seeking impact assistance funds from the Gold King Corp. Mining Project.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that the Laramie City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with other governmental entities seeking impact assistance funds from the Gold King Corp. Mining Project.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

To allow the City to seek fair reimbursement for effects on City services caused by industrial projects in study areas through the Industrial Siting Commission.

Summary of Resolution:

This authorization allows the City Manager to negotiate and sign when negotiations are complete an MOU between the City Cheyenne, City of Laramie, Albany County and Laramie County to present to the Industrial Siting Commission ("ISC") seeking impact assistance funds available under the permit application for the Gold King Corp. Mining Project.

Industrial projects are required to be permitted by the ISC. As part of the permit, the ISC can award impact assistance funds to affected counties and communities. As a matter of course – in order to present a united position to the ISC – the counties and communities beforehand negotiate an MOU between themselves to present to the ISC a unanimous recommendation for distribution. The MOU sets out an agreed-upon amount due to each county and community. The City of Laramie has entered at least six such MOUs, on other industrial projects.

On December 15, 2022, City Staff (Darren Parkin/Todd Feezer) attended a public meeting related to this project. In evaluation of the information provided related to this project staff is unable to identify quantifiable impacts. This project resided entirely in Laramie, County. Is approximately 20 miles from Cheyenne and should not have impact on local roads. In past applications for Impact Assistance the bulk of the City of Laramie's request has centered around ambulance service to all of Albany County with minor inclusions related to increased population, impacts on the Police Department or equipment based on those increased populations. Based on this project's location it is highly unlikely the City of Laramie will see in any of those areas.

Staff recommends authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign the MOU based past process along with the acknowledgement that the City of Laramie is not seeking funds based on impacts from the Gold King Corp. Mining Project

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Attachments:

MOU.Impact.Assistance.Gold Mine County changes (3-13-23 City County Final)