



## **CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

**Date of Meeting**

**Time of Meeting**

**Place of Meeting**

**Minutes of City Council, Special Meeting**

**March 13, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**Public Safety Building Training Room**

**100 N Pearl St**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Roll Call Present: Stacey Engel, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Mary Morgan, Bruce Tabb

Councilmember Stacey Engel relayed that Councilmember Tristen Lamb would arrive fifteen (15) minutes late.

Also Present: City Manager Akers; City Attorney/Assistant City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Attorney Reiman; Deputy City Clerk Davison; Communications & Government Relations Officer Reich; Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski; Power & Gas Manager Stanavich; Community Development Director Sackett; Planning Manager Ayling; Parks & Recreation Director Case; Finance Director Pascoe; Library Director Camarillo; Chief of Police Wade

### **Heart and Soul Implementation**

Mayor Tabb opened the meeting at 9:00 AM. City Manager Akers provided Council with an updated Council survey sheet. Council reviewed the totals and averages from the survey.

Councilmember Tristen Lamb arrived at 9:12 am.

Council discussed the priorities from the survey with a focus on affordable housing. Discussion centered on developing flexibility in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process with easier access to funds.

Nancy Lillquist moved to Direct the Affordable Housing Commission to make it a priority to create an additional, simplified, more flexible method for distribution of funds. **Motion Approved 7-0**

Council conversed on public transportation and determined that it is trending up with progress being made.

Council discussed the impact that COVID-19 will have on the City of Ellensburg, small businesses, and the potential responses the City of Ellensburg could make.

Councilmember Goodloe spoke about creating a diverse, inclusive community and City Council starting that process. Mayor Tabb commented on the opportunity to create a more participatory local government.

Council recessed at 10:32 am and reconvened at 10:47 am.

### **2020 Energy Policy Video**

Power & Gas Manager Stanavich presented a video on resource adequacy in the Northwest

titled "Power Struggle" from KGW8 news. He then detailed the City of Ellensburg's natural gas purchasing methodology.

Councilmember Lillquist, as the Utility Advisory Committee's (UAC) representative, requested the City Council's guidance on whether the UAC should review its policies regarding the requirement for new developments to pay for gas extensions.

Power & Gas Manager Stanavich outlined the Clean Energy Transformation Act which commits Washington State to an electricity supply free of greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, and how the City of Ellensburg will potentially meet the milestones directed by the act.

Council recessed at 12:15 pm.

Council reconvened at 12:29 pm.

Councilmember Lamb provided an update on COVID 19, the Public Health Department's recommendations, and responded to questions.

### **Community Center / Racquet, Recreation Center**

Parks & Recreation Director Case discussed the current state of the Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center, requested direction from Council regarding potential capital investments to the building, and discussed the possibility of a new community center.

Council directed staff to sustain operations of the Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center through the biennial budget.

Council recessed at 1:49 pm.

Councilmember Lamb left at 2:03 pm.

Council reconvened at 2:05 pm.

### **Land Use Code Update**

Community Development Director Sackett presented on the Land Development Code revisions. Council discussion topics included zoning review, off-street parking requirements, affordable housing density, and the results from interviews from local builders and developers.

City Manager Akers stated that all of the City's staffed recreational facilities and the Ellensburg Public Library are temporarily closed to the public in response to COVID 19.

Council directed staff to find alternative locations for boards and commissions to meet.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

  
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Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk