

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

October 7, 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 Girl Scout Troop 2040

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Absent: Sarah Beauchamp (excused)

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Arts & Economic Development Manager Vandenberg, Planning Manager Johnston, Community Development Director Carlson, Senior Planner Henderson, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, HR Director Young, Parks & Recreation Director Case, Finance Director Pascoe and approximately fifteen members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: One member of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A Public Natural Gas and Power Week
Mayor Elliott read the proclamation.
- 2.B National Disability Employment Awareness Month
Serena Turney was present and read the proclamation.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of September 16, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Approve Minutes of September 25, 2024 Special Meeting
- 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

5.D Purchase of New Six Yard Dump Truck

5.E Approve October 7, 2024 Voucher Listing

5.F Anderson Road Sewer Environmental Investigation Agreement Amendment

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

6.A Board and Commission Reappointment

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information for reappointment. Councilmember Miller commented regarding the reappointment.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to reappoint Amy Spitznas to the Public Transit Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 6-0**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

8.A Closed Record Hearing for Rezone Application P24-035, from Residential Suburban (R-S) to Residential High (R-H) Zoning, Submitted by Matt Stalder Representing Property Owners, and First Reading of Ordinance 4945 (Limited Public Comment)

Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Mayor Elliott 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. Stacey Henderson, Senior Planner, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

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

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve rezone application request P24-035 to rezone parcel 572733 to Residential High (R-H) zoning and adopt the Hearing Examiner's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision, and Condition of Approval, and to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4945. **Motion Approved 6-0**

8.B Public Hearing to Consider 2024 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments - First Reading of Ordinance 4946 (Public Comment Opportunity)

Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report and reviewed each docket item including the three amended CIP sections for Electric, IT and Stormwater.

Annalise Childress, Airport Road resident, expressed concerns to increased

density along Airport Road

Steve Mandelas, Airport Road resident, spoke regarding increased density for future construction

Council asked questions of staff. With no additional testimony from the public or comments and questions from Council, Mayor Elliott closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendments for Docket Items 24-01, 24-02, 24-03, 24-04, 24-05 as submitted by staff and recommended by the Planning Commission and conduct first reading of Ordinance 4946 including amendments in the ordinance recommended by staff. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Second Reading of Ordinance 4944 - Repealing Ordinance 3895 and Dissolving the EBDA-CenterFuse (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4944.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to amend Section 7 of Ordinance 4944 by changing the date by which dissolution must be completed from October 31, 2024 to November 30, 2024, and adding a second "whereas" clause recommended in the staff report. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Vote on main motion as amended. **Motion Approved 6-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A Arts Commission Recommendation for Unity Park Call for Artist for New Permanent Artwork for Unity Park (Public Comment Opportunity)
Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager, presented information in the staff report and introduced Crista Ames, the artist selected for artwork located at Unity Park. Ms. Ames spoke about her art piece and background.

Alex Eyre, Arts Commissioner, spoke in support of the artwork selection
Councilmember Miller commented regarding selection process
Nan Doolittle, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding the selection process.

Council asked questions of artist Crista Ames.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Conceptual Artwork by artist

Crista Ann Ames for permanent installation at Unity Park and authorize the City Manager to seek COA and negotiate terms of the agreement for the project. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 11.B Settlement of Insurance Claim for Total Loss of Ellensburg Racquet and Recreation Center (Public Comment Opportunity)
Terry Weiner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize the City Manager's signature on Release (or in substantially similar format), accepting settlement of insurance claim for destruction of Ellensburg Racquet and Recreation Center. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

- 11.C Fieldhouse Contract with Absher/Helix (Public Comment Opportunity)
Brad Case, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information in the staff report. Wenaha Group representatives presented information concerning the Design Build process. Council asked questions of staff and Wenaha Group representatives.

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with Absher/Helix to perform design and construction services for the Ellensburg fieldhouse project and approve the 'Validation Period' not to exceed an amount of \$423,381.00. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

- 11.D 2025 Proposed Revenue Sources (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report and reviewed a presentation regarding governmental revenues and budget overview.

William Coleman, Kittitas resident, inquired when the new sales tax rate takes effect.

12. Miscellaneous

- 12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)
The City Manager reviewed the report. A letter of support for a Rotary District 5060 Grant was on the dais for the Mayor's signature.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Mayor's signature on a letter of support for the Rotary District 5060 Grant Committee. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

An Executive Session was required per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) and RCW 42.30.110(b). No action was anticipated.

- 12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)
- Councilmember Thompson reported on the Landmarks & Design Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee & Unity Park grand opening and spoke about his positive experience at the City's Memorial Pool

- Councilmember Palmer reported on Law & Justice Committee
- Councilmember Miller reported on Arts Commission, attended the Gallery One fundraiser, tour of FISH & APOYO food banks, PTAC member interview, AWC District meeting in Selah and Unity Park grand opening
- Councilmember Lillquist reported on the Environmental Commission meeting and a request for Council consensus to participate in fundraising for bike helmets, bike lights and bells for youth. She attended the Unity Park grand opening and Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board meeting
- Councilmember Goodloe attended a DEI Commission meeting, Coffee with Council at Bite of the Burg, tour of FISH and APOYO food banks, AWC District meeting in Selah and Planning Group meeting for Affordable Housing
- Mayor Elliott reported about a disability employment event, spoke favorably about the Unity Park event and attended the AWC Mayor's event

13. Executive Session

Council recessed to Executive Session at 9:32 pm and was anticipated to last 15 minutes. No action would be taken.

Council reconvened at 9:43 pm

13.A Per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), To review collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

13.B Per RCW 42.30.110(b), To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price

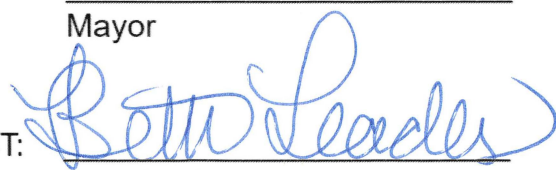
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk