

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

September 16, 2024

7:00 PM

**Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Miller.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

Absent: Rich Elliott (excused)

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Community Development Director Carlson, Planning Manager Johnston, Arts & Economic Development Manager Vandenberg and approximately ten members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: five members of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day
Councilmember Thompson read the proclamation.
- 2.B HispanicLatinX Heritage Month, 2024
Alondra Gomez Licea was present to read the proclamation in Spanish.
Hanna Fredeen was present to read the proclamation in English.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

A University Way banner request was requested to be added to the Consent Agenda as item 5H.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Agenda as amended. **Motion Approved 6-0**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting

- 5.B Approve Minutes of September 3, 2024 Study Session
- 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.D Acknowledge Appointment of Mike Davis to LEOFF 1 Disability Board
- 5.E Accept the Resignation of Zane Kanyer from the Landmarks & Design Commission.
- 5.F Award Bid Call 2024-17 Distribution Transformers to General Pacific Inc.
- 5.G Approve September 16, 2024 Voucher Listing
- 5.H Approve University Way Banner Request from Kittitas County 4-H

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion Approved 6-0

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Closed record hearing to consider adoption of Resolution 2024-26, approving the Pierce Preliminary Plat (File # P23-115) (Limited Public Testimony)

Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist opened the public hearing. The Mayor Pro Tem 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 Pro Tem or the Councilmembers. Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

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

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2024-26 approving the Pierce Preliminary Plat and incorporating the Hearing Examiner's revised August 27, 2024 Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, Decision and Conditions of Approval, removing condition #13 and adding two additional conditions as recommended by staff. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 8.B Public Hearing (Legislative) for First Reading of Ordinance 4944, to repeal Ordinance 3895, Codified as Chapter 1.62 of the Ellensburg City Code, Dissolving the Ellensburg Business

Development Authority (EBDA), dba CenterFuse
Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist opened the public hearing. Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Johnny Graf, commented on his and his partner, Phil Backlund's, facilitation with the merger
Phil Backlund commented regarding the collaboration of the entities involved

With no further public testimony and no questions by the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4944, repealing Ordinance 3895, codified in Ellensburg City Code (ECC) Chapter 1.62, dissolving the Ellensburg Business Development Authority, dba CenterFuse. **Motion Approved 6-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Ellensburg, Kittitas County, and Central Washington University for Economic Development Property Exchanges (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Andrew Morse, representing CWU, spoke in favor of the Interlocal agreement
Cory Wright, Kittitas County Commissioner, spoke in favor of the interlocal agreement
Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding the interlocal agreement

Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ellensburg, Kittitas County, and Central Washington University for economic development real property exchanges and authorize the City Manager to take necessary actions to complete property transfers and approve the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 5-0 (Palmer abstained)**

- 11.B Agreement Between City and Kittitas County Chamber of

Commerce Relating to Disposition of EBDA Assets, Grants, and Services (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Amy McGuffin, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce CEO, spoke in favor of the agreement

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement Between the City Of Ellensburg and Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce for transfer of Ellensburg Business Development Authority Assets and Services and authorize the City Manager to complete necessary disposition activities. **Motion Approved 6-0**

12. Miscellaneous

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

The City Manager reviewed the report. The Mayor Pro Tem's signature was requested on a City letter of support, included on the dais, to support HopeSource with a Washington Consolidated Grant application.

Councilmember Miller moved for approval of Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist's signature on the letter of support for HopeSource.
Motion Approved 6-0

A special council meeting will be scheduled for September 25, 2024 starting at 4:15 pm to tour FISH and APOYO food banks.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Thompson reported on Parks & Recreation review of grant applications
- Councilmember Palmer reported on the Steer I-90 meeting
- Councilmember Miller reported on the Arts Commission review of Unity Park Artwork
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the Happy Feet Academy grand opening, AWC DEI cabinet meeting and the City DEI retreat
- Councilmember Beauchamp reported on Lodging Tax grant application review and requested an excused absence at the October 7th meeting

Councilmember Miller moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Beauchamp at the October 7, 2024 meeting.
Motion Approved 6-0

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- Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist attended the City audit exit review, County Airport Advisory Committee, spoke at the State Association of Manufactured Homeowners at Rosewood, Happy Feet Academy grand opening, and spoke about the offering of audio books from the Public Library

13. Executive Session

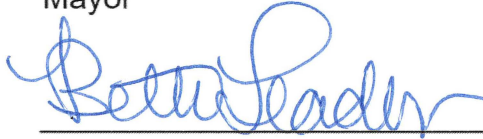
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk