

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**

OCTOBER 24, 2023

Time Work Session began 6:00 p.m.

Present: Pat Gabriel, Brandon Newman, Erin O'Doherty, Jayne Pearce, Joe Shumway, and Sharon Cumbie. Absent: Micah Richardson, Andi Summerville, and Brian Harrington.

Staff present: Janine Jordan, City Manager; and Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk.

1. WORKSESSION

2. Public Comment

None.

3. WORK SESSION: University of Wyoming President Seidel State of the University Update

President Seidel introduced UW staff Bill Mai, Mike Smith, Erin Olsen, and Kelsey Kind. He provided a high-level update of UW.

Enrollment- would like to continue to grow.

- Enrollment is down 1.7% this year. Received an increased budget for marketing.
- Out of state enrollment down between 7-9%.
- In-state enrollment is up 5% from community colleges.

Construction projects- dorms, concession stands in the stadium, and College of Law.

Salary increases for faculty, staff, and grad students.

Mental health- another top priority with a budget request for \$1.8 million additional help for students and staff.

Strategic Plan topics:

- Enhancing student success
- Pursuing institutional excellence
- Providing support for the community
- Engaging with and serving the state of Wyoming,
- Cultivating financial stability (\$800 million endowment)

Other topics of interest:

- Freedom of expression and respectful discourse.
- AI initiative that would allow a few more positions (industry partners program).
- Residents' halls will hopefully attract more students.
- Restorative justice program to help students do community service.
- Building the creative economy in the city.
- Growing the hospitality and program.
- Internships for students both in city and private businesses.
- Town and Gown establishing a good working relationship.
- Research Park (talent acquisition, research, and development).

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- Parking- continuing to work hard to educate students where parking is located.

3.A. Public Comment:

None.

4. WORK SESSION: Associated Students of University of Wyoming (ASUW) President Update

Jessica Yang- Director of Community Government, addressed some of the following topics:

- Housing is important to students.
- Transparency and student needs (food insecurity and transportation).
 - The food pantry is struggling to meet the needs of students.
- Many resources available and would like to work together with the city.
- Would like to work with local businesses.
- Safety is a top priority (more streetlights in rural areas; approximately \$15,000 per pole).
- Mental health.
- Increased disability services.
- Parking (Ivinson parking needs)
- Increased transparency how ASUW is spending their money.
- Move bill to move ASUW office for easier accessibility.
- Giving Day is going to the Cowboy Emergency fund.

4.A. Public Comment:

Conner Mullen- Alumni, ARE representative- encouraged efforts brought up tonight.

5. City Council Updates/Council Comments

Gabriel- Albany County Tourism Board.

Cumbie- HAUB School reception, Vulnerable Adult Working Group (Rental experiences),


Laramie Planning Commission (West Slope Subdivision)

6. Agenda Review

5th Tuesday. No agenda yet to review.

Time Work Session Adjourned 7:11 p.m.

Approved:



Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk, CMC

11/3/23

Date

