

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS CENTER, 4373 N 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET, LARAMIE, WY 82070**

**JANUARY 24, 2026**

Time Work Session began 9:00 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, City Manager; Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk; Jenn Wade, Director of Administrative Services; Patti Russell, Human Resources; Brooks Webb, Public Works Director; Dan Johnson, Fire Chief; and Michael Bork, PRPS Director.

**1. WORK SESSION**

**2. Public Comment**

Public comment was received by Brett Glass.

**3. WORK SESSION: 2026 City Council Goals and Objectives Planning**

Rhonda Priest, LCCC Facilitator led a warm-up activity related to great things that happened in Laramie this year.

City Council began to discuss their goals and objectives for 2026, they worked in groups to collaborate and bring thoughts back to the group for further discussion.

Councilor Newman left at 10:29 am.

Council recessed at 11:00 am for lunch.

Council reconvened at 11:36 am.

City Council continued working on their goals and objectives to come up with a goals that are attainable. An additional work session will occur before City Council conclude their work on the goals and objectives to be brought forward for adoption. Currently, the City Council is developing a values statement that includes natural resources, community health and well being including the most vulnerable, and building a long term sustainable and healthy community. The Council developed Core Strategic Priorities and Goals that will be further developed to include deliverables, outcomes, and metrics. The Core Strategic Priorities included Financial Sustainability, Community Engagement & Communication, Infrastructure, Economic Development, and Housing. Some of the goals discussed under each Core Strategic Priority included:

Financial Sustainability:

- Evaluate all revenue streams to maximize long term sustainability prior to annual budget implementation
- Maintain user fees/rates to sustain critical water, sewer and other general infrastructure and continue seeking additional funding sources

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**Community Engagement & Communication:**

- Update digital infrastructure to increase presence and communication
- Educate community on importance of 6<sup>th</sup> Penny by May 26' and 5<sup>th</sup> Penny by November 26'
- Continue to educate and engage with boards and commissions on city priorities
- Celebrate 250<sup>th</sup> year of America's Declaration via promoting volunteerism we mutually pledge to one another

**Infrastructure:**

- Establish city-wide parking plan by FY28
- Implement proposed improved level of service for stormwater system maintenance using the reserves to this initiative (also build public trust)
- Finding funding for at least one Reconnecting West Laramie project
- Continue conversation with University of Wyoming to increase community bus stops and map out/develop a city budget in support of efforts
- Develop a plan for scheduled street sweeping program
- Continuous improvement of parks, trails, facilities, and recreation programs

**Economic Development:**

- Continued evaluation of code specific to business
- Evaluate and implement a plan for community sports facility study by FY28
- Establish development zones for commercial investment in strategic areas of Laramie

**Housing**

- Use existing tools (ACHLT, TIF, fee deferral, etc.)
- Continue to seek new resources/ideas
- Evaluate UDC to become more permissive towards housing development in FY27

These are subject to change as the City Council meets to further define the goals and objectives for 2026. A work session will be set in the near future. A resolution to set the goals and objectives for 2026 will come forward after the work session has concluded.

**3.A. Public Comment:**

None.

Time Work Session Adjourned 2:45 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Nancy Bartholomew  
City Clerk, CMC

1-28-26  
Date

