



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

July 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 Beauchamp

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, Community Development Director Carlson, Planning Manager Johnston, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Accountant III - Budget Analyst Lanphere, Public Works and Utilities Director Lyyski, Transit Manager Dunbar, Police Chief Wade and approximately twelve members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: three members of the public

2. Proclamations

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of July 1, 2024 Regular meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Approve University Way Banner from Educational Service District 105 for Medication Take Back - Oct 15-24, 2024
- 5.D Professional Services Agreement for City of Ellensburg's Reservoir and Substation Property Acquisition
- 5.E Approve July 15, 2024 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion**

Approved 7-0

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Board and Commission Appointment
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented the item.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to appoint Teresa Chanes to the Landmarks and Design Commission "EDA" position. **Motion Approved 7-0**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- William Coleman, Kittitas resident, spoke regarding flags
- Juliann Cleman, County resident, spoke regarding a 2020 Independence Day incident
- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding the emergency shelter
- Andy Cleman, County resident, speaking for himself, spoke regarding the well-being study
- Jennifer Patteson, County resident, spoke regarding council comment to the well-being study

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Public Hearing (Legislative) to adopt the 2024-2029 Transit Development Plan and accept the 2023 Annual Report (Public Comment Opportunity)
The Mayor opened the public hearing. Besty Dunbar, Transit Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

With no comments from the public and no further questions from Council, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve adoption of the 2024 - 2029 Transit Development Plan and Accept the 2023 Annual Report as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4943 (Second Reading) Amending the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget (Public Comment Opportunity)
Gloria Lanphere, Accountant III-Budget Analyst, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve conducting second reading and adoption of Supplemental Budget Ordinance 4943. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A 2024 Annual Docket Cycle Amendment List (Public Comment Opportunity)
Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report.
Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve proposed amendments 24-01 through 24-05 for docketing during the 2024 annual Comprehensive Plan amendment process. **Motion Approved 7-0**

11.B Regulation of Camping on Public Property Update (Public Comment Opportunity)

Terry Weiner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report. Ken Wade, Ellensburg Police Chief, presented information to Council.

Councilmembers asked questions of staff.

- Logan Denlinger, County resident, (attending remotely) spoke regarding the ordinance and community engagement on a potential sleep center
- Erin Sinclair, City resident, spoke in favor of lifting restrictions in the ordinance
- Susan Grindle, County resident and HopeSource CEO, speaking on her own behalf, spoke regarding the community and homeless population
- Cheryl Chance, County resident, spoke regarding legislative bills and interaction between elected officials and state representatives
- William Coleman, Kittitas resident, spoke regarding the sleep center and associated costs
- Andy Cleman, County resident, read information from the Grants Pass decision
- Juliann Cleman, County resident, spoke regarding sleep center costs and read information from the Grants Pass decision
- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding homeless counts

Councilmember Palmer moved to not make changes to Ordinance 4895 as listed in option two on page 123 of the Agenda. **Motion Approved 6-1**
(Thompson voted no)

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented the report.

An Executive Session was needed per RCW 42.30.110(1)(q). No action would be taken.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Palmer reported on Affordable Housing Commission
- Councilmember Thompson participated in Landmarks & Design Committee applicant interviews
- Councilmember Beauchamp reported on Lodging Tax Committee and KITTCOM Board
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the Cold Weather Shelter Action Team meeting, County Homelessness & Affordable Housing Commission, and will participate in DEI applicant interviews

- Councilmember Lillquist attended the cybersecurity audit exit interview and spoke about the invitation for the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board annual meeting
- Mayor Elliott reported on a recent death of volunteer firefighter, Hayden Fisher, announced that wildfire season is happening now and reported on KITTCOM upgrades

13. Executive Session

13.A Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(q), to consider greenhouse gas allowance auction bidding information that is prohibited from release or disclosure under RCW 70A.65.100(8)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 9:17 pm and was expected to last 15 minutes. No action would be taken.

Council reconvened at 9:33 pm

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk