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1. PRE-MEETING ITEMS

1.A. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.C. PUBLIC HEARING: Business Ready Community, Community Readiness Application to Support the Redevelopment of the Empress Lot

2. AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Paulekas led the Pledge of Alliance.

4. Roll Call

Roll call showed present: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Absent: None.

Staff present: Janine Jordan, City Manager; David Derragon, Assistant City Manager; Angie Johnson, City Clerk; Jason Loos, City Attorney; Randy Hunt, Community Development Director; Earl Smith, Public Works Director; Todd Feezer, Parks & Recreation Director; and Dan Johnson, Fire Chief.

5. Disclosures by City Council Members

None.

6. Consideration of Changes in Agenda and Setting the Agenda

MOTION BY PEARCE, seconded by Shumway, that the Agenda be set as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION BY PEARCE, seconded by Summerville, that the Consent Agenda be approved and that each specific action on the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated.

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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8.A. MINUTES: City Council Meetings

Action: that Council approve the Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of April 5, 2016, Public Hearings of April 5, 2016, Public Hearings of April 12, 2016, and have them placed on file for public inspection.

8.B. CEMETERY DEEDS: For March 16-31, 2016

Action: that the Cemetery Deeds for April 1-15, 2016 be accepted, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and have them recorded in the Office of the County Clerk.

8.C.

MINUTES: Urban System Advisory Committee Meeting on April 16, 2014

Action: That Council acknowledge receipt of the Minutes from the April 16, 2014 USAC meeting, and that the following items be approved as indicated:

1) To remove Lewis Street between 12th and 15th Streets from Collector status and downgrade to a local street on the Functional Classification map.

8.D. MINUTES: Urban System Advisory Committee Meeting on October 14, 2015

Action: That Council acknowledge receipt of the October 14, 2015 USAC Minutes.

8.E. MINUTES: Urban System Advisory Committee Meeting on March 2, 2016

Action: That Council acknowledge receipt of the Minutes from the March 2, 2016 USAC meeting, and that the following items be approved as indicated:

- 1) That the 2016 USAC Priorities list be accepted as amended.
- 2) That the Major Street plan be amended to classify West Harney Street as a local street and to remove the southern proposed Snowy Range Road/Harney Street corridor that generally follows the abandoned rail line.
- 3) That the Major Street Plan be amended to reclassify Sherman Hill Road south of Pilot Peak Road and Happy Jack Trail as local streets.
- 4) That the Major Street Plan be amended to reclassify Sheridan Street east of 26th Street as a local street, and to remove the Sheridan Street Spring Creek Channel crossing from the Major Street Plan.
- 5) That WYDOT be requested to start preliminary design of Urban System Project Priority #1 - Corthell Road from Whitman Street to future Bill Nye; Bill Nye from the extension of Corthell Road to the extension of Boulder Drive; and Bill Nye from Corthell Road to 15th Street.

8.F. Urban Boundary and Roadway Functional Classification Concurrence

Action: To approve modifications to the 2011 "Urban Boundary, Functional Classification, and Central Business District Boundary" map, as recommended by the urban System Advisory Committee on March 2, 2016; and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Concurrence instrument

8.G. MINUTES: March 10, 2016 Traffic Commission meeting

Action: To acknowledge receipt of the Minutes from the March 10, 2016 Traffic Commission meeting and that the following items be approved as indicated:

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- 1) To approve placement of a specifically reserved handicap parking space at the location of 259 North Pine Street.
- 2) To approve the elimination of the handicap parking space and remove the sign at 1216 South 4th Street.
- 3) To approve the elimination of the handicap parking space and remove the sign at 1120 Ivinson Avenue.

8.H. MINUTES: Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee

Action: that Council approve the Minutes of the Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee of January 14, 2016, and have them placed on file for public inspection.

8.I. RESOLUTION 2016-33, proclaiming International Composting Awareness Week and Offer Free Compost Days at the Laramie Landfill

Action: that the Laramie City Council approve Resolution 2016-33, proclaiming May 1-7, 2016 as International Composting Awareness Week, and offer Free Compost Days at the Laramie Landfill on May 14, and May 21, 2016 for all residents of Albany County.

8.J. RESOLUTION 2016-34, granting authority to purchase from State of Wyoming Surplus Property

Action: to approve Resolution 2016-34, granting authority to listed specific City of Laramie employees to purchase from State of Wyoming Surplus Property and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

8.K. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: outlining the provision of public artwork and a pollinator garden at Depot Park.

Action: to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Laramie, Wyoming and the University of Wyoming, Art Museum outlining the provision of public artwork and a pollinator garden at Depot Park and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

8.L. AGREEMENT: 2016 Wildland Fire Management Annual Operating Plan

Action: that Council approve the 2016 Wildland Fire Management Annual Operating Plan (AOP) between the City of Laramie, WY and the USFS and authorize the Mayor and Fire Chief to sign.

8.M. SCHEDULE MEETING(S)

Action: that Council schedule the following meeting(s):

1. **May 2, 2016, 6:00pm** - Joint Meeting with Albany County Commissioners, Aquifer Protection
2. **May 10, 2016, 6:00pm** - Laramie Main Street Alliance Annual Report

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9. REGULAR AGENDA

10. Original Ordinance No. 1941, an Ordinance Amending Title 15 of Laramie Municipal Code to Provide for an Effective Determination of Value for Rights-Of-Way Proposed for Vacation Second Reading (Introduced by Shuster)

MOTION BY SHUSTER, seconded by Henry, that Council approve Original Ordinance No. 1941 on second reading, in accordance with findings of fact and conclusions of law, and noting that a public hearing was held on April 5, 2016.

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Original Ordinance No. 1942, amending Title 15 of Laramie Municipal Code for the purposes of allowing "Hotels and motels" as a Permitted Use in the C2 District, allowing "Light industrial" as a Permitted Use in the I2 District and correcting typographical errors in LMC 15.10.010 and 15.14.010.B. Second Reading (Introduced by Shuster)

MOTION BY SHUSTER, seconded by Vitale, that Council approve Original Ordinance No. 1942 on second reading, in accordance with findings of fact and conclusions of law; and note a public hearing was held on April 5, 2016.

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Resolution 2016-35, approving a Project Agreement for the North Side Tank Design Project.

MOTION BY HENRY, seconded by Pearce, that Council approve Resolution 2016-35 approving a Project Agreement with the Wyoming Water Development Commission funding the design of the Laramie North Side Tank Project and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said Resolution and Project Agreement."

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Consideration to award Professional Services Agreement for the Laramie North Side Tank Project; Design Phase.

MOTION BY HENRY, seconded by Pearce, that Council award the Professional Services Agreement for the design of the Laramie North Side Tank Project to DOWL, of Laramie, WY, in the total amount of \$377,801.00 plus a contingency of \$37,780.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$415,581.00 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

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Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: Vitale. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mountain West Estates Subdivision: A Final Plat for eight lots out of a parcel of land 40.35 acres in size.

MOTION BY SHUSTER, seconded by Weaver, that Council approve the Mountain West Estates Subdivision Final Plat, in accordance with findings of fact and conclusions of law; and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the plat.

For the record, Matt Goetz wanted it clarified that his wife (Megan Goetz) was not acting as an attorney for Mountain West.

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Shumway, Shuster, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: Henry, Summerville, and Vitale. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Council recessed at 8:08 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

15. Original Ordinance No. 1939, annexing approximately 93 acres of property located in unincorporated Albany County, generally located on the northeast corner of I-80 and Curtis Street (Love's Travel Center). Third Reading (Introduced by Summerville)

MOTION BY SUMMERVILLE, seconded by Shuster, that Council approve Original Ordinance No. 1939 on third and final reading, annexing approximately 93 acres of property located in unincorporated Albany County, generally located on the northeast corner of I-80 and Curtis Street; based on findings of fact and conclusions of law and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Ordinance.

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

16. Resolution 2016-23, certifying Planning Commission action, regarding amendments to the Future Land Use Map (Map 3.2) of the 2007 Laramie Comprehensive Plan. Resolution (Introduced by Summerville)

MOTION BY SUMMERVILLE, seconded by Henry, that Council approve City Council Resolution 2016-23, certifying Planning Commission action amending the Future Land Use Map (Map 3.2) of the 2007 Laramie Comprehensive Plan, for the property described in the Resolution, generally located on the northern portion of a property located on the northeast corner of Interstate 80 and Curtis Street for an area approximately 60 acres in size, by changing the Future Land Use Designation from the Agriculture (AG) category to Auto-Urban Commercial (AUC) category, based on findings of fact and conclusions of law, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

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Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

17. Original Ordinance No. 1940, establishing zoning in an area approximately 93 acres in size to B2 (business) District, generally located on the northeast corner of I-80 and Curtis Street (Love's Travel Center). Third Reading (Introduced by Summerville)

MOTION BY SUMMERVILLE, seconded by Shuster, that Council approve Original Ordinance No. 1940 on third and final reading; establishing zoning in an area approximately 93 acres in size to B2 (Business) District generally located on the northeast corner of I-80 and Curtis Street; based on findings of fact and conclusions of law and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Ordinance.

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

18. State Loan Investment Board Grant Award in the amount of \$125,000 - Laramie Fire Department Station #2 Bay Addition

MOTION BY VITALE, seconded by Shuster, that Council accepts a MRG grant award from the State Loan Investment Board in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the construction of an additional bay at the Laramie Fire Station #2; and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

19. Consideration of a Bid Award to Spiegelberg Lumber and Building in the amount of \$251,539 for the purpose of the Laramie Fire Station #2 Bay Addition with a contingency fund of 7.5% - \$18,865. [Chief Johnson]

MOTION BY VITALE, seconded by Summerville, that Council authorize the City of Laramie to award a bid to Spiegelberg Lumber and Building in the amount of \$251,539.00 with a contingency fund of 7.5% - \$18,865.00 for the purpose of construction of an additional bay at LFD Station #2; and amend the FY 15 - 16 budget."

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

20. Original Ordinance No. 1930, approving the nonexclusive Franchise Agreement for Cable TV Services Third and Final reading (Introduced by Shuster)

MOTION BY SHUSTER, seconded by Shumway, that Council bring on the floor for discussion Original Ordinance No. 1930.

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

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MOTION BY SHUSTER, seconded by Hanson, that Council, on Original Ordinance No. 1930, go with Charter Option No. 2, with a 10 year agreement with an annual meeting of review every year.

Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Vitale, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: Henry. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

21. Resolution 2016-32, adopting City Goals for 2016 - 2017.

MOTION BY WEAVER, seconded by Summerville, that Council approve the Resolution 2016-32 Adopting City Goals for 2016 - 2017, and Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

MOTION BY PEARCE, seconded by Henry, that Council amend No. O, delete the word Agencies, add s to partner, and add a comma and etc. after Memorial Hospital

Roll call ON AMENDMENT showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Summerville, Weaver, and Pearce. Nay: Shumway, Shuster, Vitale, and Paulekas. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Roll call ON MAIN MOTION showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Shumway, Shuster, Summerville, Weaver, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: Vitale. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

22. Consideration of future Council work session topics

Weaver: Urban renewal agencies, the state statutes governing them, and potential implementation strategies that have been used in other cities, which help with Council goals C and G.

23. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items by sign-in requests

None.

24. Adjournment

MOTION BY HANSON, seconded by Henry, that Council adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Council adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Johnson
City Clerk

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Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Paulekas at 6:40 p.m.

City Council present: Klaus Hanson, Vicki Henry, Joe Shumway, Bryan Shuster, Andi Summerville, Joe Vitale, Paul Weaver, Jayne Pearce, and Dave Paulekas. Absent: None.

The City Clerk read the notice:

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

2016 BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR A BUSINESS COMMITTED PROJECT

The Wyoming Business Council is seeking grant and loan applications from counties, incorporated cities, towns, joint powers boards, and tribes for the 2016/2017 Business Ready Community (BRC) Grant and Loan Program.

The Laramie Main Street Alliance (LMSA) is seeking a BRC, Community Readiness Grant in the amount of \$3 million to redevelop the Empress lot located at 112 South Second Street.

Laramie City Council will hold a public hearing on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. to gather public comments on this proposed application. The hearing will take place in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 406 Ivinson Avenue.

Mayor Paulekas asked if there were any comments.

Dan McCloud, Head of the Board for Big Hollow Food Co-op. Big Hollow would be the main tenant of this project. In the last 10 years it has developed from a small store to a lucrative business that is community owned and operated and that employs 17 people and supports 40 some vendors within the region to sell their goods and produce.

Francis Fryberger, lives on Corthell Road, Speaking as a resident and customer, the Co-op is a huge draw to downtown Laramie. She spoke about the local produce, and it was a great resource for Laramie.

Lynn Stein, has been here since August, and is a member of the Co-op, related that they needed more space. She was concerned with too much growth and downtown losing its diversity.

Elisa Wexler, secretary for the Board of Directors for the Co-op. The Co-op has reach its capacity at its current location, they've been growing substantially the last 10 years, but the last two years they have plateaued because of lack of space.

Mike McCamman, works for Main Street, talked about why this grant is needed. This project is a blight fixing problem. After the building was removed, the foundation was left in place, supporting the adjacent buildings. You have to engineer around the foundation, inserting pilings for support. Environmentally, there is a plume under there that has to be abated also. They have over \$1,000,000.00 budgeted for the site preparation, and they need a grant to help fund such a large product. This would make it cost prohibitive for a private development.

Lindsey Olson, co-owner of Planet Laramie Farms, who sells gourmet mushrooms through the Co-op. It has been a business incubator for them, because they will work with their limited amounts of produce.

Lori Kirk, who is on the Main Street Board, and Cowgirl Yarn and building owner, related that the Empress Lot is behind her building, and how trash accumulates in it. She was very excited about the potential of this project,

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and she supports the building proposed.

Jeff Smith, Vice Chair Board of Directors for Big Hollow, related the Empress Lot is a hole in the downtown, and that the downtown area is very supportive of new ventures, but a private business could not afford to develop this lot. He encouraged the application for state funds to aid in the cost of developing the lot into a business for Laramie jobs and development. Big Hollow Food Co-op is willing to pay market value rent for the proposed building. Once the building is up, their rent would help with cash flow.

Brigit Burke, resident, commented that people come to the downtown to shop the Co-op for food, it's a gathering place, and a community building place. The support for Big Hollow also supports the many smaller businesses that operate through it.

Jessica Flock, Petal House Bike Shop Co-owner, on the board for Laramie Mainstreet Alliance, and Co-op member, related Big Hollow is expected to create eight to ten more jobs, they support a lot of local events, groups, and community organizations. It would serve as a strong anchor for keeping the downtown vibrant

Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Angie Johnson
City Clerk