



**REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday,
December 6, 2022**

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers & Zoom

1. **Call to order** of regular council meeting at 6:04 p.m.
2. **Roll call:**
 - a. **Present:** - Mayor Labbe, CM Lauritzen, CM Hill, CM Luna-Leal, CM Grant, MPT Greene, and CM Forgens

Staff Members Present: Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scheer, City Administrator Laurie Simonson, City Attorney Christiana McCormick, and Director of Finance Dawna Schreier

3. **Approval of the agenda:** CM Luna-Leal **moved** to approve the agenda, and CM Grant **seconded**. All present were in favor.
 - a. **Agenda Revisions: None**
4. **Housekeeping Matters: None**

5. Public comments for items not on the agenda:

- Max Cohen –
 - Addressed letter from City Council person regarding complaint about how the City Administrator has handled the Edwards case. Stated that the accusation has no merit.
 - Spoke about an elected official being censured and banned from a public building. He is concerned with the commissioner's pattern of behavior.
- Commissioner Tim Bergman-
 - Censured Miguel Martinez for abuse of staff – censure and abuse is public
 - Collaboration with the City and the County is moving forward with commitment from both parties
 - As a private citizen he is concerned about the speed and safety of vehicles traveling through the neighborhoods. His car was hit by a parked car that was pushed into his.
 - Law enforcement was called, but no one responded until noon, when Leadville Police Department comes on to duty.
 - Has repeatedly asked Chief Edwards to have officers monitoring the area to slow people down, have deterrents such as tickets.
 - Concerned about students driving carelessly and harming members of the community.

- Nathan Steele-
 - Works in Leadville/Lake County and Summit – has worked with commissioners and city council members, as well as the Mayor and City Hall staff
 - Loves Leadville and the community – here to support Laurie Simonson as the City Administrator – One of the most qualified hardest working city staff he’s ever worked with. She truly loves Leadville and works hard to make sure Leadville remains Leadville. Stated he doesn’t know anyone who is more committed to our community.

- Judge Floyd -
 - Present as the Municipal Judge for the City of Leadville
 - Stated there have been substantially less tickets written by LPD in 2022 than 2021
 - No traffic citations since June of this year, only 3 for the entire year
 - Criminal citations have all been for animal issues
 - Lack of tickets is disconcerting – met with Chief Edwards with her concerns, he had always promised to follow-up with his officers and meet with them, but there was no response to that
 - In September, she sent a notification to Chief Edwards regarding the new City Prosecutor and the change in the docket day for Municipal Court – She asked to set up a meeting to meet with the Chief and the officers with the new Prosecutor to answer any questions they may have – Has received no response, tried in person as well with no success. Others she has spoken with were not aware of the request for a meeting.
 - Would like to understand why the municipal ordinances are not currently being enforced.

- Commissioner Sarah Mudge-
 - Empathizes with council regarding growing pains in trying to achieve a more professional climate at the City
 - Importance in setting people up for success
 - Suggested using a consulting firm to acquire an HR person for the City
 - Concerned that the City approved the Animal Shelter’s requested budget without consulting their equal funder, the County
 - Received a request today from the Housing Trust to fund an Urban Renewal Authority staff person to help with a project.
 - Doesn’t add up, causes a lot of frustration
 - St. Vincent General Hospital came to the Commissioners today and requested \$480k to make payroll for the month of December
 - Meeting on 12/7/22 with their board to discuss their request and their failure to manage assets.

- Hannah Scheer
 - Speaking as a private citizen in support of the City Administrator.
 - Concerned about the ongoing issues with St. Vincent and their inability to pay their staff.

- Caitlin Kuczko
 - Speaking as a private citizen – would like to verify that the Mayor and City Council received the letter she mailed in support of City Administrator Laurie Simonson.

6. Presentations & Discussions:

• Housing Update

- Regional Housing Authority is moving along very well except for DOLA getting back to them to formally apply to their grant process
- 4A down payment assistance program working with the Impact Development Fund – helps people below 80% area median income to obtain up to \$25k assistance to put a down payment on a home.
 - 0% interest rate for 30 years for everyone below 80% AMI (area median income)
 - 1% interest rate for 30 years everyone below 100% AMI (area median income)
- Leadville has been asked to speak to other cities about what it was like and how to set up a Regional Housing Authority.

• High School Business Leadership Class – Roxi Aldaz

- The students would like a safe and fun place to spend time together that doesn't require them to drive over any passes or hang out in the cold.
- They believe this would be a smart addition to the community, as it would keep students in a safe place and they would not be driving on highways or feel the need to go for drives in inclement weather just to spend time together.
- The research aspect of this project also showed that having a place for students to gather can greatly decrease depression and anxiety among teens, as well as crime rates.
- The Business Leadership Class at the high school is a semester long class, and this is part of their service project – would like to move forward in making plans for the community and continue these talks with the Commissioners, City Council, the School Board, and other members of the community to support the youth of Leadville.

7. Consent Agenda:

CM Hill **moved** to approve the minutes of 11/15/2022; CM Forgenski **seconded**. All present were in favor.

8. Actionable Items:

a. Colorado Gives Contribution – Mayor Labbe

- Gave \$200 to each organization:
 - Advocates of Lake County
 - Cloud City Conservation Center
 - Cloud City Wheelers
 - Friends of Twin Lakes
 - Full Circle of Lake County
 - Get Outdoors Leadville
 - Lake County Build a Generation
 - Lake County Community Fund
 - Leadville Irish Miners Memorial
 - Leadville Trail 100 Legacy
 - Planned Pethood Leadville

- Project Dream
 - St. George Meals and Community Pantry
- b. CM Luna-Leal **moved** to adopt **Resolution No. 29, Series of 2022**: A Resolution Opting Out of the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance (“FAMLI”) Program (Reconsideration)
CM Hill **seconded**.
Vote was: 7 in favor 0 against 0 abstaining 0 absent
- c. CM Luna-Leal **moved** to adopt **Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2022**: An Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness Applications for Demolitions in the National Historic Landmark District (Second Reading)
CM Forgensi **seconded**.
Vote was: 7 in favor 0 against 0 abstaining 0 absent
Public Hearing Closed at 6:49pm
- d. CM Luna-Leal **moved** to adopt **Resolution No. 40, Series of 2022**: A Resolution Appropriating Sums of Money to the Various Funds and Spending Agencies, in the Amounts and for the Purposes as Set Forth Below, for the City of Leadville, Lake County, Colorado, for the Fiscal Year Beginning the First Day of January 2023 and Ending the Last Day of December 2023.
CM Hill **seconded**.
Vote was: 7 in favor 0 against 0 abstaining 0 absent
Public Hearing Closed at 7:11pm
- e. CM Forgensi **moved** to adopt **Resolution No. 41, Series of 2022**: A Resolution Certifying and Levying the Mill Levy of the City of Leadville for 2022 to Defray the Costs of Government for the City of Leadville for the 2023 Budget Year and Authorizing a Mill Levy to the Board of County Commissioners.
CM Luna-Leal **seconded**.
Vote was: 7 in favor 0 against 0 abstaining 0 absent
Public Hearing Closed at 7:17pm
9. **Executive Session**: At 7:29 pm, CM Grant **moved** to go Executive Session under Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and 24-6-402(4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and legal advice related to the city administrator and under Section 24-6-402(4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes for legal advice on specific legal questions concerning matters related to the police department.

CM Grant further **moved** to reconvene the December 6th regular meeting at the conclusion of the Executive Session in order to proceed with the remaining items on the agenda.
CM Forgensi **seconded**; Vote was 7 in favor 0 against 0 abstaining 0 absent

At 7:31 pm, the executive session has begun.

At 10:19 pm the executive session concluded.

Participants in the executive session were Mayor Labbe, CM Tracey Lauritzen, MPT Dana Greene, CM Forgensi, CM Shannon Grant, City Administrator Laurie Simonson, Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scheer (part 1 - questions concerning matters related to the police department), and City Attorney Christiana McCormick.

10. Public Meetings Planner: N/A

11. Mayor's Report: N/A

12. Council Reports: N/A

13. Adjournment: 10:20 pm

APPROVED this 20th day of December by a vote of 7 in favor 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By



Deputy City Clerk
