

City Council Meeting Minutes

**April 2, 2024
City Hall, Council Chambers
749 Main Street
6:00 PM**

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

City Council: *Mayor Chris Leh
Mayor Pro Tem Caleb Dickinson
Councilmember Tim Bierman
Councilmember Deborah Fahey
Councilmember Barbara Hamlington
Councilmember Judi Kern (attended remotely)*

Absent: *Councilmember Dietrich Hoefner*

Staff Present: *Jeff Durbin, City Manager
Samma Fox, Deputy City Manager
Kayla Betzold, Sustainability Manager
Hannah Miller, Sustainability Specialist
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk*

Others Present: *Kathleen Kelly, City Attorney*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Leh called for changes to the agenda noting that item 8a will be continued.

Motion: Councilmember Fahey moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson. **Vote:** All in favor.

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

None.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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Mayor Leh asked for changes to the consent agenda; hearing none he asked for a motion. **Motion:** Councilmember Fahey moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson. **Vote:** All in favor.

- A. ***Approval of Bills***
- B. ***Approval of Contract with Velocity Constructors, Inc. for the SID Copeland Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement***
- C. ***Award Contract for 2024-2025 Geotechnical Quality Testing Services***
- D. ***Approve Installation of a Memorial Sculpture and Funding for Landscape Enhancements to Create a Marshall Fire Pet Memorial at the Louisville Arboretum***
- E. ***Approval of April 9 as a Special Meeting***

COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS ON PERTINENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Jeff Durbin stated the Comprehensive Plan community survey has received over 2000 responses so far, it is still open for people to give input. The recent open house also had about 200 people in attendance.

REGULAR BUSINESS

**UPDATE – COMMUNITY RESILIENCE, MARSHALL FIRE RECOVERY –
*continued from 3/19/24***

Item was continued to April 16.

COMMUNITY DECARBONIZATION PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 18, SERIES 2024 – A RESOLUTION UPDATING CLEAN ENERGY AND CARBON EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS (CLIMATE ACTION GOALS)

RESOLUTION NO. 19. SERIES 2024 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH XCEL ENERGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY DECARBONIZATION PLAN

Mayor Leh introduced the item and asked for the staff presentation.

Sustainability Manager Betzold stated this community decarb plan is a high priority on the City Council work plan; it supports the adopted Climate Action Goals; supports the adopted Sustainability Action Plan goals; and aligns with the adopted Internal Decarbonization Plan.

She reviewed the decarbonization definitions and the timeline for this project. She stated that a community-representative stakeholder group was created to inform Plan's vision, goals and strategies. It included residents, community group members, business representatives, members of historically underrepresented groups, and topic experts. They determined the plans vision of "Louisville will take a measured, equitable approach to reducing carbon emissions from the building, energy supply and transportation sectors." She reviewed the current decarbonization goals and the new proposed ones as well as the strategies to get there.

She reviewed the proposed update to the climate action goals which include reducing energy-related residential and commercial/industrial GHG emissions 60% below the 2016 baseline by 2030 and achieve carbon-neutrality by 2050; meeting all of Louisville's municipal electric needs with 100% carbon-free sources by 2025; and reducing energy-related municipal greenhouse gas emissions 60% below the 2016 baseline by 2030 and achieve carbon-neutrality by 2050.

She reviewed the memorandum of understanding with Xcel and its implementation. It is an 18-month implementation and includes Xcel's work of creating a website, marketing, and outreach; data collection process, analysis and results; stipends to support event costs and community engagement; and project management. The City will lead 1-2-3 Electrify workshop planning and delivery; identify key renter, multifamily and business representatives; support project implementation; lead mobile home park engagement and event planning; and coordinate student research project, analyze results and target business outreach efforts.

Staff recommends approval of both resolutions.

Councilmember Hamlington asked how progress will be measured so we know if we are meeting our goals. Betzold stated yearly reporting will take place so staff can track progress.

Councilmember Hamlington stated she wants to make sure we are staffing this program as it is one of the Council's major goals.

Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson asked what problems could impact this implementation. Betzold stated if we don't find champions in the business community it could be difficult to get people to join in. The largest barrier to implementation will be cost so funding will be important.

Councilmember Kern stated she would prefer implementing things that are more incentives and less prescriptive. She like the gathering the metrics so we can see what progress is being made and if we need to reevaluate the goals.

Public Comments

Kevin Lombardo, Louisville, voiced his support for the resolutions and climate action goals. He would like the climate goals to be the basis for all decisions in the City.

Katie Dickinson, Louisville, expressed her support for this program.

John Cowley, Louisville, stated addressing climate change needs to happen. He stated the goals are too timid and we should think bigger with more aggressive goals.

Josh Cooperman, Louisville, stated this is a good plan and he supports the goals. He feels they are necessary and realistic. He urged approval.

Tiffany Boyd, Louisville, urges approval and asked Council to hire additional sustainability staff. She also asked for more aggressive goals.

MOTION: Councilmember Fahey moved to adopt Resolution No. 18, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson.

Councilmember Kern proposed a friendly amendment to remove the carbon neutral goal for 2050 or change the language. The amendment was not accepted by the motioner.

Councilmember Kern stated she is concerned about the costs this may impose on residents and businesses to meet the 2050 goal.

Councilmember Fahey stated this is a goal not a requirement and it can be changed if a later Council would like to do that. She thinks we should support this goal now.

Councilmember Kern stated she is concerned it will become a mandate.

Councilmember Bierman agreed that as it is not a mandate, there are not penalties or fines. He stated he can support it as a goal.

Councilmember Hamlington agreed noting the goal is to have measured and equitable progress.

Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson stated he supports it as written. Councilmember Bierman agreed.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson moved to approve Resolution No. 19; seconded by Councilmember Kern.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilmember Hoefner absent.)

ORDINANCE NO. 1870, SERIES 2024 – AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD AND AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT THE SAME – 2nd READING – PUBLIC HEARING (advertised *Daily Camera 3/10/24*) - continued from 3/19/24

Mayor Leh introduced the item by title and opened the public hearing.

Clerk Muth stated the members of the Arts & Culture Advisory Board and staff are requesting the City Council rename the board to the Cultural Advisory Board to better reflect the role of the board. This does not make any changes to make or duties of the board. The board does support this change.

Public Comments – None.

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Mayor Leh closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilmember Fahey moved to approve the ordinance; seconded by Councilmember Bierman.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1871, SERIES 2024 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14.20 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PUBLIC ART – 1ST READING – SET PUBLIC HEARING 4/16/24

Mayor Leh introduced the ordinance by title.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson moved to approve the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing for April 16, 2024; seconded by Councilmember Fahey.

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 7:28 pm.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk