

City Council Meeting Minutes

**March 19, 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 Dietrich Hoefner (arrived 6:02 pm)
Councilmember Judi Kern (arrived 6:02 pm)*

Staff Present: *Jeff Durbin, City Manager
Samma Fox, Deputy City Manager
Kurt Kowar, Public Works Director
Cory Peterson, Deputy Director of Public Works
Rob Zuccaro, Community Development Director
Sharon Nemechek, Cultural Services Director
Kiana Freeman, Recovery & Resilience Program Manager
Genny Kline, Deputy City Clerk
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk*

Others Present: *Melinda Culley, City Attorney*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Leh called for changes to the agenda and hearing none asked for a motion.

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

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

Avani Carter, Louisville, she stated Louisville Elementary and Middle School are working to add solar to their schools and the urged the Council to continue to educate people about solar power and climate change.

Maggie Miller, Louisville Elementary School, thanked the City for working on decarbonization and addressing climate change. She asked people to contribute to the decarbonization efforts at these schools.

Josh Cooperman, Louisville, noted the concrete replacement and resurfacing project on the consent agenda and asked staff to consider adding bike lanes in the Colorado Tech Center when the resurfacing is being done. He also stated he hopes the City's fuel usage will decline more rapidly as more gas powered equipment is replaced.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. ***Approval of Bills***
- B. ***Award Contracts for the 2024 Concrete Replacement Project; 2024 Street Resurfacing Project; and 2024 On-Call Inspections***
- C. ***Approval of City Council Summer Meeting Schedule***
- D. ***Award Bid for 2024 Storm System Maintenance Project***
- E. ***Approval of a Construction Contract Between the City of Louisville and Krische Construction Inc. for Playground Improvements at Joe Carnival and Meadows Parks***
- F. ***Approval of Resolution No. 13, Series 2024 – A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Boulder for Support to Establish a Regional Affordable Homeownership and Rental Compliance Program***
- G. ***Approval of First Amendment to Planned Community Zone District Zoning Agreement Regarding Grading Permits for Redtail Ridge***
- H. ***Approval of Purchase of Wing Plow and Two V-Plows***
- I. ***Approval of 2024 Annual Fuel Purchase***
- J. ***Approval of Sole Source Agreement with Golden Automation LLC for SCADA Support***
- K. ***Approval of Resolution No. 14, Series 2024 – A Resolution Approving a Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District D/B/A Mile High Flood District for Drainage and Flood Control Improvements for Coal Creek Drainageway A-1 at Garfield Avenue***
- L. ***Approval of Resolution No. 15, Series 2024 – A Resolution Authorizing Applications for Temporary Modification***

COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS ON PERTINENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Leh stated he joined the Northwest Mayors and Commissioners Coalition on its annual lobbying trip to Washington DC. They met with the Colorado legislative delegation to lobby for transportation funding for the region.

Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson thanked Public Works for the snow removal efforts last week.

Councilmember Fahey reported that at the April 2 meeting she will have a report on the RMMA noise roundtable.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Jeff Durbin thanked staff for keeping the equipment in the Council Chambers working while we wait for new equipment to be installed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 16, SERIES 2024 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PORTIONS OF MAIN STREET IN DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE FOR OUTDOOR DINING AREAS AND ACTIVATION

Mayor Leh introduced the item and asked for disclosures.

Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson stated he has an office in downtown for his company Fox Property Management. In 2023, he also became a part owner in the downtown business Old Friends. He stated there has been an accusation that he has a conflict of interest related to this item as he may benefit by a closure of the street.

He stated the code of ethics notes that anyone with a financial interest in a decision should not participate in the conversations or vote on that item. However, the code states it is not a conflict of interest if the matter confers a similar benefit to all persons or property similarly situated. He stated he feels confident that his ownership of his businesses puts him in a similar situation to others who would receive a similar benefit. However, as the formal ethics complaint has not been settled as of yet and he will wait to see this play out so he has clarity that he can participate in such discussions. He stated he would therefore recuse himself from this item tonight. He left the room.

Mayor Leh stated this item has generated considerable interest and he asked everyone at the meeting to be respectful of others when they speak.

Community Development Director Zuccaro stated the City received a request from the Downtown Business Association (DBA) asking for consideration of a seasonal closure of Main Street to make it more pedestrian friendly and activate the area more, similar to what was done during COVID. Council then asked staff to bring back a plan for such a

closure. Staff has brought a Main Street closure option for Council to consider. The Revitalization Commission and the Chamber also support this request.

Staff is proposing a closure of the 600-800 blocks of Main Street from April 29 to November 8. All east-west streets would remain open to vehicular traffic and the RTD bus would be temporarily re-routed to LaFarge Avenue. There would be a required 16-foot fire lane with an additional 2-foot buffer on each side down the center of Main Street. The rest of the street could be used for restaurant seating and activation.

Staff would design and install directional signage in downtown to help people find parking and avoid the closure. The closure would look very much like the COVID closure. Restaurants could consider communal dining areas on each block. Areas not being used for restaurant seating could be used for activities. Staff has asked the DBA to take on the activation of those areas.

Councilmember Hamlington asked if the seasonal patios would be used with tables for the restaurants. Community Development Director Zuccaro stated they would not be used as they take up a great deal of space and keep it from being a totally open area.

Councilmember Kern asked Fire Chief Willson to explain the 16-foot fire lane. Chief Willson stated that would accommodate a fire truck with its stabilizers extended and allow the truck doors to open safely. He stated the width could be reduced slightly to 14 feet for short sections if desired.

Councilmember Bierman asked how a parking plan would work. Director Zuccaro stated people would be directed to park in DELO as that has the most parking available. There would be an information campaign to direct people there. Staff would look to see if any businesses would lease additional parking to the City for this as well.

Councilmember Hoefner asked if the dates could be altered or perhaps have the seasonal patios April – November with a full closure in June and July. Director Zuccaro stated the dates align with previous seasonal patios but could be changed.

Councilmember Kern asked if traffic could be routed down Front Street rather than La Farge. Director Zuccaro stated it could be done but reminded her that the downtown businesses depend on the first couple of blocks on either side of Main Street for parking when the street is open and it likely would just push that parking further west into the neighborhood if the street is closed.

Councilmember Kern asked if the closure were delayed some could staff create a system for at least some resident parking. Director Zuccaro stated that would not be enough time to create such a program.

Councilmember Kern asked if there would be a way to do the patios for some of the time and do a full closure for some of that time. Deputy City Clerk Kline noted that each

time a restaurant changes its service area their liquor license also needs to be amended. There is a \$300 State charge to do this and it takes some administrative time, so it is not simple to change the closure area every couple of months.

Mayor Leh asked how the closure would impact mobility impaired people trying to access a business. Director Zuccaro stated it would increase the distance it takes for people to reach a business as people would have to be dropped off at the corner.

Mayor Leh asked if permit parking in the residential neighborhood had been considered. Director Zuccaro stated it was considered a few years ago with a possible parking garage. It would require adequate parking available downtown (paid or in a structure).

Mayor Leh asked what is considered the maximum distance someone will walk from a parking space. Director Zuccaro stated the general rule of thumb is people will walk up to a quarter mile.

Public Comments

John Delassus, Louisville, speaking on behalf of Debra, stated that closing Main Street will create more obstacles for people with mobility issues to access restaurants and stores. She urged Council to keep the street open.

Marco Toscano, Louisville, asked Council to vote no on the closure. He stated the closure is not supported by downtown residents and will not necessarily help the downtown businesses. He asked Council to consider different solutions to help the businesses thrive.

Derek Wood, Louisville, stated he is concerned about how a closure might affect response times for emergency vehicles. He stated sending 400 buses down LaFarge each week will not enhance the lives of those who live there. He feels this is not a collaborative approach and urged a no vote.

Sally Harris, Louisville, stated a closure will not allow people with mobility issues to access the restaurants in downtown. She urged Council to leave the street open.

Kimberly Echols, Louisville, stated the City has not gotten enough information from the residents that will be impacted by this closure. Neighbors should have been involved in this discussion. She urged Council to take into account all stake holders before making a decision. She asked Council to pause this decision.

Joyce Brandenburg, Louisville, stated closing the street is not respectful to the history of Louisville. Main Street should remain open.

Rudy Donofrio, Louisville, stated Main Street should remain open and we should focus on other ways to make the area more vibrant. The traffic and parking will get pushed to La Farge. He urged a no vote and asked Council to do more research.

Debra Berkelhammer, Louisville, speaking on behalf of a business owner on the west side of town who wishes to remain anonymous, stated the City has ignored the rest of the business areas in town while focusing solely on downtown. Downtown restaurants get an unfair advantage by using public spaces for extra dining space. The City should spend money on the McCaslin corridor, not downtown.

Diana Barney, Louisville, stated everyone wants the downtown to thrive but there should not be a tradeoff between the few blocks getting dining and the impacts on the neighborhood. The City should focus on filling the empty buildings on Main Street.

Jean Morgan, Louisville, speaking for Barb Hesson, stated pushing the traffic to Lafarge is a great impact on the residents living there. Speaking for herself she stated it is not fair to reroute traffic and parking into the neighborhood, particularly when Front Street is closed for the Farmer's Market and Street Faire. She urged a no vote.

Larry Crowley, Louisville, stated it is already difficult to access restaurants and shops if you have mobility issues, closing the street makes it worse. This is not a benefit for residents and he urged a no vote.

Stephanie Schlegater, business owner, stated she favors the closure and understands everyone wants to help Main Street. She would like to see a thriving Main Street and community. The DBA wants to bring people downtown and make it a thriving area. The DBA also surveyed residents and has 550 signatures supporting the closure.

Eric Reed, Louisville, stated this is not a new idea and businesses just want to have a vibrant Main Street. The DBA wants to activate this area and keep the City moving forward. This proposal is for a temporary closure to help draw people to the businesses.

Rick Kron, president of the DBA, pooling time with Tom Horst, stated this conversation started last year and in December the DBA sent a formal request for a temporary closure to be considered. RTD has been unwilling to do anything other than go down LaFarge, unfortunately we can't control that. He stated most of the downtown businesses support this as way to make downtown more friendly to foot traffic. We want to get the word out that downtown businesses need more traffic. He asked for a yes vote. He asked everyone to help the downtown by visiting shops and restaurants and spending their money in the local businesses.

Fred Berkelhammer, Louisville, stated neighbors were surprised this was coming and should have had more notice this was being considered. He stated national studies show that pedestrian malls are not successful. He urged a no vote.

Mary Dibble, Louisville, stated it is being ramrodded through with no information given to residents. Get more information and look at residential parking before doing anything. She is concerned it may increase unhoused people in the area.

Tom Rafferty, Louisville, stated rerouting the traffic will keep people from shopping on Main Street and will put pressure on other streets that are not designed for it. He suggested finding other ways like design and signage to bring more people downtown.

Marianne Gibbs, Louisville, stated she enjoys activities and businesses on Main Street and wants to see it thrive, but a closure will bring unanticipated impacts. During COVID neighbors put up with it but it needs to be studied more before making a decisions.

Elisa Passarelli, Louisville, stated she is concerned about people using the alleyways as shortcuts if Main Street is closed. She also noted the alleys are used by delivery trucks and they are blocked much of the time making access a problem. She suggested more signage to bring people downtown.

Jeremy Carlson, Louisville, stated they enjoy living downtown and being able to walk to downtown. He supported the closures during COVID and supports it again now.

Eric Lund, Louisville Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber members were surveyed and strongly support the temporary closure to bring more people downtown. They would like the closure to support the vision of the DBA.

Alan Muir, Louisville, stated he feels a closure of Main Street will negatively impact the quality of life of the neighbors and make the streets less safe for kids walking or on bikes. He stated the impacts outweigh the benefit of a closure.

Susan Honstein, Louisville, stated the sidewalks on LaFarge create difficulties for people with disabilities to access the bus. She said Main Street is important to everyone and the City should find other ways to help the businesses including signage and a parking management plan. She would like a way for neighbors to give input to the downtown businesses directly.

Mark Oberholzer, Louisville, stated as both a resident and a business owner he supports the closure as it makes it a great gathering place people want to be. He stated it worked during COVID and he supports doing it again.

Cynthia Corne, Louisville, stated she worries about safety with so many kids walking and biking. She suggested pausing until that could be addressed. Buses and trucks on La Farge are not an option that will work.

Christian Dino, Louisville, stated he supports this measure to help the businesses who have been struggling through COVID. We need to support the economic vitality in our community. We should look for solutions to alleviate the concerns of the neighbors.

Leah Bradley, Owner of Eyeworks, stated when the street was closed during the pandemic it was difficult for their patients to get to them. She stated people in medical crisis come each week and not having on street parking near the business is problematic. The closure brought nice community but many other issues.

John Leary, Louisville, stated rerouting traffic on streets that are not designed for it impacts the quality of life on those streets.

Don McKee, Louisville, stated this closure only gives 3.5 more feet than the patios. It is not very much. He stated that putting the busses on La Farge will create safety issues with kids on bikes and scooters. Main Street is the heart and soul of the town and shouldn't be closed off.

Ben Knott, Louisville, stated he supports the temporary closure to create a safe, vibrant, and walkable space for everyone.

Steve Rolapp, Louisville, stated parking is already hard to find on La Farge and closing Main Street will only make it worse. The bus should be put on Front Street. He urged a no vote.

Graham Jackson, Louisville, stated the alley on La Farge takes a large amount of traffic when Main is closed and it is in bad shape already. He added La Farge has no parking spaces painted on it so when people park poorly the space is not used well.

Mary Ann Heaney, Louisville, asked Council to pause the project. She asked if a fire truck needs access how it can get around or through the jersey barriers.

Joanna Alidu, Louisville, agreed with others that the parking and the bus issues need to be addressed before a decision is made.

Sherry Sommer, Louisville, encouraged a pause in this given all the impacts on the neighbors. Access and safety need to be addressed. She encouraged Council to address the issues before making a decision.

Pat Carbone, Louisville, stated parking on La Farge is already difficult and pushing more parking there will make it worse. He suggested a permit parking program. 399 buses per day were not what people were expecting when they moved here.

Katie Zoss, Louisville, stated she supports the closure as a way to make downtown more inviting to families and create more space for people. She supports it as a place to create community. She urged a yes vote.

Cyndi Thomas, Louisville, stated she moved here to be able to walk to downtown knowing she would have less parking. She supports the closure and urged a yes vote.

Scott Deborski, Louisville, pooling time with spouse, stated not all restaurants support the closure. There has not been enough research done about if it will help the restaurants increase sales and how much it will impact residents. This closure takes away the character of downtown. He suggested doing other things to make downtown inviting such as lighting or flowers. He urged a no vote.

Randy Caranci, Louisville Business Owner, suggested making Main Street and Front Street each one way to circulate traffic in the area.

Robert Zoss, Louisville, stated he supports the closure to make it a destination for people on bikes and for families.

Christina Metcalf, Louisville, stated she supports the closure to have a traffic free space for kids. She feels it brings a great sense of community.

Mike Deborski, Louisville, stated the neighbors' concerns need to be taken into consideration. The buses and delivery trucks are a big impact on the street and the people of La Farge did not sign up for this. He suggested establishing permit parking for Old Town. He suggested putting it on hold until these issues can be addressed.

Tamar Krantz, Louisville, stated she does not remember this being a Council work plan item and feels it should not be added now.

Mayor Leh thanked everyone for their comments. He noted there are strong feelings on both sides of this issue, but everyone agrees that downtown is struggling. He stated it is undisputed that there are impacts to those that live adjacent to Main Street including parking and the bus traffic. He stated we need to be careful not to pit the neighborhood against the businesses or vice versa. Everyone wants to find a solution that benefits all.

Councilmember Hoefner asked Chief Willson to address turning radii on Main Street. Chief Willson stated he and his staff are working with Public Works to make sure whatever is placed for a closure would not impact the ability of the fire trucks to turn.

Councilmember Hoefner asked Mayor Leh to address the question about the work plan timing. Councilmember Leh stated the Council revisited the work plan early in the year and that was when this item was added.

Councilmember Kern asked Chief Willson if a closure would increase response times for the Fire Department. Chief Willson stated they would use different routes if needed and it shouldn't impact times too much.

Members took a few minutes to discuss how to address the rest of the agenda given the hour. They continued all items except the utility rate resolution to the April 2 meeting.

Councilmember Bierman stated the bus is the big issue and we need to find a way to work with RTD to move the bus from LaFarge.

Councilmember Kern stated having the bus to LaFarge for six months is just a huge impact for the residents.

Mayor Leh asked if a closure of any length of time is acceptable.

Councilmember Hamlington stated Main Street needs to be revitalized and she wants the businesses to succeed, but is closure is the right way to do this for 2024. If we want to do it in 2025 with full engagement and data she would consider it. Running the bus down residential streets for any amount of time is not acceptable without clear data that it is beneficial to businesses. It is only an extra 3.5 feet from what they get from the patios and that is not worth a full closure of the street.

Councilmember Hoefner stated it will be hard to get more data on the impact and benefits without trying the closure. We do know that what is happening now is not generating a thriving downtown; sticking with the status quo isn't a good long term plan. He suggested a closure for June – August to get some data on if it helps businesses. Whatever we decide we need to give staff good direction to engage in outreach and apply pressure on RTD to come up with other options.

Councilmember Bierman stated he supports businesses but this feels too rushed and reactionary. Main Street is the lifeblood of downtown but this has serious impacts on the neighbors. He asked if there is a way to have the patio program enhanced with signage, lighting, etc. He stated people he spoke to agree 400 busses per week on their street would be a huge impact. He stated it is unfair to ask the neighbors on LaFarge to bear the brunt of the busses for another year.

Councilmember Leh stated RTD is the problem; we have tried for three years to get them to move the bus from LaFarge and they are unwilling to look at alternatives.

Councilmember Hamlington stated she likes the idea of a shorter closure but without knowing what data we want to collect she is not convinced 2024 is the year to do this.

Councilmember Hoefner stated he thinks giving staff the next two months to determine what data is needed could work; this would need to be the priority for staff and there would be tradeoffs with other staff work. Council would need to support this.

Councilmember Hamlington stated she is struggling with devoting so much time and effort to this at the expense of other priorities. She supports the downtown but is not sure this is the right move at this time.

Mayor Leh stated there are a large number of big projects on the schedule in the next few months so if we do this it will impact those other projects.

Councilmember Kern agreed there is a need for analysis of such a closure and would like to see if a shorter term closure over the summer months could get that information. If we do this we need all the stakeholders and businesses downtown to participate fully. Then we can use the information for consideration of a 2025 closure.

Councilmember Fahey agreed. She would limit the closure to just the 700 and 800 blocks of Main Street.

City Manager Durbin stated if Council wants to look at alternatives it would likely push everything back further; Council needs to make a clear decision this evening for there to be time to implement any program. Councilmember Hoefner agreed.

Councilmember Hamlington stated she finds it challenging to try to do anything this year in such a time crunch. This is an important decision; she wants to explore it but not at the expense of everything else on the work plan.

Councilmember Hoefner suggested a three-month closure starting in July or August to give staff more time to prepare a program.

Mayor Leh noted his concern that this would impact other programs staff is working on. He stated he has not heard what the benefits are for the non-restaurant businesses. We need to make sure all of downtown is benefiting.

Councilmember Hoefner noted that Economic Vitality is already a high priority item on the work plan; this program helps that it is not a departure from the work plan.

Councilmember Fahey stated it is too late to do a new program this year. She proposed the patio program stay for this year and for 2025 we look at a new program that we are sure benefits all downtown businesses and would have the bus and other issues figured out before we start.

Councilmember Kern stated she very much wants to help downtown. She is frustrated RTD won't work with the City. She wants to work with RTD now to get something in place for next year well before something happens.

MOTION: Councilmember Hoefner moved to direct staff to come back with a more developed pilot program for a three-month closure from Memorial Day to Labor Day to get more data and do additional outreach. Councilmember Kern seconded the motion.

Councilmember Hoefner stated the plan would include how the DBA would activate all of the areas of the street that are not being used by restaurants.

Councilmember Bierman stated he has not seen enough mitigation of the parking impacts for him to support it.

Councilmember Hoefner agreed there are good reasons to say no and it is a tradeoff.

Mayor Leh stated there are real costs to doing it or not doing it. He is very concerned about doing this at the expense of other priorities.

Councilmember Hamlington stated even if this does not pass tonight she wants the business owners to know that the Council supports them, she is just not sure this is the right course of action.

Councilmember Hoefner stated that Economic Vitality is clearly a high priority for this Council. We asked staff to spend time on this and bring us a proposal and it is hard for him to now say we should stop and start over again.

Councilmember Kern would like to find a middle ground that is more than the patios but less than a full closure of the street.

MOTION: Councilmember Kern proposed a substitute motion to not close Main Street but ask staff, the DBA, and the Chamber to come up with an enhanced patio program for 2024. Mayor Leh seconded the motion.

VOTE: Substitute motion passed 5-1 with Councilmember Hoefner voting no. Councilmember Dickinson recused.

Councilmember Bierman proposed an amendment to explore having staff consider closing only the 600 Block of Main Street with a parking mitigation program. The amendment died for lack of a second.

Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson returned to the room.

UPDATE – COMMUNITY RESILIENCE, MARSHALL FIRE RECOVERY

Continued to April 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 17, SERIES 2024 – A RESOLUTION SETTING CERTAIN WATER, WASTEWATER, STORMWATER AND OTHER FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

Director Kowar stated this is the recommendation for the 2024 utility rates. This is the culmination of a year's work with staff and the Finance Committee. What is adopted tonight will be effective May 1. He reviewed 2023 noting a \$1M shortfall in the fund due to wet weather and inflation. He reviewed water usage over the years and the impacts of drought. He reviewed cost increases including inflation and construction costs.

He reviewed the increases for the past eight years and how it has impacted residential bills. He noted that during COVID and the Marshall Fire there were minimal increases and that has now caught up with us.

Director Kowar noted the proposed increases for 2024: 6.6% for water; 25% for wastewater; and 14% for stormwater for a total proposed increase of 14.7%. For wastewater there are options if Council wants to lower that number. He stated the proposal is an average of \$13 increase on a utility bill.

He reviewed how Louisville compares to surrounding municipalities. He reviewed the City's commitment to helping with bill assistance through the Sister Carmen Center.

Director Kowar reviewed the factors that go into the rate setting: financial modeling; rate planning; debt service, cash reserves; turnback from the previous year; tap fee projections; and long term planning. He went through how each factor impacts this proposal.

Councilmember Kern asked what the number one driver of the wastewater increase is. Director Kowar stated it is driven by the solids handling project costs; purchasing a new vac truck; and replacing the CTC lift station. It is work that would need to happen for general maintenance and functionality.

Mayor Leh asked why the wastewater increase could not be smoothed over years. Director Kowar stated over the past years we have been absorbing costs here and there is no more ability to do that in the fund, additionally costs are increasing significantly.

Councilmember Hoefner stated the Finance Committee also worried about this increase. He stated he supports lowering the wastewater increase to 12%.

Public Comments

Christian Dino, Louisville, stated we need to make decisions that support businesses so the costs aren't all on residents.

Josh Cooperman, Louisville, stated he would like the Council to reduce or eliminate the base amount for single family homes and charge actual use. He feels the base amount is too high and some families don't even reach that amount. This would encourage conservation and would be more equitable. If that reduces income to the utility the larger users could be charged more.

MOTION: Councilmember Hoefner moved to adopt the utility rates as proposed with one change to reduce the wastewater increase to 12.1% in 2024, 2025; and 2026; seconded by Councilmember Bierman.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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)

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson moved to continue this item to April 2 at 6 pm; seconded by Councilmember Fahey.

VOTE Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1871, SERIES 2024 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.18.030 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE – 1ST READING – SET PUBLIC HEARING 4/16/24

Continued to April 2.

ORDINANCE NO. 1872, SERIES 2024 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE – 1ST READING – SET PUBLIC HEARING 4/16/24

Continued to April 2.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

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

Mayor Leh requested staff bring forward an ordinance clarifying that review of building codes is one of the duties of the Building Code Board of Appeals.

ADJOURN

Members adjourned at 11:27 pm.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk