



CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 31, 2011

**Civic Center
350 Kimbark Street
Longmont, CO 80501**

STUDY SESSION

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The May 31, 2011, Study Session of the Longmont City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Baum in the City Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

Sara Rusher, Assistant City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were: Mayor Bryan Baum and Council members Brian Hansen, Sarah Levison, Sean McCoy, Alex Sammoury, Gabe Santos, and Katie Witt.

3. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Kaye Fissinger, 2199 Creekside Drive, spoke about the proposed SH 66 Regional Detention Pond and the purpose of this project and warned Council about the close ties CDF/Hwy 119 Holdings has with LifeBridge Church.

Joel Reich, 1640 Juniper Street, spoke about the regulation of medical marijuana in the City of Longmont, specifically about regulations surrounding home-growing operations operated by primary caregiver.

Strider Benston, 951 17th Avenue, commented on the United State's involvement in military coups in Central America. Mr. Strider also spoke about the Council's proposed ban on medical marijuana dispensaries, noting that among other things, this ban will infringe on citizens' civil rights.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Positive Impact Award Presentation to the Crossroads School

Mayor Baum recognized Barb Bulthuis, Connie Nourse, and Joanna Topham for their work at the Crossroads School and thanked them for their positive impact in the community.

B. Sister Cities – Introduction of 2011 Longmont Student Ambassadors and Chaperones

Esther Davies, President, invited Council to Sister Cities Association's next fundraiser and presented the 2011 Longmont Student Ambassadors and Chaperones.

2011 Longmont Chaperones and Student Ambassadors traveling abroad this year introduced themselves to Council and thanked them for their continued support.

Mayor Baum and Council applauded the student ambassadors and wished them safe, fun, and educational travels.

5. STUDY SESSION ITEMS

A. Update on SH 66 Regional Detention Pond

Dale Rademacher, Director of Public Works and Natural Resources, provided Council an update regarding the SH 66 Regional Detention Pond facility. Mr. Rademacher reviewed the direction received from Council on May 3, 2011 and the agreement drafted by the City Attorney's Office. Mr. Rademacher explained that the agreement is not being executed however, as on May 26, 2011, CDF indicated that this was not the right time for them and has decided to not partner with the City on this project at this time.

Council Member Santos moved, seconded by Sammoury, to proceed with Option A as outlined in the Council Communication, consistent with direction from Council on May 3, 2011, to proceed with the design and construction of Option 1 of the Highway 66 Regional Detention Facility.

Mr. Rademacher clarified the scope of this project as outlined May 3, 2011, and provided information regarding the timeline for design and completion of the project.

Gordon Pedrow, City Manager, reminded Council that the design and Longmont Area Comprehensive Plan amendment will need to be completed prior to construction beginning.

Vote was taken on the motion and it carried: 7-0.

B. Community Initiatives Update: LiveWell Longmont, LifeLongmont Learning, Multicultural Action Plan and the RISE Program

Karen Roney, Director of Community Services, presented this item updating Council on the City's various community initiatives including the Longmont Multicultural Action Plan, LiveWell Longmont, LifeLongmont Learning, Bright EYES, and the RISE Program. Ms. Roney also solicited feedback from Council on the future of these programs.

Council Member Sammoury suggested a stronger connection between the People Engaged in Raising Leaders (PERL) Program and the Leadership Longmont program would be beneficial.

Council Member Levison recognized the Chair of the Multicultural Action Committee, Rita Liu, and applauded the efforts of the committee and their impact in the community.

At the request of Council Member Hansen, Ms. Roney explained the efforts the City is undertaking to combat the problem of predatory lending.

Mayor Baum and Council Members commended the efforts of the Community Services Department and the citizens that participate in the City's community initiatives and noted the important role they play in the community.

Council also gave Ms. Roney feedback and suggestions on some of the program details: they discussed the idea of changing the name of the Multicultural Festival to something more exciting and descriptive, the importance of trail connectivity throughout the City to facilitate commuting, how LifeLongmont Learning is being used by the community, and the reasons why the Planning and Zoning Committee did not approve community health and wellness chapter addition to the Longmont Area Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Levison requested some additional budget information in order to get a clear picture of what the City is doing to fund education.

C. Union Reservoir Recreational Master Plan Update (*pre-recorded presentation*)

Paula Fitzgerald, Parks and Open Space Project Manager, presented this item, reviewing the changes to the 2007 Master Plan.

Ms. Fitzgerald then discussed with Council the decline in camping at Union and how future enlargement of the reservoir might affect the improvements.

Dale Rademacher, Director of Public Works and Natural Resources, clarified for Council that the City's main focus concerning water supply at the present time is the Windy Gap Firing Project, not the enlargement of Union Reservoir.

Council discussed the importance of keeping the reservoir wakeless and preserving the natural, wild feel of the area and expressed their general acceptance of the plan as proposed.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Baum spoke of some recent community events including the Memorial Day Celebration held over the weekend and the graduation of the most recent class of "Dreamers" from the I Have a Dream Foundation.

Council Member Santos moved, seconded by Hansen, to renew the City's Intergovernmental Agreement with Boulder County for another ten years. Motion carried: 7-0.

Council Member McCoy spoke about his concern regarding people flying overhead from Vance Brand Municipal Airport during high school graduation ceremonies.

Council Member McCoy moved, seconded by Hansen, to close Vance Brand Municipal Airport one hour before and one hour after the scheduled ceremony on the day Silver Creek High School holds graduation on its football field.

Vote was taken on the motion and it failed: 3-4 (Baum, Sammoury, Santos, and Witt dissenting).

7. CITY MANAGER REMARKS

The City Manager had no final remarks.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

The City Attorney had no final remarks.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO

Mayor

Signed by the Mayor in accordance with Section 3.9 of the Longmont City Charter, not reviewed by City Council.

ATTEST:

City Clerk