



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

February 5, 2024

7:00 PM

**Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Beauchamp

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller

Absent: Joshua Thompson

Councilmember Miller moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Thompson. **Motion Approved 5-0.**

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Community Development Director Carlson, Planning Manager Johnston, Housing & Grants Administrator Frey, Sustainability & Energy Coordinator Baker, Assistant City Attorney Reiman and approximately 20 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: none

2. Proclamations

- 2.A National Black History Month, 2024 African Americans and the Arts
The proclamation for National Black History Month was read by T. Andre Feagin.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 5-0.**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting
5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

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- 5.C Approve University Way Banner Request for League of Women Voters - October 29 - November 4, 2024
 - 5.D Approve University Way Banner Request for Kittitas County Pride - May 14-27 & June 11-24, 2024
 - 5.E Project Acceptance for Bid Call 2023-10, 2023 Residential Sidewalk Repair Program
 - 5.F Approve Voucher Listing for February 5, 2024

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 5-0.**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Recommendation of Appointments to the Environmental Commission and the Affordable Housing Commission (Public Comment Opportunity)
The City Manager presented recommendations from the Environmental Commission and Affordable Housing Commission.

Brenda Davore introduced herself and spoke regarding her interest in serving on the Environmental Commission.

Peter Stone introduced himself and spoke regarding his interest in serving on the Affordable Housing Commission.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve appointment of Brenda Devore to the Environmental Commission and Peter Stone to the Affordable Housing Commission. **Motion Approved 5-0**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- John Blevins spoke regarding his proposal to name alleyways in Ellensburg and gave copies of his proposal to the City Clerk
- Angle Lang, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding Reed Park and Craigs Hill
- Penney Whitman, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding Reed Park and the roadway by the American Legion
- Rhonda Griffen, County resident, spoke regarding parks and facilities
- Jennifer Patterson, County resident, spoke regarding parks funding for the City pool
- Pat Kelleher, County resident, speaking for himself, spoke regarding Unity Park

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Second Reading of Ordinance 4936 Supportive and Emergency Housing Facilities Code Amendments (Public Comment Opportunity)
Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Supportive and Emergency Housing Facilities Ordinance 4936.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to amend Ordinance 4936 to incorporate changes by staff as discussed and provided on the dais. **Motion Approved 5-0**

Council discussed the amended ordinance

Councilmember Lillquist moved to add indoor emergency housing as a permitted use in the PR zone, including footnote 9, to page 11 of Ordinance 4936. **Motion Approved 5-0**

Vote on motion to adopt Ordinance 4936 as amended. **Motion Approved 5-0**

- 9.B Ordinance 4937 - Telecommunications Franchise Agreement with Consolidated Communications of Washington, LLC (for adoption in single reading) (Public Comment Opportunity)
Terry Weiner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to waive Council Rule 9.3(b), to allow final passage of an ordinance on the same day it is introduced in a single reading. **Motion Approved 5-0**

Councilmember Miller move to conduct a single reading and adoption of Ordinance 4937. **Motion Approved 5-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A Notice of Intent to Commence Annexation Proceedings for Parcels 166133, 118133, 118836, 278836, 108836, 288133, 850836, and 278133 Located on W Dolarway Rd. (Public Comment Opportunity)
Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report. Planning Manager Johnston explained there were two parcels that were not originally included in the original annexation request.

Chad Bala, representative for Calaway Trading, spoke in favor of the annexation.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to set the annexation area as expanded to include the additional two parcels on the amended boundary map as presented. **Motion Approved 5-0**

Councilmember Lillquist moved to direct simultaneous adoption of zoning of Calaway property as I-L and the two additional parcels as Commercial Highway. **Motion Approved 5-0**

Councilmember Lillquist moved the City shall require the assumption of all or of any portion of existing city or town indebtedness by the area to be annexed.

Motion Approved 5-0

11.B 2024 Community Development Long Range Planning Work Program (Public Comment Opportunity)

Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Joan Bennett, City resident, spoke regarding sidewalks and setbacks for properties

Jennifer Patteson, County resident, spoke in opposition to narrowing city streets

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the 2024 Community Development Long Range Work Program. **Motion Approved 5-0**

12. Miscellaneous

12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)

The City Manager reviewed the report. She reported there were six applications received for open council position 3. A letter of support to the Department of Commerce was on the dais and it was being requested to approve the Mayor's signature.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the Mayor's signature on the letter of support to the Washington State Department of Commerce. **Motion Approved 5-0**

Two executive sessions were required per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and 42.30.110(1)(i) and was expected to last 15 minutes. No action would be taken.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Miller requested an excused absence for the March 4, 2024 regular meeting

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Miller for the March 4, 2024 meeting. **Motion Approved 5-0**

- Councilmember Lillquist reported on the Lodging Tax Committee, Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board, Utility Advisory Committee, attended the Library birthday event, LEOFF 1 board meeting, participated in the HopeSource Point in Time count, attended a flag & banner meeting, and spoke with a local Boy Scout about Yakima river protection
- Councilmember Goodloe attended a planning session with CWU to schedule the next Belonging in the Burg event, and a DEI Commission

- meeting
- Councilmember Beauchamp attended the Raymond Santana event at CWU and requested an excused absence for the February 20, 2024 meeting

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Beauchamp for the February 20, 2024 meeting. **Motion Approved 5-0**

- Mayor Elliott requested to place a presentation on the March 18th regular agenda regarding the two tenths of one percent ballot measure for funding emergency communications. He requested that when an American flag is worn, that it be replaced and turned in to one of multiple locations that dispose of them properly. He asked when the Reed Park action item will be presented to Council and it was anticipated the March 18 or April 1, 2024 meeting. He asked for an excused absence for the March 4, 2024 meeting.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve an excused absence for Mayor Elliott for the March 4, 2024 meeting. **Motion Approved 5-0**

13. Executive Session

- 13.A Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.
- 13.B Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency

Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), Council recessed to Executive Session and began discussion at 8:41 pm. It was anticipated to last 15 minutes and no action would be taken.

At 8:51 the Mayor announced the executive session would be extended for another five minutes.

Council reconvened at 8:56 pm

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk