



## **The Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities**

**2101 O'Neil Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001**

**Monthly Meeting: November 13, 2025, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Zoom only**

**1. Call to Order: 11:30 a.m.**

**Roll Call/Attendance:**

- Board Members Present: Tom Gallagher, Rebecca Millett, Kristy Richardson, Patti Riesland, Amy Simpson, Gregg Smith, Julie Tucker, Michelle Woerner
- Board Members Absent: Teresa Simkins-Aris
- Establish quorum: Yes – 8 of 9 members attending
- Council Liaison: Pete Laybourn, Councilperson, not present
- City Personnel: Amber Ash, Chief of Staff

**2. Approval of Minutes:** October 2025 unanimous approval

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

- a. Jonah Bank \$9,392.13
- b. Expenditures in the last month: none

**4. Announcements:**

- a. City of Cheyenne Municipal Building will re-open soon
- b. Larry Wolfe has been selected to fulfill the remaining time for City Councilperson vacancy

**5. Speakers/Presentation:** JJ, Wyoming Independent Living, wilr.org

- a. Established to empower individuals to take control of their life
- b. Available to residents who have a long-term disability that impacts their life
- c. Helps them to explore possibilities so they can advocate, learn, access, transition, and support themselves
- d. Allows them to participate in the community by:
  - i. Access to their home
  - ii. Get to where they need to go
  - iii. Access public space and services
  - iv. Attend community and social events
- e. Has ADA coordinator on staff
- f. Program for businesses to display sticker if ADA accessible
- g. Offices in Cheyenne, Laramie, Casper, Sheridan, and Gillette
- h. Work with veterans, youths
- i. ADA training and technical assistance
- j. Offer classes (listed on their events calendar)

- k. Yearly peer advocacy conference
- l. Legislative advocacy

**6. New Business:**

- a. Conflict of Interest Form – fill out for 2026 (was sent with agenda) needs to be filled out and returned to Kristy Richardson via email
- b. Bylaw review scheduled in December 2025 – any changes will be sent out for the 14-day review period, prior to the January meeting
- c. Elections scheduled for January 2026 – nominations are open
- d. Reports: (attached at the end of the minutes, if noted)
  - i. Airport Board – see attached
  - ii. City Council – see attached
  - iii. Cheyenne Frontier Days – no report
  - iv. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
    - 1. Awarded Wyo Pass Project of the Year for Plan of Development
    - 2. Sidewalks – Healthworks and Paramount Theater
    - 3. Train cars 2027
    - 4. Reed Ave project – railroad closing crossings
    - 5. 17<sup>th</sup> Street lighting was knocked out by hail
    - 6. Parking – response to parallel parking striping – people do not like
    - 7. Researching planters
  - v. Finance Committee -see attached
  - vi. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – no report
  - vii. Planning Commission – see attached
  - viii. Parking and Sidewalk meeting with Engineering
    - 1. Sidewalks – 1 application from 18<sup>th</sup> St
    - 2. Loan program not successful
    - 3. Property owners are responsible for sidewalks, they are not investing in them
  - ix. Public Services Committee - see attached
  - x. Safe Streets 4 All – no report
  - xi. Transit – no report
  - xii. Visit Cheyenne
    - 1. Dominic promoted to state level, Jim is temporarily in charge
    - 2. Wants more data on visitors
  - xiii. Wyoming Legislature – in process bills and other issues
    - 1. Voting ID bill – can no longer use medicare/medicaid card or school ID for ID
    - 2. Ballot box issue – must hand in ballots in person
    - 3. MCPD member went to testify but Capitol Building does not have a companion restroom, so they had to leave, past remodel of Capitol Building, MCPD offered to test plans for compliance but was refused

**7. Old /Continuing Business:**

- a. Liaison List will be distributed to all members so they can select the meetings they would like to attend
- b. Reports and/or comments from members about training available through Rocky Mountain ADA <https://rockymountainada.org> – none

**8. Member or Public Comments - none**

**9. Upcoming meeting dates:**

- a. December 4th executive board meeting
- b. December 11th monthly board meeting

**10. Adjournment: 12:53 pm**

**Reports for November 13, 2025 MCPD Meeting**

Airport Board

- Approval of various leases.

City Council

- Meeting scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Committee

- Approval of Bar and Grill License for Hambones.
- Agreement with WYDOT for \$300,000 Transportation for Public Transit.
- Purchase of vehicles for Landfill, Recreation and Events, PD and FD totaling \$2.5 million.

Planning Commission and recent projects

- Annexations continue to be presented and approved
- East of Converse Ave and North of East Carlson St., 20.4 acres annexed and assigned zoning for multi-family residential - approved
- Connect 2050 – Long-range transportation plan for the Cheyenne area - [https://www.cheyennecity.org/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/departments/planningdevelopment/agendas-and-minutes/pc/2025/2025-11-03/staff-reports/connect-2050\\_draft-final-report\\_10.24.2025.pdf](https://www.cheyennecity.org/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/departments/planningdevelopment/agendas-and-minutes/pc/2025/2025-11-03/staff-reports/connect-2050_draft-final-report_10.24.2025.pdf) approved
- Next meeting: December 1

Public Services Committee

- Ordinance for rules on Recreational RV Parks and Campgrounds.