



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

December 6, 2021

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 Lillquist

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Nancy Goodloe, Tristen Lamb, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Bruce Tabb, Rich Elliott

Absent: Mary Morgan

Councilmember Lamb attended remotely via Zoom

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve excused absence for councilmember Morgan.

Motion Approved 6-0.

Also present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, Executive Assistant Gigstead, Community Development Director Sackett, HR Director Young, Finance Director Pascoe, Power & Gas Manager Stanavich, Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski, Engineering Manager Mayo, Councilmember Elect Winn and approximately ten members of the public

Also present remotely via Zoom: Planning Manager Ayling, Senior Planner Henderson and approximately two members of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A. Environmental Rights Awareness Day
Councilmember Lillquist read the proclamation

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Mayor's signature on the proclamation.

Motion Approved 6-0.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A. Approve Minutes of the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 5.B. Approve Minutes of the November 15, 2021 Study Session
- 5.C. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.D. Accept the Resignation of Veronica Acevedo from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission
- 5.E. Approval of Ellensburg Arts Commission 2022 Grant Awards
- 5.F. Approve Voucher Listing for December 6, 2021

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

6.A. Board and Commission Applications and Requests for Reappointment
Jordan Ruhle introduced himself and spoke on his interest in the Affordable Housing Commission.

Raven Harlin introduced herself and spoke on her interest in the Environmental Commission.

Councilmember Miller moved to Approve reappointing the three individuals requesting reappointment to the respective commissions. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve accepting the recommendation from EBDA for the two member reappointments. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Lee Bates - 1802 N Bluegrass Lane, thanked the State Park Ranger for his assistance with clearing of the trail and spoke regarding the traffic report from Fehr & Peers

Pat Kelleher - 6530 Wilson Creek Rd, spoke regarding traffic on Cora Street

Christopher Hobbs - 1391 Reecer Creek Rd, expressed concern regarding access to meetings

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A. Public Hearing (Legislative) and First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Ellensburg Comprehensive Plan

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Community Development Director, Kirsten Sackett, presented information in the staff report. She entered another document into the record as Exhibit 24 - SEPA Final Determination

She reviewed proposal 21-06 and City Attorney Weiner explained the options Council had for that docket item. Director Sackett then reviewed the other proposals including the new DEI section of the Plan.

She reviewed the Planning Commission review process and recommendations.

Jackie Brunson - 1585 Tjossem Rd, owner of the parcel included in Docket 21-11 spoke in support of the docketed item.

Fabian Kuchin – 1404 Dry Creek Rd, spoke regarding his request for future land use designation change included in Docket 21-10

Christopher Hobbs - 1391 Reecer Creek Rd, spoke regarding the DEI Section of the Comp Plan, Docket 21-02.

There were questions from Council regarding Dockets 21-04, 21-10 and the Economic Development Chapter, Docket 21-06.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to Approve proposal 21-10 with proposed staff modifications as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve proposal 21-11 with proposed staff modifications as presented the hearing. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Lillquist moved to Approve proposal 21-01 with modifications to amend the Parks & Recreation capital improvements schedule. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Lillquist moved to Approve proposal 21-02 as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Lillquist moved to Approve proposal 21-03 as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Lillquist moved to Approve referring proposal 21-04 to next year's annual amendment process. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve proposal 21-05 as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Lillquist moved to Deny proposal 21-06. After discussion, Councilmember Lillquist withdrew the motion.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to Approve referring proposal 21-06 to the 2022 annual amendment process. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve conduct first reading of Ordinance 4882 with Dockets 21-01, 21-02, 21-03, 21-05 all as presented, Dockets 21-10 and 21-11 as modified and Dockets 21-04 and 21-06 referred to the 2022 process. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A. Ordinance 4881 - Mid-Biennial Review Supplemental Budget Ordinance
Finance Director, Jerica Pascoe, presented information in the staff report and reviewed changes incorporated in second reading of the ordinance.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4881. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

9.B. Pay Plan Resolution for 2022
Human Resources Director, Lisa Young, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve Resolution 2021-36 for the 2022 Pay Plan. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

9.C. Resolution approving Multifamily Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Stalder Holdings LLC for 1st and Pine Studios
Planning Manager, Jamey Ayling, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to Approve Resolution 2021-37 for MFPTE Agreement. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

9.D. Resolution to approve Affordable Housing Agreement with Habitat for Humanity
City Attorney, Terry Weiner, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve Resolution 2021-38 for the Affordable Housing Agreement with Habitat with Humanity. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A. Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) – Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP)

Power & Gas Manager, Buddy Stanavich, reviewed information in the staff report and presented background information for requirements of the plan.

Councilmember Lillquist requested inclusion of information regarding the gas utility and how that affects the electric utility.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the CETA plan.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to Approve amending the language on page 366 to include a discussion regarding the CCA and the effects on the electric utility. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the CETA plan as amended. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

11.B. Appointment Process for Council Position No. 7

City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, presented information concerning advertisement and acceptance of applications for open position 7.

Councilmembers discussed the closing date. Council concurred that January 7, 2022 should be the closing date.

12. Miscellaneous

12.A. Manager's Report

The City Manager reviewed the report.

Councilmember Miller moved to Approve council scheduled study sessions on the second council meeting of the month through 2022. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

12.B. Councilmembers' Reports

- Councilmember Elliott reported on the County Commissioners public hearing for 1/10 of one percent for mental health, met regarding Covid effects on the healthcare system, and attended a meeting for the infrastructure bill
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the Law & Justice Committee and the Utility Advisory Committee
- Councilmember Lillquist attended the Utility Advisory Committee, Environmental Commission
- Councilmember Miller attended the KCCOG meeting
- Mayor Tabb participated in TIP kickoff meeting, and the Affordable Housing Commission

13. Executive Session

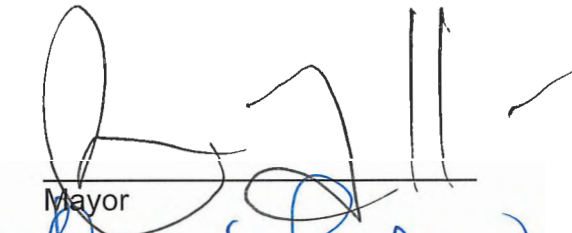
13.A. Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii) litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Two items were to be discussed.

Council recessed into Executive Session and began discussion at 9:26 pm. It was anticipated to last 10 minutes and no action would be taken.

Council reconvened at 9:36 pm

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm



Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk