

City Council Meeting Minutes

November 6, 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 Judi Kern

Councilmember Chris Leh (arrived 6:18 pm)

Staff Present: Jeff Durbin, City Manager

Samma Fox, Deputy City Manager

Rob Zuccaro, Community Development Director

Ryder Bailey, Finance Director Kurt Kowar, Public Works Director

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk

Others Present: Kathleen Kelly, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Maloney stated that there will be a pause in the Via Appia restriping project. This topic will come back to Council at a later date for action.

Mayor Maloney called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Fahey moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Dickinson. **Vote:** All in favor (Councilmember Leh absent).

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

George Colbert, Louisville, stated that while campaigning he heard from many residents that the Via Appia striping should be paused. He looks forward to gathering more information before making a decision.

Helen Moshak, Louisville, thanked the City for the initial work on a minimum wage update. She supports the County's recent move to set a minimum wage and hopes the City will join in that to help low wage workers live in communities they work and address housing issues. She asked Council to schedule this item discussion at a future meeting.

Louis Delaware, Louisville, stated Via Appia needs more speed enforcement and stoplights should be added at cross streets.

David Blankinship, Louisville, stated that communication between the Council, the City's boards, and the public is subpar. The proposed rules of procedures do not allow direct communication between the boards and the Council and he feels that adds workload to staff liaisons. Additionally, he does not feel the Transportation Master Plan is being followed and is now being deviated from without public process.

Josh Cooperman, Louisville, stated the proposed rules of procedure for boards should not require so much meeting formality. He does not think the staff liaison needs to act as a conduit with City Council; he would rather members communicate directly with Council.

Juliane Leckey, Louisville, stated Via Appia is not a problem now and does not need to be changed. She would like to better understand what problems this is trying to solve. There should be a discussion before changes are made.

Brett Carter, Louisville, stated he supports restriping of Via Appia to make the City more walkable and livable.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Maloney asked for changes to the consent agenda; hearing none he asked for a motion. **Motion:** Councilmember Dickinson moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Kern. **Vote:** 6-0 Leh absent. All in favor.

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Approval of March 21, 2023 Minutes
- C. Approval of Resolution No. 65, Series 2023 A Resolution Approving the Annual Budget for the Louisville Revitalization Commission for the Fiscal Year 2024
- D. Approval of Resolution No. 66, Series 2023 A Resolution Approving Board and Commission Rules of Procedure
- E. Appointment of Councilmembers Hamlington and Hoefner to Serve on Committee to Review Board and Commission Applications
- F. Appointment of Councilmembers Leh and Hoefner to Serve on Committee to Review Applicants for Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney

- G. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Baron & Budd P.C. and Diab Chambers LLC
- H. Approval of Resolution No. 67, Series 2023 A Resolution Approving a Proposed 2024 Operating Plan and Budget of the Main Street Louisville Business Improvement District
- I. Approval of Contract with Zoom Phone for Implementation and Purchase of Services

COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS ON PERTINENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Maloney noted that a discussion on minimum wage is on the City Council's work plan for 2024 and if approved would go into effect in 2025.

Councilmember Hoefner presented Mayor Maloney with a gift from the Council for his years of service. He thanked Mayor Maloney for his leadership and mentorship.

Councilmember Dickinson thanked Maloney for his years of service and his ability to lead the Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

741 LINCOLN AVENUE LANDMARKING & PRESERVATION GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 68, SERIES 2023- A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR A HISTORICAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 741 LINCOLN AVENUE, THE OSTRANDER HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 69, SERIES 2023 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANT FOR THE OSTRANDER HOUSE AT 741 LINCOLN AVENUE

Mayor Maloney introduced the item and asked for disclosures; seeing none he opened the public hearing.

Director Zuccaro stated this is a request for landmarking and a preservation grant. He reviewed the site which is one of the few brick homes in town, it also has a unique social history. He stated the site meets the social and architectural significance criteria for landmarking. He reviewed the matching grant request. The work meets the criteria and it is below the grant maximum.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the site and recommends approval. Staff recommends approval of both resolutions.

Gary Dunlap, owner, stated he is committed to preserving this house and the work that was completed saved the house from collapse.

Public Comments - None.

Councilmember Dickinson noted this is a great building and something that should be preserved. Mayor Pro Tem Fahey agreed the house has a lot of historic character and should be landmarked.

MOTION: Councilmember Dickinson moved to approve the landmark resolution; Mayor Pro Tem Fahey seconded the motion.

Mayor Maloney closes the public hearing.

VOTE: Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Fahey moved to approve the preservation grant resolution; Councilmember Dickinson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADOPTION OF 2024 BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 70, SERIES 2023 – A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2024 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 71, SERIES 2023 – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Mayor Maloney stated this is the culmination of many months of work.

City Manager Jeff Durbin noted there were a number of hearings on this already. He stated there discussions on property tax projections will continue, and that will be a discussion for next year's budget as well. Depending on the outcome of the election tomorrow there will be more work to come on the Parks and Open Space Funds.

Director Bailey stated the budget presented tonight is in compliance with all of the City's fiscal policies and prioritizes sustainability and resiliency. The mill levy will be certified later this year once exact valuations are sent from the County Assessor.

Councilmember Kern asked for confirmation that the budget can be amended if need be. City Manager Jeff Durbin stated it can be amended and usually is during the year.

Public Comments - None.

Mayor Maloney stated this budget meets all the City's fiscal policies and represents the values and goals of the City. He noted the revenues are strong and the City is in good fiscal shape.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Fahey moved to approve Resolution No. 70, seconded by Councilmember Dickinson.

VOTE: Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Dickinson moved to approve Resolution No. 71, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fahey.

VOTE: Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1866, SERIES 2023 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE – 1st READING – SET PUBLIC HEARING 11/28/23

Mayor Maloney introduced the ordinance by title.

MOTION: Mayor Maloney moved to approve the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing for November 28, 2023; seconded by Councilmember Leh.

VOTE: Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

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

Councilmember Hamlington expressed her gratitude to Mayor Maloney for his work and his leadership.

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Councilmember Kern asked the Council to consider moving the home hardening and WUI code from moderate to high priority on the 2024 work plan and it be discussed early in the year. City Manager Jeff Durbin stated the next Council will have a chance to amend if there is interest in that.

Members agreed to find time early in the year to have the new Council review and possibly amend the 2024 work plan.

Councilmember Leh thanked Mayor Maloney for his years of service and his mentorship.

Mayor Maloney stated his time on Council has been about public service and he is grateful for the time he spent serving. It is a role we play for the community for a short amount of time.

Members adjourned at 7:01 pm. Dennis Maloney, Mayor Meredyth Muth, City Clerk