

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

September 3, 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 Goodloe

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, David Miller, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

Absent: Sarah Beauchamp and Nancy Lillquist, both excused

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Community Development Director Carlson, Planning Manager Johnston, Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski, Engineering Manager Mayo, Sustainability & Energy Coordinator Baker, Assistant City Attorney Reiman and approximately eight members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: three members of the public

2. Proclamations

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was amended by updating item 11A.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Agenda as amended. **Motion Approved 5-0**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Accept the resignation of Nick Zentner from the Parks & Recreation Commission
- 5.D Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Ellensburg and HopeSource to administer the State Home Electrification and Appliance

Rebates (HEAR) Program for low-income single- and multifamily households with household income of 80% or less of Area Median Income.

- 5.E Application for the State Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR) Program
- 5.F Community Thanksgiving Interagency Agreement between CWU and the City
- 5.G Energy Resource Plan
- 5.H Legislative Lobbying Services Agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations - Amendment 1
- 5.I Approve September 3, 2024 Voucher Listing

Councilmember moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 5-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Boards & Commission Reappointment (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the reappointment of Frana Milan and Nikki Pollock to the Parks and Recreation Commission as recommended by the subcommittee. **Motion Approved 5-0**

- 6.B County Auditor Elliott - Election (Public Comment Opportunity)
Brian Elliot, Kittitas County Auditor, presented information to Council regarding the elections process. Council asked questions of Mr. Elliott

William Coleman, Kittitas resident, asked a question about vote counting.

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Closed record hearing to consider adoption of Resolution 2024-25, approving the Foster North Preliminary Plat (File # P22-059) (Limited Public Testimony)
The Mayor opened the public hearing. The Mayor 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 the Councilmembers.

Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report. The Applicant did not have any information or comments to present. Council asked questions of staff.

With no public testimony offered and no further questions by Council, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Miller moved to adopt Resolution 2024-25 approving the Foster North Preliminary Plat and incorporating the Hearing Examiner's July 31, 2024 Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision, and Conditions of Approval, with an amendment to recommended Condition #1 and adding Condition #13 as provided by staff. **Motion Approved 5-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A Approve Five Year Extension of Waste Management Contract October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2029 (Public Comment Opportunity)
Ryan Lyyski, Public Works & Utilities Director, presented information in the staff report. Information was included on the dais concerning a small amendment to the contract.

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the five-year extension with Waste Management. **Motion Approved 5-0**

12. Miscellaneous

- 12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the report. She requested approval of the Mayor's signature on a letter of support for the Central Transit Consolidated Grant Application to Washington Department of Transportation, which was included on the dais.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to authorize the Mayor's signature on the letter of support for Central Transit to Washington Department of Transportation. **Motion approved 5-0**

Councilmembers Lillquist, Goodloe and Beauchamp will serve on the subcommittee for review of community grant applications. Councilmember Miller volunteered as an alternate.

Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) an executive session was required to discuss potential litigation. It was estimated to last ten minutes and no action was anticipated.

- 12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the Behavioral Health Court graduation, UAC meeting, DEI Commission meeting, and County Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee meeting

- Councilmember Miller attended the Public Transit meeting, and participated in the Rodeo parade
- Councilmember Palmer attended the Rodeo parade
- Councilmember Thompson reported on a ride along he participated in with EPD
- Mayor Elliott reported on the EMS side of drug & alcohol issues in the County; he suggested creativity with "Coffee with Council" with possibly attending civic meetings; he reminded Council of his excused absence at the next meeting, and reported on the HopeSource Board meeting

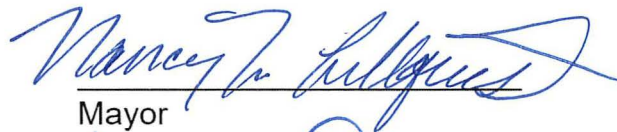
13. Executive Session

13.A Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency

Council recessed to Executive Session at 8:08 pm and was expected to last ten minutes. No action would be taken. Council reconvened at 8:18 pm.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk