



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

April 15, 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 Lillquist

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Delano Palmer and Joshua Thompson

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, Assistant City Attorney Reiman, City Clerk Leader, Police Chief Wade, Crime & Intelligence Analyst Carr, Senior Planner Henderson, Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski, Arts & Economic Development Manager Vandenberg, Budget Analyst Lanphere, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Energy Resources Manager Stanavich, Parks & Recreation Director Case and approximately 25 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: two members of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A National Arab American Heritage Month

Layla Taha was present remotely to read the proclamation, but was muted by the Mayor due to not progressing with the reading.

Councilmember Goodloe read the proclamation.

- Al Archer, city resident, spoke regarding the proclamation
- Mariana Frayer, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding the proclamation
- Landis Hanson, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding the proclamation
- Ben Hanson, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding the proclamation
- Birgit Mitchell, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding the proclamation
- Justin Lamb, spoke regarding the proclamation

2.B 2024 Historic Preservation Month

Stacey Henderson, Senior Planner, read the proclamation

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of April 1, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Approve Minutes of April 1, 2024 Study Session
- 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards & Commissions
- 5.D Approve University Way Banner Request for Drug Take Back - April 16-22, 2024
- 5.E Bid Award - Bid Call 2024-02 for Piping Irrigation Ditch on City's University Way (formerly Catherine Park) Property
- 5.F Bid Award – Bid Call 2024-06 2024 Cured-In-Place Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project
- 5.G Consultant Agreement Supplement No. 3 - Brick Road Improvements Engineering
- 5.H TIB 2024 Complete Streets Early Opportunity Award - Grant Agreement
- 5.I Amendment 2 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Ellensburg and the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet)
- 5.J Approve Voucher Listing for April 15, 2024

A small change to the April 1, 2024 minutes was included on the dais.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the amendment included on the dais. **Motion Approved 7-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Recommendation of Appointment to the Public Transit Advisory Committee
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, introduced the item. Deja Blanchard was not present.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve appointment of Deja Blanchard to the Public Transit Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 6.B Poetry Month Reading and Update from City of Ellensburg Poet Laureate, Marie Marchand
Marie Marchand, Ellensburg Poet Laureate, read a poem and spoke regarding her involvement with different poetry events.

Alex Eyre spoke regarding Marie serving as Ellensburg's Poet Laureate.

- 6.C Creative District Update
Kelle Vandenberg, Arts and Economic Development Manager, presented

information concerning the City's Creative District designation.

6.D 2024 State Legislative Session Wrap-up

Josh Weiss, with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations, was present to review information with Council. Council asked questions of Mr. Weiss.

6.E Ellensburg Police Department - 2024 Community Survey Results

Ken Wade, Police Chief, introduced the item and Dr. Eliann Carr, Crime and Intelligence Analyst, presented survey results and answered questions from Council.

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- Carryn Vande Griend, Puget Sound Energy representative, spoke regarding wildfire season and the future PSE open house for emergency preparedness
- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding homelessness

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

8.A Public Hearing for Adoption of Resolution 2024-08 to Surplus a City-owned Parking Lot at 6th and N. Pearl Street and Approval of Sale by Exchange of Properties with 1102 Parking, LLC (Public Comment Opportunity)

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Steve Townsend, representative for 1102 LLC, spoke in favor of the parking lot exchange with the city.

Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke in favor of the parking lot exchange and commented regarding Brownsfield grant and ADA parking.

Council asked questions of staff. With no further questions or comments from the public or City Council, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to adopt Resolution 2024-08 amending to include "in substantially similar form" in the agreement. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

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

Gloria Lanphere, Budget Analyst, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4940 amending the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9.B Resolution 2024-09 Authorizing Grant Submittal to the Recreation and Conservation Office (Public Comment Opportunity)

Brad Case, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding the Ellensburg School District tennis program.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to adopt Resolution 2024-09 authorizing the City to apply for the RCO grant. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

10.A Follow-up Items for Council Discussion

Mayor Elliott requested the item be placed on the Agenda and introduced the item for discussion.

Councilmembers discussed town hall meetings and Council interaction with the public.

Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding Be Heard Eburg webpage and public comment availability.

The Mayor asked if Council wanted to consider naming alleyways at a future meeting. Council consensus was not to pursue the request at this time.

Council discussed the item of utility rates for churches. It was requested the item be brought back for discussion at a future Council meeting.

11. New Business

12. Miscellaneous

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

The City Manager reviewed the report.

Councilmembers Lillquist and Goodloe will attend the Sleep Center Ad Hoc Meeting on April 19th.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Miller participated in a webinar for American Trails Association.
- Councilmember Palmer attended the I-90 Steering Committee, Affordable Housing Commission, and youth mentoring meetings
- Councilmember Thompson attended the Parks & Recreation Commission and Landmarks & Design Commission meetings
- Councilmember Lillquist reported on the Flags & Banner Committee and Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee, explained that HopeSource is trying to purchase Crestview Terrace in order to maintain as affordable housing, participated in the Civics Bee, the Poetry walk, announced Bike Month events scheduled at the Farmer's Market on May 18th, and

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- attended Library speaker series and the World Cafe
 - Councilmember Goodloe attended the Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee and DEI Committee meetings
 - Councilmember Beauchamp attended the Library Board and Developmental Disabilities Board meetings
 - Mayor Elliott attended EBDA/CenterFuse meeting, recognized the Kittitas County Medical Program Director who will be retiring, spoke regarding the PSE wildfire open house, and stated the City will need to discuss cost of service and level of service for the Animal Shelter in the near future

13. Executive Session

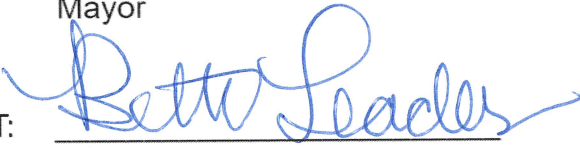
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk