

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

May 20, 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, Joshua Thompson

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Engineering Manager Mayo, Senior Electrical Engineer Meyer and approximately 20 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Energy Resources Manager Stanavich and five members of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A Jewish American Heritage Month
Councilmember Miller read the proclamation

2.B National Public Works Week
Mayor Elliott read the proclamation

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Lillquist moved to Approve the Agenda.

Councilmember Miller moved to amend the motion to move Item 8A to Item 9D. **Motion Approved 7-0**

Vote on approval of the amended Agenda. **Motion Approved 7-0**

5. Consent Agenda

5.A Approve Minutes of May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting

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- 5.B Approve Minutes of May 6, 2024 Study Session
 - 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
 - 5.D Board and Commission Resignations
 - 5.E Notification of CenterFuse Action to Reduce Board to Seven Members
 - 5.F Project Acceptance - Department of Natural Resources 2023 Community Forestry Assistance Grant
 - 5.G Amendment 1 to the 2023 Electrical System Plan Consultant Services Agreement
 - 5.H Amendment No. 1 to the Natural Gas Asset Management Services & Purchasing Base Agreement
 - 5.I Professional Services Consultant Agreement for Phase 1 of the Engineering and Design of the Helena Ave Improvements Project
 - 5.J Approve May 20, 2024 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Reappointment of Tylene Carnell to the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report. Tylene Carnell spoke regarding her service on the DEI Commission.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to reappoint Tylene Carnell to the DEI Commission. **Motion Approved 7-0**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- Jaden Thacker, CWU student, spoke regarding the Juneteenth holiday
- Landis Hanson, spoke regarding antisemitism and a ceasefire
- Kerensa Monnie, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding a ceasefire
- Natalie Thornton, CWU student, spoke regarding a ceasefire
- Aislin Palon, Ellensburg High School student, spoke regarding a ceasefire
- Julia McConnachie, CWU student, spoke regarding a ceasefire
- Howard Jones, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding multiple topics
- James Paton, Ellensburg resident, representing himself, spoke regarding the need for a park North of town and the speed limit on University Way
- David Minear, city resident, spoke regarding Council focusing on issues that affect the City
- Ben, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding a ceasefire
- Hope Amason, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding CWU students

- Devorah Greenspan, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding the Jewish Heritage Month proclamation and a 4-way stop at Reecer Creek Road and Dry Creek Road

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Second Reading of Ordinance 4942, Repealing Ellensburg City Code Section 9.30.100(B) "Electric Rates." and Amending Section 9.91.100(P) "Primary Service City-Owned Transformer E-204"
- Paul Meyer, Senior Electrical Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4942 Repealing Ellensburg City Code Section 9.30.100(B) "Electric Rates." and Amending Section 9.91.100(P) "Primary Service City-Owned Transformer E-204". **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Resolution 2024-13 Amending the City Council Rules of Procedure
- Terry Weiner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.
- Tylenne Carnell, Ellensburg resident, speaking for herself and DEI Commission, spoke in favor of reinstating remote public comment.
 - James Paton, Ellensburg resident, spoke against moving public comment to the end of the agenda.
 - Hope Amason, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of encouraging public participation

Council discussed each of the three proposed changes.

Councilmember Miller moved to adopt Resolution 2024-13.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to strike the amendment to Rule 4 moving public comment to the end of the Agenda. **Motion Approved 6-1** (*Palmer voted no*)

Councilmember Goodloe moved to remove item 7.2.b.1. in the Resolution, removing the 24-hour registration. **Motion Defeated 2-5** (*Lillquist, Miller, Palmer, Thompson, Elliott voted no*)

Vote on main motion as amended. **Motion Approved 6-1** (*Palmer voted no*)

- 9.C Resolution 2024-14 Ellensburg City Council Strategic Vision for 2024-2029
- Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, reviewed information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve adoption of Resolution 2024-14.
Motion Approved 7-0

9.D Public Hearing (Quasi-Judicial) on Rainier Taxi & Courier Application for Taxicab Certificate

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked the standard questions regarding appearance of fairness and conflict of interest. There were no appearance of fairness, ex parte contacts or conflicts of interest disclosed by the Mayor or Councilmembers.

Beth Leader, City Clerk, presented information in the staff report. Blake Collins was present to answer questions.

- Logan Denlinger, County resident, spoke in support of Rainier Taxi & Courier
- Charles Johnson, city resident & CWU student, spoke in support of Rainier Taxi & Courier

Council asked questions of Mr. Collins and staff.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the application for Rainier Taxi & Courier and issue the certificate. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

12. Miscellaneous

12.A Manager's Report

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, reviewed the report.

Staff will publish a notice for the Sleep Center open house due to four or more councilmembers planning to attend.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to reschedule the July 1, 2024 study session to July 15, 2024 and invite the Planning Commission. **Motion Approved 7-0**

A letter of support for the Kittitas County Historical Museum renovation was on the dais for the Mayor's signature.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the Mayor's signature on the letter of support. **Motion Approved 7-0**

The June 3, 2024 regular meeting will include a report from the Washington Department of Transportation.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports

- Councilmember Palmer reported on the Affordable Housing Commission
- Councilmember Goodloe reported on the DEI Commission, Utility Advisory Committee, AWC meeting, Coffee with Council, and attended the Stuart Meadows dedication ceremony

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- Councilmember Thompson reported on his ride-along with EPD
 - Councilmember Beauchamp reported on the KITTCOM Board, attended the Library Board meeting, and requested a replacement councilmember liaison for the Developmental Disabilities meetings. Mayor Elliott volunteered to be the representative
 - Councilmember Miller reported on Arts Commission, Planning Commission, and attended the Stuart Meadows dedication ceremony
 - Councilmember Lillquist attended the Stuart Meadows dedication ceremony, Coffee with Council, bike to market event, Utility Advisory Committee, Environmental Commission, and the Kittitas County Checkerboard Partnership meetings
 - Mayor Elliott reported on EBDA/CenterFuse, attended a County Planning Commission meeting, and spoke regarding battling a house fire in the Ellensburg wind

13. Executive Session

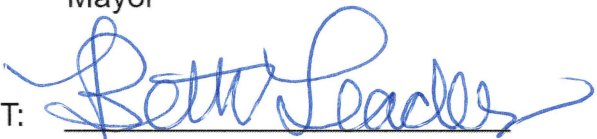
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk