



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minute of City Council, Special Meeting

November 23, 2020

3:00 PM

Held Remotely per Governor Inslee's

Proclamation 20-28.13

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Councilmember Nancy Goodloe arrived at 3:03 p.m.

Also Present: Kittitas County Commissioner Wachsmith; City Manager Akers; City Attorney/Assistant City Manager Weiner; IT/Telecomm Manager Faubion; City Clerk Leader; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Deputy City Clerk Davison

2. New Business

2.A. Consideration of authorizing the Mayor's signature on a letter to Governor Inslee regarding new statewide COVID-19 restrictions.

Mayor Tabb opened the discussion. Councilmember Lamb responded to questions regarding the meaning of "community spread" and the percentages of hospital beds. Commissioner Wachsmith explained the intent of the letter and responded to questions regarding a potential lawsuit. Council discussed emphasizing help for small businesses while recognizing the difficulties of Governor Inslee's position, the potential response times for new grants and stimulus packages, and being clear that Council supports masking and personal safety requirements.

Councilmember Engel moved to approve the Mayor signing the letter subject to the letter including a statement requesting increased financial flexibility to provide aid to businesses, changing the references from "community spread" to "secondary transmission," an acknowledgment of the Governor's office's intent with the recent restrictions, adjusting the date, and switching the word "undermine" to "limits."

Motion Approved 6-0. Councilmember Lamb abstained.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deputy City Clerk