

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LANDER COMMUNITY AND
CONVENTION CENTER, 950 BUENA
VISTA DRIVE
LANDER, WY 82520
December 15, 2020**

**THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
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Governing Body Present: Mayor Monte Richardson, Council Members John Larsen, Chris Hulme, Mike Kusiek, Cade Maestas, Missy White,

Governing Body Absent: Council Member Dan Hahn

City Staff Present: City Clerk Tami HitsheW, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara (zoom), Attorney Adam Phillips, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin (zoom)

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Staff & Council Updates

Council Member Hulme - Glad to see the ice-skating rink opening. The Parks and Recreation Board will start having meetings again

Council Member Larsen - Glad to see that the skating rink is going forward LOTRA had applied for Cares Act money. They did receive some money to help salvage them for this year.

Council Member Kusiek – The conservation district has new members.

Council Member White - Golf course board met last night. Appreciates all the work the city helps with.

Police Chief Shroyer- Implemented the in-dash cameras and body cams for 12 officers. Being utilized now. Has been in contact with SecuaMax on the 5-year replacement plan They will have to amend the contract to purchase more because they only had the 12 cameras listed. Will be implementing the e-ticketing soon. Would like to have a work session in February to show what the remodeling looks like, and how all the new equipment works. They are teaming up with AMR and Riverton RD for a toy drive.

Will be accepting donations through Monday, December 21st. Have had no issues with the Mask Mandate. They have been in discussions with AMR and the Hospital about Title 25. City Treasurer Lara – All of the SLIB grants have all been submitted.

\$580,000.00. She was surprised that the sales Tax has come in higher than projected. She said she has enjoyed working with Cade and Mike and wished them well.

Public Works Director Hopkin - Great to work with and appreciate to do this with you two. Best of luck to your next journey.

2. Assisted Living Facility proposal from Housing Authority

A presentation was shown to the Mayor and council by Greg Markvluer with Erdman. He explained that there was a Market Analysis done back in 2015. It showed that Lander could sustain a 35-bed facility including 12 memory care beds. They are looking at going with a Public/Private Partnership to operate the facility. Erdman would design and construct and The Creeks would manage the facility. Estimate facility costs would be \$11 million. Looking to build it at the east end of the hospital leased land. The funding would come from USDA Community Enhancement grant plus 80-100% loan to value. Also, Community Match from EDA grant, WBC Business Committed grant plus loan and private and corporate donations. The ask the City if they are willing to pursue a City owned facility, built by Erdman, and operated

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by the Creeks. We could form a nonprofit or joint Powers Board to own and operate the new facility. The estimated timeline would be obtaining commitment from the City in January 2021, submitting applications in August, 2021, and start the project in January 2022. There was discussion with the council and Greg Markylower. RaJean Strube Fossen asked if the mayor and council would like to see the Housing Authority move forward with this project. It was the consensus from all to move forward. It was decided that this is a much-needed facility in our community. Mayor Richardson thanked everyone involved for the hard work they have done on this. RaJean Strube Fossen said the funding takes time to get. We will start the process in January 2021. Mayor Richardson presented the Cade Maestas and Mike Kusiek with jackets and thanked them both for their hard work.

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The City of Lander
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Monte Richardson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tami E. Hitshew

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