



CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 17, 2011

**Civic Center
350 Kimbark Street
Longmont, CO 80501**

STUDY SESSION

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The May 17, 2011, Study Session of the Longmont City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Baum in the City Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

Dawn Quintana, Deputy City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were: Mayor Bryan Baum and Council Members Brian Hansen, Sean McCoy, Alex Sammoury, Gabe Santos, and Katie Witt. Sarah Levison was absent.

3. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Rick Justice, 1142 Judson Street, spoke against the idea of changing the name of Union Reservoir.

Ruby Bowman, 1512 Lefthand Drive, encouraged Council to support relocating the prairie dogs from the Quail Campus site instead of fumigating them.

Joel Reich, 1640 Juniper Street, suggested that Council consider regulating the square footage of the canopy of marijuana plants as a more effective regulation mechanism.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no special reports or presentations.

5. STUDY SESSION ITEMS

A. Presentation of the City of Longmont Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Independent Audit for 2010

Molly Kostelecky, Assistant Director of Finance, presented the item and explained that the 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is designed to demonstrate the fiscal and operational accountability of the organization.

Kevin Smith of McGladrey and Pullen, provided a review of the auditor communications, standards, terms of agreement, and commended the Finance Department for obtaining a clean opinion from the auditors.

B. Presentation of Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Jim Golden, Director of Finance, presented the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award to Keith Hobson, Senior Accountant, for his instrumental role in the preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Mr. Golden also recognized Molly Kostelecky for her first successful CAFR with the City of Longmont as well as Brian McGill, Melody Brenckle, and Tammy Bality for their hard work in support of the CAFR preparation.

Mr. Golden stated that the City again achieved the GFOA award for 2009 and has done so for 31 of the past 32 years.

Gordon Pedrow, City Manager, commended the team for their hard work.

C. Business Use of Public Right-of-Way

Brien Schumacher, Senior Planner, presented the item and provided an overview of the different stakeholders in this discussion and their overall opinions, noting that most agree that the display of merchandise in the right-of-way should be allowed but they differed on the frequency of such displays.

Mr. Schumacher asked for direction regarding the draft code language presented in Council's packet. He also noted that staff will be drafting an update to the sign code that will address the sign issues in downtown in conjunction with the alley improvement project.

Council Members suggested implementing the rules for businesses from 1st Avenue to 21st Avenue and ensuring that pedestrian and wheelchair access remain sufficient.

Council Member Santos moved, seconded by Sammoury, to direct staff to bring back an ordinance to amend the Longmont Municipal Code regarding business use of the public right-of-way.

Vote was taken on the motion and it carried: 6-0 (Levison absent).

D. Ordinance Amending the 2011 National Electric Code (NEC)

Chris Allison, Chief Building Official, presented the item and noted that the Master Board of Appeals reviewed this at their May meeting and voted unanimously in favor of adopting the code.

Council Members discussed briefly the idea of an amendment requiring the burial of wiring in a conduit.

E. Review of Sanitation Rate and Service Alternatives

Dale Rademacher, Director of Public Works & Natural Resources, and Bob Allen, Operations Manager, presented the item and reviewed the proposed sanitation code amendments.

Council Members discussed container volumes, the proposed rate structure, and special services, and noted their desire to see a yard waste and composting program.

Council Member Witt moved, seconded by Hansen, to adopt the changes as outlined. Motion carried: 6-0 (Levison absent).

Mr. Rademacher asked Council for specific direction regarding the Stop-N-Drop program noting that staff has recommended phasing it out and supplementing City services with more free days at the landfill.

Council Members discussed various options including ways to use technology to make tracking of landfill runs more efficient, charging a small fee for the Stop-N-Drop, and providing a specific number of vouchers to each customer that could be used any time throughout the year.

Mr. Rademacher noted that some citywide programs such as the Fall leaf pick up would be maintained but programs that require customization are difficult to do in a cost effective manner and will be phased out.

Mr. Rademacher stated that staff will bring back an ordinance containing the discussed changes for Council's consideration.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Witt noted there is a Coffee with Council on Saturday at the OUR Center and thanked the City Manager for his speech at Front Range Community College's graduation ceremony.

Mayor Baum congratulated the Inn Between for a successful fundraiser and encouraged others to participate in the Silver Creek High School Leadership program if invited.

Council Member McCoy congratulated Kaye Fissinger for being cancer-free for five years and wished his brother a happy birthday.

7. CITY MANAGER REMARKS

Gordon Pedrow, City Manager, thanked the Finance staff for an outstanding record of clean audits.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

The City Attorney had no final remarks.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO

Mayor

Signed by the Mayor in accordance with Section 3.9 of the Longmont City Charter, not reviewed by City Council.

ATTEST:

City Clerk