



## City Council

January 7, 2025  
Packet Addendum #1

# City Council

## Agenda

**AMENDED**  
**Item 10D Removed**

**Tuesday, January 7, 2025**  
**Council Chambers**  
**749 Main Street**  
**5:00 PM**

*Members of the public are welcome to attend and give comments remotely; however, the in-person meeting may continue even if technology issues prevent remote participation.*

- You can call in to +1 719 359 4580 or 877 853 5247 (toll free)  
Webinar ID #876 9127 0986.
- You can log in via your computer. Please visit the City's website here to link to the meeting: [www.louisvilleco.gov/council](http://www.louisvilleco.gov/council)

*The Council will accommodate public comments during the meeting. Anyone may also email comments to the Council prior to the meeting at [Council@LouisvilleCO.gov](mailto:Council@LouisvilleCO.gov).*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

(Louisville Charter, Section 5-2(b) – Authorized Topics – Discussion of a personnel matter involving employees directly appointed by the City Council and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f))

The Mayor is Requesting the City Council Convene an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion of Annual Performance Evaluations of the Municipal Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, and City Attorney

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#### **Citizen Information**

If you wish to speak at the City Council meeting in person, please fill out a sign-up card and present it to the City Clerk at the meeting; if you are attending remotely, please use the "raise hand" icon to show you wish to speak in public comments.

Persons planning to attend the meeting who need sign language interpretation, translation services, assisted listening systems, Braille, taped material, or special transportation, should contact the City Clerk's Office (303.335.4536 or 303.335.4574) or [ClerksOffice@LouisvilleCO.gov](mailto:ClerksOffice@LouisvilleCO.gov). A forty-eight-hour notice is requested.

Si requiere una copia en español de esta publicación o necesita un intérprete durante la reunión del Consejo, por favor llame a la Ciudad al 303.335.4536 o 303.335.4574 o email [ClerksOffice@LouisvilleCO.gov](mailto:ClerksOffice@LouisvilleCO.gov).

## **REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS SUSPENDED**

- Request for Executive Session
- City Clerk Statement
- City Attorney Statement of Authority
- City Council Action on Motion for Executive Session
- Council Convenes Executive Session
- Council Reconvenes in Open Meeting

## **REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED**

- 4. REPORT – DISCUSSION/DIRECTION/ACTION – ANNUAL EVALUATIONS OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, AND CITY ATTORNEY**

***THE FOLLOWING MEETING ITEMS WILL START  
NO EARLIER THAN 6 PM***

- 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker. When several people wish to speak on the same position on a given item, Council requests they select a spokesperson to state that position.

- 7. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items on the City Council Agenda are considered routine by the City Manager and shall be approved, adopted, accepted, etc., by motion of the City Council and voice vote unless the Mayor or a City Council person specifically requests an item be considered under "Regular Business." In such an event the item shall be removed from the "Consent Agenda" and Council action taken separately on said item in the order appearing on the Agenda. Those items so approved under the heading "Consent Agenda" will appear in the Council Minutes in their proper order.

- A.** Approval of Bills
- B.** Approval of Posting Locations
- C.** Distribution of Open Government Pamphlet
- D.** Resolution No. 1, Series 2025 – A Resolution Approving the Extension of an Intergovernmental Agreement from One Year to Five Years with Boulder County Partners for a Clean Environment (PACE)
- E.** Resolution No. 2, Series 2025 – A Resolution Approving the Extension of an Intergovernmental Agreement from One Year to Five Years with Boulder County EnergySmart
- F.** Approval of Golf Cart Replacement Purchase Agreement

**8. COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**10. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY PROCLAMATION**

- Introduction
- Action

**B. YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD PET MAYOR PRESENTATION**

- Presentation

**C. ORDINANCE NO. 1888, SERIES 2024 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 3.25 REGARDING ENHANCED ASSISTANCE FOR TARGETED BUSINESSES – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING, PUBLIC HEARING (advertised *Daily Camera* 11/24/24) *continued from 12/3/24***

- Mayor Opens Public Hearing
- Staff Presentation
- Public Comments (Please limit to three minutes each)
- Council Questions & Comments
- Additional Public Comments (Please limit to three minutes each)
- Mayor Closes Public Hearing
- Action

**E. 2025 CITY OF LOUISVILLE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

- Staff Presentation
- Public Comments (Please limit to three minutes each)
- Council Questions & Comments
- Action

**11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**12. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**13. ADJOURN**

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***ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR REGULAR MEETING***  
***01/21/2025***

*This list is not inclusive; items are subject to change; additional items may be added.*

- Comprehensive Plan Update
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) Update – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Contract for Downtown Vision Plan
- Colorado Energy Office Grant for Decarbonization
- Parks Irrigation Controller Purchase Agreement
- Construction Contract for Enclave and Sunflower Parks
- Fresca Foods Water Tap Agreement Amendment
- Sewer Tap Fees
- Industrial Tap Fees

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

| DETAILS SUMMARY                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Document Type</b>                                                                                                                                          | New Contract                                                                                    |
| OFS Number-Version                                                                                                                                            | 303114                                                                                          |
| <b>County Contact Information</b>                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                 |
| Boulder County Legal Entity                                                                                                                                   | Boulder County                                                                                  |
| Department                                                                                                                                                    | Office of Sustainability, Climate Action, and Resilience                                        |
| Division/Program                                                                                                                                              | Built Environment                                                                               |
| Mailing Address                                                                                                                                               | PO Box 471 Boulder CO 80306                                                                     |
| IGA Contact – <i>Name, email</i>                                                                                                                              | Zac Swank, <a href="mailto:zswank@bouldercounty.gov">zswank@bouldercounty.gov</a>               |
| Invoice Contact – <i>Name, email</i>                                                                                                                          | Beth Bradford, <a href="mailto:eb Bradford@bouldercounty.gov">eb Bradford@bouldercounty.gov</a> |
| <b>County Contact Information</b>                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                 |
| County Name                                                                                                                                                   | City of Louisville                                                                              |
| County Mailing Address                                                                                                                                        | 749 Main St. Louisville, CO 80027                                                               |
| Contact 1- <i>Name, title, email</i>                                                                                                                          | Jeff Durbin, <a href="mailto:jdurbin@louisvilleco.gov">jdurbin@louisvilleco.gov</a>             |
| Contact 2- <i>Name, title, email</i>                                                                                                                          | Kayla Betzold, <a href="mailto:kbetzold@louisvilleco.gov">kbetzold@louisvilleco.gov</a>         |
| <b>IGA Term</b>                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                 |
| Start Date                                                                                                                                                    | 8/31/2023                                                                                       |
| Expiration Date                                                                                                                                               | 12/31/2024                                                                                      |
| <b>IGA Amount</b>                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                 |
| IGA Amount                                                                                                                                                    | \$36,950                                                                                        |
| Fixed Price or Not-to-Exceed?                                                                                                                                 | Fixed Price                                                                                     |
| COVID-19                                                                                                                                                      | NO                                                                                              |
| Project #                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
| <b>Brief Description of Services</b>                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                 |
| Boulder County will administer rebate dollars provided by the City of Louisville that will be additive to the existing incentives provided by Boulder County. |                                                                                                 |
| <b>IGA Documents</b>                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                 |
| a. Exhibit A - Scope of Services<br>b. Exhibit B – Fee Schedule<br>c. Exhibit C – Louisville Eligible Measures List 2023-2024                                 |                                                                                                 |
| <b>IGA Notes</b>                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                 |
| <i>Additional information not included above</i>                                                                                                              |                                                                                                 |
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THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ("IGA") is entered into by and between the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado, a body corporate and politic, for the benefit of the Office of Sustainability, Climate Action, and Resilience ("County")

and City of Louisville ("City"). City and County are each a "Party," and collectively the "Parties."

In consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this IGA, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Incorporation into IGA: The **Details Summary** and **IGA Documents** are incorporated into this IGA by reference.
2. Services to be Performed: County perform the services described in the **Details Summary** and **IGA Documents** (the "Services").
3. Term of IGA: The **IGA Term** begins on the **Start Date** and expires on the **Expiration Date**, unless terminated sooner. All the Services must be performed during the **IGA Term**.
4. Payment for Services Performed: In consideration of the Services performed by County, and subject to conditions contained in this IGA, City will pay an amount not to exceed the **IGA Amount** to County in accordance with the **IGA Documents**.
5. Liability: Each Party agrees to be responsible for its own actions or omissions, and those of its officers, agents and employees in the performance or failure to perform work under this IGA. By agreeing to this provision, neither Party waives or intends to waive, as to any person not a party to the IGA, the limitations on liability that are provided to the Parties under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, et seq.
6. Independent Entities: **Each Party is an independent legal entity from the other for all purposes. None of either Party, its agents, personnel or subcontractors are employees of the other Party for any purpose, including the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the Colorado Services' Compensation Act, the Colorado Unemployment Insurance Act, and the Public Employees Retirement Association.**
7. Termination
  - a. Breach: Either Party's failure to perform any of its material obligations under this IGA, in whole or in part or in a timely or satisfactory manner, will be a breach. In the event of a breach, the non-breaching Party may provide written notice of the breach to the other Party. If the breaching Party does not cure the breach, at its sole expense, as reasonably determined by the non-breaching Party in its sole discretion, within thirty (30) days after delivery of notice, the non-breaching Party may exercise any of its remedies provided under this IGA or at law, including immediate termination of this IGA.
  - b. Non-Appropriation: The other provisions of this IGA notwithstanding, City is prohibited by law from making commitments beyond the current fiscal year. Payment to County beyond the current fiscal year is contingent on the appropriation and continuing availability of funding in any subsequent year. City has reason to believe that sufficient funds will be available for the full **IGA Term**. Where, however, funds are not allocated for any fiscal period beyond the current fiscal year, this IGA shall immediately terminate without penalty to the City on December 31 of the current fiscal year.
8. Notices: All notices provided under this IGA must be in writing and sent by Certified U.S. Mail (Return Receipt Requested), electronic mail, or hand-delivery to the other Party's **Contact**

at the address specified in the **Details Summary**. For certified mailings, notice periods will begin to run on the day after the postmarked date of mailing. For electronic mail or hand-delivery, notice periods will begin to run on the date of delivery.

9. Entire Agreement/Binding Effect/Amendments: This IGA represents the complete agreement between the Parties and is fully binding upon them and their successors, heirs, and assigns, if any. This IGA terminates any prior agreements, whether written or oral in whole or in part, between the Parties relating to the Services. This IGA may be amended only by a written agreement signed by both Parties.

10. Assignment/Subcontractors: This IGA may not be assigned or subcontracted by County without the prior written consent of the City. If County subcontracts any of its obligations under this IGA, County will remain liable to the City for those obligations and will also be responsible for subcontractor's performance under, and compliance with, this IGA.

11. Governing Law/Venue: The laws of the State of Colorado govern the construction, interpretation, performance, and enforcement of this IGA. Any claim relating to this IGA or breach thereof may only be brought exclusively in the Courts of the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of the State of Colorado and the applicable Colorado Appellate Courts.

12. Breach: The failure of either Party to exercise any of its rights under this IGA will not be deemed to be a waiver of such rights or a waiver of any breach of the IGA. All remedies available to a Party in this IGA are cumulative and in addition to every other remedy provided by law.

13. Severability: If any provision of this IGA becomes inoperable for any reason but the fundamental terms and conditions continue to be legal and enforceable, then the remainder of the IGA will continue to be operative and binding on the Parties.

14. Colorado Open Records Act: Both Parties are required to disclose any records that are subject to public release under the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-200.1, et seq.

15. Conflict of Provisions: If there is any conflict between the terms of the main body of this IGA and the terms of any of the **IGA Documents**, the terms of the main body of the IGA will control.

16. Governmental Immunity: Nothing in this IGA shall be construed in any way to be a waiver of either party's immunity protection under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, et seq., as amended.

17. Delegation of Authority: The Parties acknowledge that the Board of County Commissioners has delegated authority to the Department Head or Elected Official that leads the beneficiary **Department** and their designees to act on behalf of the County under the terms of this IGA, including but not limited to the authority to terminate this IGA.

18. Execution by Counterparts; Electronic Signatures: This IGA may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which will constitute one agreement. The Parties approve the use of electronic signatures, governed by the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, C.R.S. §§ 24 71.3 101 to 121. The Parties will not deny the legal effect or enforceability of this IGA solely because it is in electronic form or because an electronic record was used in its creation. The Parties will not object to the admissibility of this IGA in the form of electronic record, or paper copy of an electronic document, or paper copy of a document



bearing an electronic signature, because it is not in its original form or is not an original.

19. Limitation of Liability: NEITHER PARTY WILL NOT BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, OR INDIRECT DAMAGES ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, REGARDLESS OF ANY NOTICE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. EACH PARTY'S AGGREGATE LIABILITY, IF ANY, ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THIS IGA, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, OR IN TORT, OR OTHERWISE, IS LIMITED TO, AND SHALL NOT EXCEED, THE AMOUNTS PAID OR PAYABLE HEREUNDER BY CITY TO COUNTY.

20. Insurance: Each Party is a "public entity" under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, et seq., as amended, and shall always during the terms of this IGA maintain such liability insurance, by commercial policy or self-insurance, as is necessary to meet its liabilities under the Act. This insurance shall have minimum limits, which shall match or exceed the maximum governmental liability limits set forth in C.R.S. § 24-10-114, as amended.

**[Signature Page to Follow]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed and entered into this IGA as of the latter day and year indicated below.

| SIGNED for and on behalf of Boulder County                               | SIGNED for and on behalf of City of Louisville |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Signature: <i>Susie Strife</i>                                           | Signature: <i>Jeff Durbin</i>                  |
| Name: Susie Strife                                                       | Name: Jeff Durbin                              |
| Title: Director, Office of Sustainability, Climate Action and Resilience | Title: City Manager, City of Louisville        |
| Date: October 30, 2023                                                   | Date: October 30, 2023                         |
| ↓↓ <i>For Board-signed documents only</i> ↓↓                             |                                                |
| Attest Signature:                                                        | <i>Initial</i>                                 |
| Attestor Name:                                                           |                                                |
| Attestor Title:                                                          |                                                |

## **Exhibit A – Scope of Work**

Boulder County will administer rebate dollars provided by the City of Louisville that will be additive to the existing incentives provided by Boulder County. Exhibit C – Louisville Eligible Measures List 2023-2024 contains details on what will be rebated and the amounts. The funds will be administered as part of the EnergySmart program, requiring resident enrollment in EnergySmart to qualify. Boulder County will promote the additional funding through the EnergySmart program website, newsletters, and advisors.

Boulder County will provide data reports of how the funds from the City of Louisville have been spent monthly and after the funding is exhausted or after the term of the agreement is complete, whichever comes first.

## Exhibit B – Fee Schedule

### Total Budget

| Year         | Amount   |
|--------------|----------|
| 2023         | \$16,950 |
| 2024         | \$20,000 |
| Total budget | \$36,950 |

The annual amounts will be billed in advance of program expenditures once per year.

The budget will be applied as rebates for Louisville residents according to the table below:

| Upgrade                                         | Rebate |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Cold climate heat pump                          | \$400  |
| - Additional if removing gas furnace            | \$500  |
| Non-cold climate HP                             | \$250  |
| HP water heater (replace electric water heater) | \$250  |
| HP water heater (replace gas water heater)      | \$500  |
| Attic, wall insulation                          | \$250  |
| Replacing gas stove with electric               | \$150  |

| Fees                             | Amount per check |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Third party check processing fee | \$10             |



## **City of Louisville Residential** **Rebates**

*For Homeowners and Ownerships Up To 4 Units*

| <b>Receive up to \$400</b>                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| "Cold Climate" <u>Ducted</u> Air Source Heat Pump <sup>1</sup>                | HSPF ≥9.0/SEER≥15.0/COP ≥ 1.75@5°F or capacity @ 5°F of at least 70% of BTU @ 47°F . Must be NEEP.org certified.                                                                             |
| "Cold Climate" <u>Ductless</u> (Mini-Split) Air Source Heat Pump <sup>1</sup> | HSPF ≥10.0/SEER≥15.0/COP ≥ 1.75@5°F or capacity @ 5°F of at least 70% of BTU @ 47°F . Must be NEEP.org certified.                                                                            |
| <b>Receive up to \$250</b>                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| "Non-Cold" Climate <u>Ducted</u> Air Source Heat Pump <sup>1</sup>            | HSPF ≥8.5/SEER ≥15.0                                                                                                                                                                         |
| "Non-Cold" Climate <u>Ductless</u> Air Source Heat Pump <sup>1</sup>          | HSPF ≥8.5/SEER ≥15.0                                                                                                                                                                         |
| ENERGY STAR Electric Heat Pump Water Heater                                   | Must be Energy Star certified with a minimum Energy Factor of 2.0                                                                                                                            |
| Attic Insulation with Air Sealing                                             | R-60 minimum required in open attic; cathedral ceilings will vary with rafter depth but must meet requirements of 2012 IECC. Must perform air sealing in attics prior to adding insulation.* |
| Wall Insulation                                                               | R-19 minimum; fill wall cavity where R-19 is not possible. For solid walls such as brick or concrete, exterior rigid insulation must be added to a level of ≥ R-10.                          |

| Fuel Switching Rebates*                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Removal of Gas Furnace or Boiler<br><b>\$500 Rebate</b> | Must be replacing furnace or boiler with air source heat pump. Requires proof of removal                                                                                                                       |
| Removal of Gas Water Heater<br><b>\$250 Rebate</b>      | Must be replacing water heater with heat pump water heater. Requires proof of removal                                                                                                                          |
| Removal of Gas Stove<br><b>\$150 Rebate</b>             | Must be replacing gas stove with Electric or Induction Stove. Built-in, drop-in & freestanding units only (portable stoves not eligible). Proof of purchase, plus before & after installation photos required. |

*\*Fuel Switching rebates can be combined with equipment rebates*

## Conditions

- Rebates are only available to **EnergySmart participants** and for the measures listed. Engagement in EnergySmart and pre-project qualification must occur **before** purchasing an eligible appliance or completing the energy efficiency project for which a rebate is being applied for.
- **Rebate funds are limited, are subject to change, and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.**
- The rebate award will be based on the levels published at the time that an invoice for work completed has been submitted to EnergySmart.
- All work must be completed and invoiced between **January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2024** to qualify for these rebates.
- Multi-Family Units of 5 or more are not eligible for this rebate.
- Rebates cannot exceed the cost of the measure after all other rebates are applied.
- Rebates only available for projects completed at residences within the City of Louisville

- All upgrades must be for or directly benefit unit occupants. (e.g. Only upper units can receive an attic insulation rebate when applying for multiple unit rebates.
- All work must meet all applicable building or energy codes, and all required permits must be obtained. Combustion Appliance Zone (CAZ) testing must occur as a health/safety measure before and after the upgrade depending on the type of upgrade. *Please feel free to speak with your Advisor about the importance of CAZ testing.*
- **Fuel Switching Rebates may require additional verification** to ensure removal of gas systems. Please contact an Energy Advisor to discuss improvements and verification of these rebates. Invoices and pictures are part of the rebate process.
- ! For air source heat pump (ASHPs) a thermostatic expansion valve within the appliance is required.
- \* Air sealing requirements include the sealing of the void directly above all accessible exterior top plates in attic space.

## Color Key

Red/Blue – Changes from 12/17 Council Meeting

Pink – Councilmember Hoefner suggestions

Green – Councilmember Cooperman suggestions

Highlighted – changed since packet released

# 2025 City of Louisville Legislative Agenda

## Purpose and Use

The legislative agenda serves as a guiding document for the City's engagement in legislative affairs and **is** a resource for staff and council.

Members of the City Council may represent the City in regional efforts such as the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee, Denver Regional Council of Governments, Northwest Mayors and Commissioners Coalition, Metro Mayors Caucus, and more, and may **be asked to** guide or express positions on legislation.

Council members may express support, opposition, and/or recommended amendments regarding legislative policy statements of those organizations if they are consistent with the legislative agenda. If this legislative agenda clearly states the City's position, council members may express support, opposition, or recommend amendments. When this occurs, council members should share with all of council during council reports at the next regular council meeting. If the issue is not clearly addressed in this legislative agenda, council members should seek City Council approval before taking any formal action (such as signing a letter or taking a vote) to support or oppose legislation.

## Home Rule/Local Control

The City supports local control and municipal government home rule authority. In most cases, local problems are best addressed at the local level and the current authority and powers of municipal governments such as land use, zoning, personnel matters, sales tax, etc. should not be diminished. However, certain issues require statewide and multi-jurisdictional response, which are best addressed through early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with local municipalities.

### Positions:

- The City urges **state** officials to respect Colorado's tradition of local control and allow municipal officials to address local problems at the local level.
- The City generally opposes **state** legislation that creates unfunded mandates on local municipalities without **state** funding or other sources of revenue. Unfunded mandates shift the cost burden of state or federal mandates onto local governments, limiting a municipality's ability to provide locally identified government services.
- The City supports liquor, ~~and~~ marijuana licensing, **and natural medicine** that allows for local decision-making and collaboration between local and state licensing entities, including but not limited to local opt-in provisions for any new permitting or licensing requirements.
- The City supports **maintaining greater** local government authority to regulate oil and gas development at the local level, and the establishment of state rules and regulations that reflect such authority.



- The City supports legislation that provides local governments with additional flexibility, resources, and/or guidance in meeting the challenges of ensuring technology and digital resources are fully accessible.

## Community Recovery and Resiliency

The Marshall Fire served as a sobering reminder that all communities in Colorado, regardless of socioeconomic status, must be prepared for climate disasters at all times. While the City continues to recover from the Marshall Fire, the community is working together to increase resilience and preparedness for the next disaster. Ongoing state action and investment is needed in order to mitigate future disasters and ensure our communities are prepared when disaster strikes. The front-end investment in community resiliency will reduce the local, state, and federal costs of the severe climate disasters we are experiencing today.

### Positions:

- The City supports the **taskforce Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board** to explore a statewide minimum building code for wildfire risk reduction that addresses the expansion of the wildland urban interface into the plains areas, consider suburban community building patterns, and establish a minimum standard that can be applied across various environments and exceeded based on specific geographic needs.
- The City supports increased wildfire mitigation funding for local communities in the plains areas to establish and maintain risk reduction measures on public lands **including other climate change adaption strategies such as restoration of native habitats.**
- The City of Louisville supports insurance reform that helps residents be better prepared and able to recover from climate disasters, while promoting the homeowners', renter's, and landlord's roles and responsibility in securing insurance coverage. Examples of desired insurance reform include legislation that:
  - Reduces system-wide underinsurance
  - Improves the transparency of the coverage gap that a private property owner or renter has with their existing policy
  - Eliminates the practice of insurance companies requiring contents itemization in total losses to receive the contents' coverage stated in a policy
  - Supports regulating the loss ratio for property and casualty insurance so that premiums paid go to cover losses and do not become excessive
  - Supports exploration of reinsurance for disaster impacts
  - Addresses insurance availability to ensure community members have access to insurance
  - Supports the exploration of public insurance to address availability
  - **Supports programs for affordable insurance for those with less means.**
- The City recommends CDPHE establish standards for acceptable levels of contaminants in water systems, soils, homes, businesses and schools. Without these standards there is no FEMA reimbursement opportunity or insurance standards for coverage.

## Tax and Finance Policy

The City supports a fair and consistent ~~state~~ tax policy that preserves and expands the authority of local governments and opposes ~~state~~ exemptions that erode municipal sales taxes, use taxes, property taxes, and other revenue sources.

### Positions:

- The City supports fiscally responsible government spending, ~~but and~~ believes it is important ~~the legislature understands to address~~ the layers of constraints on ~~state and~~ local government budgets resulting from the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR).

- The City supports equitable sharing with municipalities of existing and future state revenues derived from state-collected, locally shared revenues, such as the Cigarette/Tobacco/Vaping Tax, Highway Users Tax Fund, Lottery funds, and Marijuana tax funds.
- With the repeal of the Gallagher Amendment and new tax cuts and exemptions, the City believes it is critical to maintain ongoing residential and commercial property taxes to preserve public service revenues to the state, local governments, fire districts, schools, health providers, and others dependent on property taxes to deliver essential services.
- The City supports state tax and financial policies and structures that speed the transition away from fossil fuels.
- The City supports equitable tax structures and financial policies.

## Municipal Administrative Services

The City's administrative services help ensure a high-performing government, including the effective and efficient use of taxpayer funds in providing City services. This includes information technology, human resources, records management, elections, and general government administration. The City supports efforts to ensure that these services can be delivered in a transparent and cost-effective manner.

### Positions:

- The City supports increased funding and resources to elevate cyber-security prevention, response, and recovery/rebuilding when attacks occur.
- The City has implemented accessibility measures that assist persons with disabilities in accessing City information and services, as required by HB21-1110. The City supports accessible digital communications but opposes unfunded mandates on local governments without reasonable opportunity to remediate complaints. Given the expense involved with remediation, the City supports dedicated funding and amendments to HB21-1110 to allow reasonable time for municipalities to come into compliance.
- The City supports the exploration of an accessible database to facilitate information and data sharing between the state and municipal courts.
- The City supports state funding for municipalities to help better serve non-English speaking residents.

## Public Health and Safety

The City supports law enforcement and municipal court policies that ensure public health and safety, thereby improving the quality of life in partnership with the community. (Add additional aspects of health and safety in this heading.)

### Positions:

- The City supports state-level actions to address gun violence. While regional and local legislation can be effective in reducing gun violence, state action is needed to improve safety and regulatory consistency across jurisdictions.
- The City supports access to quality and affordable healthcare for residents and businesses across Colorado.
- The City supports continued efforts to improve municipal court and law enforcement practices and further refinement of such changes to ensure that victims and defendants are adequately protected.
- The City supports statewide efforts to expand mental/behavioral health services, reduce barriers to care, and provide funding to support such initiatives. This includes additional assistance for law enforcement to address community-wide mental health impacts, and mitigate the costs for healthcare and mental health services for persons in custody.
- The City opposes legislation that would prohibit the use of red light cameras and speed radar.

## Energy/Environment

The City supports legislation to address climate change by improving energy efficiency, increasing the use of cost-effective renewable energy, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels while maintaining the reliability and resilience of energy delivery and local control.

### Positions:

- The City supports the state's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through reduced energy consumption, increased use of clean energy and transitioning away from fossil fuels.
- The City supports statewide policies that reduce overall energy demand and consumption, while preserving and expanding local governments' ability to reach their sustainability and climate action goals.
- The City supports the preservation of air quality **improvements**, renewable energy production and emission reductions through legislative, administrative, and regulatory actions.
- The City supports **state** efforts to reduce noise impacts and air pollution, and lead pollution associated with local metropolitan airport activities.
- The City supports opportunities and funding for municipalities to implement local clean energy strategies and solutions.
- The City supports a regional approach to **implementation of energy efficient building codes** ~~implementation to increase greenhouse gas emission reductions and consistency for builders throughout the region.~~ **have a greater effect on greenhouse gas emissions and to increase consistency throughout the region, creating less confusion for builders.**
- **The City supports state actions that effectively address the metro region's violations of Clean Air Act standards in a timely manner. (additional information [here](#))**
- **The City supports repeal of state preemptions of local pesticide regulations. (additional information [here](#))**

## Transportation

Colorado's transportation infrastructure, which connects our communities and facilitates the movement of people and goods, is essential to the economic vitality of our state and necessary to maintain the high quality of life enjoyed by Coloradans. Appropriate investments in transportation, as one of the largest sectors of greenhouse gas emissions, also further the City's energy and environmental goals.

### Positions:

- The City supports ongoing state and federal funding sources for transportation projects, such as **those along the CO Highway 42 corridor** and South Boulder Road, that provide funding for the maintenance of existing infrastructure, multimodal improvements, **accessibility improvements** and other investments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- The City supports regulation and investments that accelerate transportation electrification and other innovative transportation technologies that reduce emissions and congestion.
- The City supports investments that enhance safe, convenient **and accessible** multimodal transportation, including Complete Streets which increase transportation options, improve mobility, and reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, and Vision Zero strategies which improve safety. The City also supports funding for the design and construction of pedestrian underpasses, which achieve many of the goals of Complete Streets and Vision Zero programs.
- The City supports funding for the construction and operation of the Northwest Rail line and the Front Range Passenger Rail to expand multi-modal transportation in the northwest metro region. ~~The City also supports ensuring rail services along this line includes a stop in Louisville, supporting the much-delayed obligation of RTD for transit investment in our community.~~ **The City strongly supports the inclusion of a stop in Louisville along both of these rail services, fulfilling the much-delayed obligation of RTD for transit investment in our community.**

- The City supports full restoration of transit services that were reduced or cut by the Regional Transportation District (RTD) during the COVID pandemic.
- The City opposes efforts to divest state-owned roads to municipalities without adequate short and long-term funding to meet additional maintenance and operational responsibilities.

## Utilities, Telecommunications, and Broadband

The City supports policies that protect Colorado's natural resources and allow the City to maintain facilities efficiently, allowing for reasonable and equitable rates while maintaining optimal quality. The City also supports the local authority to manage all matters related to local telecommunications policy, cable franchising, wireless communication facilities, broadband deployment, public safety communications, rights-of-way management and government access channels.

### Positions:

- The City supports the inventorying and protection of water rights, including the protection of municipal water **rights**.
- The City supports appropriate water conservation efforts and sustainable water resource management practices by all users.
- The City supports efforts to improve water quality through compliance with state and federal regulations.
- The City supports state policy for consumer protections of utility customers, including broadband customers.
- The City opposes state and federal efforts that complicate deployment of small cell and other wireless infrastructure and create unfunded mandates on local governments **and while the City** supports federal and state actions removing these preemptions of local control.
- The City supports state efforts to determine the most effective ways to distribute federal funding to promote broadband deployment and equity in the availability and accessibility of broadband services to all Coloradans.
- The City supports **state** policy and funding to improve public safety telecommunications.
- The City supports the clarification that franchise fees do not include in-kind franchise obligations and supports the repeal of FCC action that creates these limitations on local franchising authority.
- **The City supports state efforts requiring utilities to generate more electricity renewably and transition away from fossil fuels.**

## Land Use, Development and Revitalization, Housing

The City has a long-standing commitment to managed growth. The City believes strongly that local control and land use planning enhance our ability to meet the goals/mission of the City Comprehensive Plan and improve the overall quality of life. In addition, **Colorado's housing market has not kept pace with demand created by employment growth and other pressures, leading to increased housing costs that are inaccessible to many households. The challenges of housing affordability and supply require coordinated state and local solutions that expand opportunities while providing resources for implementation.** The City is working to redevelop and revitalize certain areas within the community, and appropriate urban renewal tools must be preserved to support these efforts.

### Positions:

- The City supports policies and investments that improve the coordination of land use and transportation, and regional cooperation in land use planning and economic development activities.
- **The City supports increased local government funding for the statewide expansion of affordable housing.**

- The City supports state housing trust funds, tax credits, and other financing mechanisms that help close the feasibility gap for affordable housing development and enable jurisdictions to meet regional housing needs. **OR** The City supports increased state funding for local governments' expansion of affordable housing.
- The City supports increased local government and community engagement and impact analysis around the expansion and development of airports.
- The City supports enhancements to Colorado Urban Renewal law that do not unreasonably restrict the use of tax increment financing or eminent domain for redevelopment projects.
- The City supports legislation that encourages and facilitates historic preservation and rehabilitation.
- The City supports transit-oriented development principles, but believes that House Bill 24-1313 – Housing in Transit Oriented Communities may not provide a feasible path for local implementation without bill amendments or clarifications. The City encourages collaborative amendment development with local governments.
- The City supports consideration of environmental sustainability in land use and development policies, for instance, the prioritization of walkable and bikeable communities.
- The City supports state efforts to conserve open spaces.
- The City supports efforts to ensure equitable access to housing.

## Economic Vitality and Business Development

Colorado's economic competitiveness requires coordinated state efforts to attract and retain employers while supporting workforce development.

### Positions:

- The City supports ~~state~~ legislation that provides resources to help local governments attract new employers and support business expansion.
- The City supports ~~state~~ legislation that strengthens economic development tools and incentives for attracting and retaining primary employers, particularly in industries that provide high-wage jobs and opportunities for career advancement.
- The City supports policies that enhance Colorado's competitiveness through strategic investments in transportation infrastructure, broadband connectivity, and other critical systems that enable business growth and expansion.
- The City supports state workforce development initiatives that align education and training programs with industry needs, including partnerships between employers and educational institutions.
- The City supports programs that encourage small business development and entrepreneurship through technical assistance, access to capital, and resources for startups and growing companies.
- The City opposes ~~state~~ regulations that create significant new compliance costs or administrative burdens for businesses without demonstrating clear public benefit.
- The City opposes policies that reduce local flexibility to implement economic development strategies tailored to community needs and opportunities.

## Additional Section – Title?

- The City supports state efforts to address the recommendations of the Truth, Restoration, and Education Commission of Colorado concerning American Indian History and Treaty Rights in Colorado. (additional information [here](#))

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Mayor Leh and Members of Council,

I'm writing to encourage you to defer any decision this week on the staff's proposed Steering Committee for the Downtown Streetscape plan. The idea has merit as a way to elicit broader input from stakeholders most impacted by the plan, e.g. downtown property owners, businesses, residents. As presented by staff, however, the idea raises more questions than answers and requires much more deliberation than one meeting allows.

I serve on the LRC and I have since the downtown plan was first conceived. My input on this agenda item is my own; it is not that of the LRC.

Many questions arise in reading the staff's Steering Committee proposal. Some that you might consider include:

What is the most useful scope or purpose of a new committee? Does Council need or want another group (beyond the staff, LRC, consultants, and Council itself) engaged in the details of project cost allocation, prioritization and value engineering - as suggested by staff? Wouldn't a more helpful scope narrowly focus on downtown stakeholder impact mitigation?

How would a new committee's role and activities align with that of staff, LRC, Council, and perhaps others? Does the possibility of project delay due to duplication of efforts and reconciliation of additional perspectives outweigh the benefits?

What is the optimal timeline for a new committee to accomplish work that is beneficial to the streetscape project? Is a committee helpful if it realistically takes most of this year to appoint its members, get them up to speed on the complexities of the plan, and then formulate and present their views? How would a new Committee's timeline align with the overall project timeline - would it slow the project down?

What is the optimal mix of stakeholders on a new committee? Could the composition proposed by staff produce too many overlapping/duplicative interests (e.g. business owner/DBA/Chamber/resident appointments)? Wouldn't at least two appointments from the LRC be advisable since it is funding the streetscape project and its members have a deeper understanding of the plan than anyone else except staff? How could appointments from PPLAB or other advisory committees be beneficial to the plan and its timely implementation? Should a member of the City Council sit on the Steering Committee?

What's the right size of a new committee? As proposed by staff, the Steering Committee would be larger than either the Council or LRC. Could a smaller committee be more efficient and help minimize possible project delays?

Thank you for giving these thoughts your consideration. I look forward to hearing your deliberation on this proposal.

Best,  
Clif Harald

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Louisville City Council

January 6

I am writing in support of the inclusion of public art in the planned upgrades for downtown Louisville, specifically those that are scheduled to be implemented along Front Street and will be going forward in the near future.

Public Art serves an important purpose in a city's downtown area. Art and culture are vital to attracting visitors, enhancing community identity and pride as well as contributing to economic vibrancy. I recently read this article from Forbes featuring research and statistics on the positive impact of art and culture in cities and towns:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/timothyjmcclimon/2023/10/16/the-economic-impact-of-local-arts-and-culture-businesses/>

I understand a Steering Committee for the Downtown Public Urban Landscape and Streetscape Enhancements (PULSE) Project will be forming and that the City Council will be discussing this on Tuesday, January 7. I urge you to include an arts representative on this committee. Arts and culture are a crucial component of a downtown and it is essential that they be included in discussions and planning for our downtown.

Thank you.

Patricia Howard

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Please see the attached from LRC member Jeff Lipton.

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Hi Meredyth,

Happy New Year!

I know you are not the City Clerk these days, but I'm not quite sure how to send an e-mail to Council before Tuesday's meeting.

The link on the web site doesn't seem to be working with my Outlook e-mail system.

Could you help me by forwarding this to the right person (Acting City Clerk?) who can include it in the Council materials.

Thanks much for your help.

Best,

Jeffrey S. Lipton  
303-513-5333

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January 5, 2025

Dear Mayor Leh and Members of Council,

I am writing you this letter in my individual capacity as an appointed member of the Louisville Revitalization Commission (LRC).

As you are aware, the LRC has devoted much of its time and resources during the past couple of years collaborating with the city staff, its consultants, Downtown businesses, and the broader community on the development of the Downtown Vision Plan which has been embraced by the community and approved recently by both the LRC and City Council.

The LRC has allocated almost all of its remaining funding (\$10,000,000) to the implementation of the Vision Plan. The LRC has established implementation of the Vision Plan as its highest priority in its work plan for the next two years.

I am writing this e-mail to you to express my concern over the process and details for the establishment of a "steering committee" to advise on the implementation of the Vision Plan as proposed by staff and included in your Council packet for this week's meeting.

My first concern is that the LRC was not consulted or even informed that this proposal was going to be presented to you this week. As a significant stakeholder and funding source for the Downtown Vision Plan effort, I believe that the LRC should have been consulted on the proposal before it was taken to City Council. The absence of consultation with the LRC about the steering committee structure and membership is inconsistent with our efforts to work collaboratively with city staff on the project.

The LRC should have at least been told that staff had a proposal that was being taken to City Council. That did not happen. We were not informed that you would consider this item this week. The staff should have asked the LRC for its feedback which should have been shared with Council in the Council packet. That did not occur.

I reflect on my previous experience sitting on City Council where my first question of staff would have been, "Have you shared this proposal with the LRC and what were their comments and feedback?" The staff erred in the process of not at least first consulting with the LRC prior to bringing the proposal to you. You should have the benefit from the LRC's feedback before being asked to provide direction for staff.

My second concern is that the proposed steering committee structure and membership proposed is without an articulation of the roles and responsibilities of the steering committee, the LRC, the city staff, the design consultants, and the City Council moving forward with the project. Having established and documented roles and responsibilities is critical to avoiding disagreements and miscommunications in the future and having a successful project outcome.

As to the proposed membership of the steering committee, what or why the proposed members? Many of the suggested members have been uninvolved in the work-to-date on the Vision Plan and do not have the history and understanding of what the city goals and priorities are in trying to implement the project and conceptual design.

The proposed committee composition seems to be premature without articulating a clear strategy for the committee composition. Should we have a smaller or larger group? What is the value of each proposed member? What should the backgrounds of the members be to provide maximum value? Why are some city constituencies represented and others not? Do we even need to have a committee?

As a precursor to establishing a steering committee or some other structure to help advise on the decision-making related to the project, staff should better define what they are trying to accomplish with the committee and what are the alternatives that meet these goals. That should then drive decisions as to the best composition of a group and how the group would properly engage the community stakeholders as decisions need to be made.

Options should have been provided to you in the packet and should have been reviewed by the LRC before being taken to City Council. Neither happened and Council shouldn't be asked in this meeting to provide specific feedback on the proposal.

I would suggest that you do not act Tuesday night and direct staff to at least consult with the LRC and potentially other stakeholders and then provide you with the input you need before you make informed decisions and give specific direction to establish establishing the steering committee.

As always, thank you for your service and consideration of this feedback.

Best Regards,

Jeff Lipton