

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 406 IVINSON AVE, LARAMIE, WY 82070**

**JANUARY 13, 2026**

Time Work Session began 6:01 p.m.

Council present: William Bowling, Jim Fried, Matt Lockhart, Brandon Newman, Erin O'Doherty, Joe Shumway, Melanie Vigil, Micah Richardson, and Sharon Cumbie. Absent: None.

Staff present: Todd Feezer, Interim City Manager; Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk; Jennifer Wade, Finance and Admin Services Director; Brian Browne, Police Chief; Philipp Gabathuler, Planning Manager; and Mary Bork, Project Manager.

**1. WORK SESSION**

**2. Public Comment**

None.

**3. WORK SESSION: Staff Presentation on the Reconnect West Laramie (Reconnecting Communities) Plan**

Philipp Gabathuler gave an introduction and overview of the Reconnect West Laramie Plan. Bill Delo, DJ&A, gave a presentation that summarized the Reconnect West Laramie (Reconnecting Communities) Plan's purpose, objectives and barriers to connectivity with West Laramie, Curtis Corridor strategies, Madison-Flint Corridor strategies, Spring Creek Corridor strategies, Riverside Corridor strategies and Off-Corridor strategies. This plan included tiered strategies options for making improvements related to connectivity. Next steps includes continuing to collaborate with UPRR, WYDOT and project partners, use plan prioritization tiers to guide implementation, identify upcoming state and federal funding opportunities and apply to help achieve these goals, prepare engineering-level designs as projects are funded, and collect additional feedback from the community and stakeholders when applicable.

City Council will review a resolution to adopt the plan at the January 20, 2026 regular meeting.

**3.A. Public Comment:**

Public comment received from the following:

Nancy Sindelar.

**4. WORK SESSION: Presentation of the 10-Year Public Transportation Plan, a Collaborative Effort Between the City of Laramie and the Albany County Transportation Authority**

Mary Bork, Project Manager gave an introduction of the 10-Year Public Transportation Plan. Paul Silberman, Mead and Hunt gave a presentation with detailed information related to the project overview, public engagement, service concepts, and service planning. This plan is meant to identify, enhance, and recommend new public transit services for the City of Laramie. The plan identified existing transit service gaps in our community such as no service to West Laramie and no fixed-route service on the weekends. The transit markets were identified as students, visitors and tourists, residents, and commuters. Public

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engagement events have resulted in six hundred (600) unique impressions and five hundred forty-six (546) written comments.

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**4.A. Public Comment:**

Public comments received from the following:

Sara Haugen (Albany County Tourism Board), Nancy Sindelar, Linda Devine, and Tim Snowbarger.

**5. City Council Updates/Council Comments**

Fried- Traffic Safety Commission (Nancy Sindelar elected chair); Parks, Tree and Recreation Board (meets tomorrow); Laramie Planning Commission interviews; and Ranch Advisory Commission (special meeting Thursday January 22, 1:00 pm).

Lockhart- Laramie Planning Commission (interviews and meeting) and Urban Renewal Agency (Open Houses).

Newman- none.

Richardson- Urban Renewal Agency Open House, and University of Wyoming meeting.

Cumbie- Finance Committee; University of Wyoming meeting; National League of Cities summary; met with staff and Councilor Newman to discuss Development 101 work session; Laramie Chamber Business Alliance Annual Membership Luncheon; Albany County Housing Land Trust Sub Group (city-county partnership for state grant); met with City Manager; Laramie Planning Commission interview; Urban Renewal Agency Open House; UW President's meeting tomorrow; and West Side Celebration of placement on National Registry.

O'Doherty- Laramie Advisory Commission on Disabilities (new Chair and Vice-Chair, accessibility for voting) and Juvenile Services Board.

Shumway- 250-year celebration discussion; National League of Cities information distributed in mailboxes; and Laramie Youth Council (mental health I&E).

Vigil- Laramie Police Advisory Board (court supervised treatment for youth, chair elections), Laramie Public Art Coalition (new members), Human Rights and Relations Commission tomorrow, and Town & Gown next week.

Bowling- Rifle Range tomorrow, 2026 Laramie Police Department training schedule, and Laramie Youth Council (space available for mental health activities).

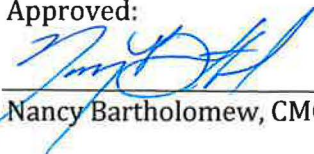
Cumbie- WAM sponsorships.

**6. Agenda Review**

Staff removed 9.E.

Time Work Session Adjourned 7:51 p.m.

Approved:



Nancy Bartholomew, CMC, City Clerk

1-14-26  
Date

