

City Council Meeting Minutes

**July 11, 2023
City Hall, Council Chambers
749 Main Street
6:00 PM**

Call to Order – Mayor Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Roll Call** was taken and the following members were present:

City Council: *Mayor Dennis Maloney
Mayor Pro Tem Deborah Fahey
Councilmember Caleb Dickinson
Councilmember Barbara Hamlington
Councilmember Dietrich Hoefner
Councilmember Chris Leh
Councilmember Maxine Most*

Staff Present: *Jeff Durbin, City Manager
Rob Zuccaro, Community Development Director
Adam Blackmore, Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Director
Ryder Bailey, Finance Director
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk*

Others Present: *Kathleen Kelly, City Attorney*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Maloney called for changes to the agenda and hearing none asked for a motion. **Motion:** Councilmember Hoefner moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fahey. **Vote:** All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Cynthia Corne, Louisville, stated she feels the majority of residents support Councilmember Most and there is no need for a recall election.

Tamar Krantz, Louisville, stated the Council is fair and works well and she is disappointed in the recall effort and the divisiveness it brings to the community. She

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asked if there is any way to avoid the recall election. She asked for the item to be removed from the consent agenda and be discussed.

Sherry Sommer, Louisville, pooling time with Sal Brueggman, stated money should be spent on positive things rather than a recall election. She supports Councilmember Most and her voting record. She asked the item be removed from the consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Maloney asked for changes to the consent agenda; Mayor Pro Tem Fahey asked that the Parks & Recreation proclamation be moved to the regular agenda. **Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Fahey moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Hoefner. **Vote:** All in favor.

- A. ***Approval of Bills***
- B. ***Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2023; February 21, 2023***
- C. ***Approval of Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation – moved to regular agenda***
- D. ***Approval of Resolution No. 42, Series 2023 – A Resolution Approving a Business Assistance Agreement with Parcel O Productions LLC for an Economic Development Project in the City of Louisville***
- E. ***Approval of Resolution No. 43, Series 2023 – A Resolution Approving a Business Assistance Agreement with Shamrock Foods Company for an Economic Development Project in the City of Louisville***
- F. ***Approval of An Addendum to the Agreement with Corona Environmental Consulting for Water Systems Sampling and Testing in Response to the Marshall Fire***
- G. ***Approval of Resolution No. 44, Series 2023 – A Resolution Delegating Authority Regarding Voting in Water Entity Meetings on Behalf of the City***
- H. ***Approval of A Contract Between the City of Louisville and 120Water, Inc. for Watering Sampling for Lead and Copper and Water Service Line Material Identification***
- I. ***Approval of Resolution No. 45, Series 2023 – A Resolution Ordering a Recall Election for the Registered Electors of Ward 2 to be Held October 3, 2023 and Authorizing the City Clerk to Appoint Election Judges and Make Expenditures for Said Election***
- J. ***Approval of Resolution No. 46, Series 2023 – A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the City of Louisville and the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder for the Conduct and Administration of the 2023 Coordinated Election to be Held November 7, 2023***

COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS ON PERTINENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Councilmember Most mentioned the recent Supreme Court ruling and stated she supports the LGBT+ community. She noted the recent global record high temperatures and the need to address climate change.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Approval of Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation moved from the consent agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Fahey thanked the Parks & Recreation staff for their work. She asked Ginger Cross, Parks & Rec Senior Marketing Specialist, to tell the story of the new Adventures of Lou campaign.

Mayor Pro Tem Fahey read the proclamation

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Fahey moved to approve the proclamation; seconded by Councilmember Hoefner

VOTE: Approved by unanimous voice vote.

UPDATE – BOULDER COUNTY CONSORTIUM OF CITIES MINIMUM WAGE WORKING GROUP

City Manager Durbin stated this is an update on an initiative started a few years back with the Boulder County Consortium of Cities.

Lauren Folkert, Boulder City Councilmember, stated that in 2019 the Legislature gave authority for local governments to set their own minimum wage in HB19-1210. She noted the unprecedented need for food and housing assistance in the community. Boulder and Longmont have already gotten this presentation and support it. We are not asking for a decision on a specific wage but checking in for support and initial thoughts.

Claire Levy, Boulder County Commissioner, stated Boulder County was active in getting the new state rules passed as some areas of the state have a much higher cost of living. She stated the County is interested in doing this as a regional, cooperative effort.

Taylor Reimann, Assistant to Boulder City Council, reviewed the components of the new legislation. It requires community engagement; enables a regional approach; requires that increases must occur on January 1; and limits the escalation rate to \$1.75 or 15% whichever is higher.

They reviewed the state minimum wage and what is in place in some other municipalities. They reviewed possible approaches including a self-sufficiency proposal; aligning with the workforce living wage; and aligning with regional neighbors.

They noted the regional partners included in this working group; the proposed timeline; and the engagement that has already taken place. They added information about the scope and tasks that may be included.

Commissioner Levy noted this is a complex project and there is an advantage of doing this regionally.

Public Comments

Peggy Leech, Louisville, on behalf of the League of Women's Voters of Boulder County, stated the League supports a self-sufficient minimum wage and addressing poverty. There are many needs in the community. They support the regional working group and Louisville's participation. Speaking individually she added her support for the process.

Beth Eldridge, Louisville, stated raising the minimum wage is the way to keep people out of poverty and allow low wage workers to live in the community. She urged the Council to support these efforts.

Morgan Fromme, Louisville, stated she supports these efforts as it is an important for the sustainability of our society.

Amy Austin, Louisville, urged the Council to be a part of this effort. She stated having a self-sufficient wage will help address diversity and economic justice.

Suzanne Crawford, CEO Sister Carmen Community Center, stated that over the years Sister Carmen has changed from emergency assistance to ongoing assistance for those you don't make a sustainable wage. They get more requests for rent assistance than they can fulfill. She urged the Council to stay involved in this project.

Ana Fernandez Frank, Emergency Family Assistance Association, agreed with the previous caller that the needs of the community continue to grow due to inflation, the pandemic, and rising costs in general. She asked the Council to consider raising the minimum wage on January 1, 2024.

Tracy Berger, Louisville, urged the Council to continue in the coalition to help people who work in the community to be able to live in the community.

Councilmember Most stated it is important to support this and the housing plan so we have a community that is available for all income levels. She supports the coalition and moving this forward.

Councilmember Dickinson stated he wants this to happen regionally so that it has a bigger impact and is the same for all businesses in the region. He supports the City continuing this discussion. He notes this won't solve the housing problems but it is a step forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Fahey stated she agrees this is a program we need to be a part of. She would like to get Superior and Broomfield involved. She would like to have outreach to the businesses so their input is taken into account.

Councilmember Hoefner agreed it is important for Louisville to participate in this and he looks forward to the economic studies to better understand the benefits and impacts. He agreed the business community should be involved.

Councilmember Hamlington stated there is a sense of urgency but we have to do our due diligence. She would like more information specific to Louisville to understand impacts here. She supports continuing with the project.

Councilmember Leh stated he is in favor of continuing this effort. He too would like more surrounding communities to be involved.

Mayor Maloney agreed with others that this is important. He stated a reasonable adoption is probably 2025. He would like data that is clear and wants this is done regionally.

ORDINANCE NO. 1854, SERIES 2023 – AN ORDINANCE FOR EXTENDING THE CITY'S THREE-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.375%) SALES TAX FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10 YEAR PERIOD, IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.125%) SALES TAX FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AS PROVIDED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE BALLOT QUESTION TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS AT A REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2023 – 1ST READING – SET PUBLIC HEARING 7/25/23

Mayor Maloney introduced Ordinance No. 1854 by title. He asked staff to review the comments the Council has received about this and make adjustments to the ballot title that reflect those comments.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Fahey moved to approve the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing for July 25, 2023; seconded by Councilmember Hoefner.

VOTE: Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT


None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**


None.

ADJOURN

Members adjourned at 7:34 pm.



Dennis Maloney, Mayor



Meredyth Muth, City Clerk

