

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

April 1, 2024

Time of Meeting

7:00 PM

Place of Meeting

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Thompson

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Rich Elliott (present remotely), Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Community Development Director Carlson, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Budget Officer Lanphere, Assistant City Attorney Reiman, and approximately 40 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Sustainability & Energy Coordinator Baker, Energy Resources Manager Stanavich and approximately thirteen members of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A Arbor Day Proclamation 2024
Councilmember Miller read the proclamation.
- 2.B National Safe Digging Month Proclamation
- 2.C National Child Abuse Prevention Month
Kittitas County Commissioner Wachsmith read the proclamation. Nicole Wachsmith and Sandra Martinez with CASA were also present.

3. Awards and Recognitions

- 3.A Zoe Trudeau, Kittitas County Girl Scouts Honor Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Lillquist
Zoe Trudeau, with Girl Scout Troop 3953, presented an award to Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist.

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Approve University Way Banner Request for National Day of Prayer, April 23-May 6, 2024
- 5.D Project Acceptance - Bid Call No. 2022-06, 2022 City Property Groundskeeping
- 5.E Bid Award - Bid Call 2024-07 for Residential Natural Gas Meters
- 5.F Bid Award - Bid Call 2024-08 for Natural Gas Meter ERTs
- 5.G Professional Services Agreement with Evergreen StormH2O for Stormwater Asset Data Collection
- 5.H Resolution 2024-07 Approving Cason Salvati's Street Tree Removal Request at 604 S. Maple Street.
- 5.I City of Ellensburg Urban Flooding Analysis FCAAP Grant
- 5.J Approve April 1, 2024 Voucher Listing

Mayor Elliott moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Recommendation of Appointments to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and the Library Board (Public Comment Opportunity)
Carmen Wiggins and Janie Zencak introduced themselves and spoke on their interest in serving on the Lodging Tax Committee.
Vikki Carpenter and Richard Moreno (present remotely) introduced themselves and spoke on their interest in serving on the Library Board.

Mayor Elliott moved to appoint the recommended applicants to the Lodging Tax Committee and Library Board. **Motion Approved 7-0**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- William Coleman, County resident, spoke regarding City Facebook posts
- Theresa Plue, County resident, spoke regarding Council Rule 6.4
- Howard Jones, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding a site evaluations
- Angie Lang, Ellensburg resident, speaking for herself, spoke regarding surveys turned in for Reed Park
- Councilmember Lillquist apologized to Angie Lang, the Save Craig's Hill group and Council for comments she made at the March 18 meeting
- Cheryl Chance, County resident, spoke regarding March 18th meeting minutes and comments from councilmembers

- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding the form for sleep center property suggestions and the requirement of 1.25 acres
- Penney Whitman, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding support of Angie Lang and requested a town hall meeting
- Andy Cleman, County resident, spoke regarding violation of Council Rule 6.4 and violation per RCW 42.30.120

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

8.A Ordinance 4940 (First Reading) Amending the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget (Public Comment Opportunity)

Gloria Lanphere, Budget Officer, presented information in the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist opened the public hearing. With no comments or questions from the public or Council, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4940, amending the 2023-24 biennial budget. **Motion Approved 7-0**

8.B Public Hearing (Legislative) to Consider Annexation of 10 Parcels and First Reading of Ordinance 4941 Approving the Annexation (Public Comment Opportunity)

Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist opened the public hearing.

Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report. Chad Bala, representative for the petitioner, expressed support of the annexation.

Theresa Plue, commented regarding Mill Ditch and water rights

Jeff Calaway, County resident and property owner, spoke regarding Mill Ditch and spoke about the Light Industrial portion of the annexation.

With no further questions or comments from the public or Council, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Elliott moved to approve conducting the first reading of Ordinance 4941 annexing parcels into the City of Ellensburg. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A Resolution 2024-06, Multifamily Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Patricia Place LLC for 501 N Water Street (Public Comment Opportunity)

Lily Frey, Housing and Grants Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Mayor Elliott moved to approve adoption of Multifamily Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Resolution 2024-06. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A Arbor Day Tree Giveaway Program Expansion (Public Comment Opportunity)
Nichole Baker, Sustainability & Energy Coordinator, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to adopt the expansion of the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway Program to allow tree voucher eligibility beyond the right-of-way (ROW) areas, in private residential zones, within the City of Ellensburg city limits. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 11.B Fieldhouse Owner's Advisor Consultant Agreement (Public Comment Opportunity)
Brad Case, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.
Robynne Thaxton, with Thaxton|Parkinson PLLC, council retained for the project, also answered Council questions.

Jennifer Patteson, County resident, questioned whether the insurance funding the City receives would be used for the project.

Councilmember Miller moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the consultant agreement with the Wenaha Group in the amount of \$635,231.68 and approve the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 7-0**

12. Miscellaneous

- 12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)
The City Manager reviewed the report. She requested two councilmembers be appointed to the Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee. Nancy Goodloe and Josh Thompson volunteered to serve on the committee.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve Councilmembers Goodloe and Thompson to the Ad Hoc Committee. **Motion Approved 7-0**

The City Manager explained customer questions concerning stormwater charges now showing on utility bills.
The World Cafe will be held at CWU Sue Lombard Hall on April 13th and the Waste Management Spring Cleanup will be April 6th - 13th.

- 12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)
- Councilmember Beauchamp asked about KITTCOM board meetings, attended the Unity Park groundbreaking, attended the save Craig's Hill meeting and asked about a town hall meeting
 - Councilmember Goodloe reported on the Homelessness & Affordable Housing Commission, AWC upcoming forum, Ellensburg Homeless panel at Hal Holmes on April 16th; she attended the Unity Park groundbreaking and Craig's Hill meeting

- Councilmember Miller apologized for alleged comments that were interpreted as being insulting and that they weren't intended to be disparaging.
- Councilmember Palmer spoke regarding open house and town hall meetings, attended the Affordable Housing Commission, Law & Justice Council, Steer I-90 meeting, and requested an excused absence for the May 6 & June 3 meetings

Councilmember Miller moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Palmer for the May 6 and June 3 regular meetings. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- Councilmember Thompson spoke regarding a meeting with Save Craig's Hill group and asked about someone else attending the Chamber monthly meeting
- Councilmember Lillquist attended the Environmental Commission, Utility Advisory Commiteeee and Planning Commission meetings, traveled with City staff to Olympia for signing of the CCA Bill, attended a Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board meeting, Unity Park groundbreaking. She asked about next steps for council decision on Reed Park, and the City Manager reviewed next steps. She also attended a meeting with representatives from Sanda City, Japan
- Mayor Elliott spoke about a fundraiser at IOOF on Thursday for a high school exchange program, spoke regarding the energy code and ADUs, met with Representative Schrier, an interim Director for KITTCOM has been hired, and is working with entities for economic development

13. Executive Session

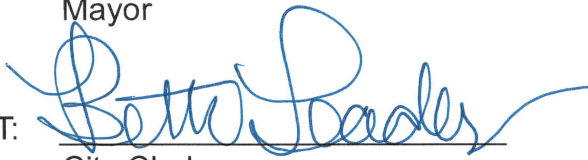
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk