



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

October 21, 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 Miller.

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, IT Director Goeben, Library Director Camarillo, Community Development Director Carlson, Planning Manager Johnston, Senior Planner Henderson, Grants Manager Frey, Assistant City Attorney Reiman, and approximately eight members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: One member 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 October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Approve University Way Banner Request for CWU Homecoming October 22-28, 2024
- 5.D Approve University Way Banner Request for ROTC - November 5 - 11, 2024
- 5.E Approve University Way Banner Request for CWU Ware Fair November 26 - December 9, 2024
- 5.F Approve University Way Banner Request for Kittitas County Pride - May 20 - June 2 and June 10 - June 23, 2025

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- 5.G Department of Natural Resources 2024 Community Forestry Assistance Grant Agreement
 - 5.H Resolution 2024-27 Approving Nicole Klauss' Street Tree Removal at 309 S Sampson Street
 - 5.I Accept the Resignation of Jackie Adams from the Parks & Recreation Commission
 - 5.J Approve October 21, 2024 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Recommendation of Appointment to the Library Board and confirm the Appointment of Charles Johnson as ASCWU representative to PTAC (Public Comment Opportunity)
Josephine Camarillo, Library Director, introduced Josh Aubol and he spoke regarding his interest in serving on the Library Board.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to appoint Josh Aubol to the Library Board as recommended by the subcommittee and to affirm the appointment of Charles Johnson as ASCWU representative to the Public Transit Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 7-0**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Resolution 2024-28 to Adopt Records Management Policy (Public Comment Opportunity)
Jim Goeben, IT Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to adopt Resolution 2024-28, establishing a records management policy. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 4946 Amending the Ellensburg Comprehensive Plan (Public Comment Opportunity)
Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4946 adopting the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Plan Docket Amendments. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.C Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 4945 Approving Rezone of Parcel

#572733 (Public Comment Opportunity)

Stacey Henderson, Senior Planner, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4945 approving rezone of parcel #572733 from Residential Suburban (R-S) to Residential High (R-H). **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A Water/Sewer Connection Charge Fee Waiver for Affordable Housing (Public Comment Opportunity)

Lily Frey, Housing & Grants Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of intent for the City to adopt an ordinance authorizing water and sewer connection fee waivers for new affordable housing projects. **Motion Approved 7-0**

11.B City Council Discussion and Position "For" or "Against" Initiative Measure No. 2117 Which Concerns Carbon Tax Credit Trading (Public Comment Opportunity)

Mayor Elliott announced he would poll councilmembers whether they wanted to take a position on the Initiative and would then take public comment. Five councilmembers were not in favor of taking a position.

Meghan Anderson (present remotely) spoke against Initiative 2117
Christine Sutphine, speaking for herself and others, spoke against Initiative 2117

David Dunbar, speaking on his own behalf, spoke against Initiative 2117

Sylvia Shriner, County resident, spoke against Initiative 2117

Teresa Plue, County resident, spoke in favor of Initiative 2117

Mayor Elliot polled councilmembers again.

- Councilmember Thompson was not in favor of taking a position
- Councilmember Palmer spoke why he was not in favor of council taking a position
- Councilmember Miller spoke why he was in favor of council taking a position
- Councilmember Lillquist spoke why she was not in favor of council taking a position
- Councilmember Goodloe spoke why she was in favor of council taking a position
- Councilmember Beauchamp was not in favor of taking a position
- Mayor Elliott was not in favor of taking a position

No action was taken

11.C Budget Workshop #2 - Revenue Discussion Continued (Public Comment Opportunity)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented budget information to Council. Council asked questions of staff. No action was needed.

12. Miscellaneous

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

The City Manager reviewed the report. She also reported the Public Lands Commissioner will be in Ellensburg October 28, 2024 for tours; an EPA Community Change Grant opportunity is available for the Palouse to Cascades Trail completion; and a Public Hearing for surplus of the Airport Incubator Building will be held on November 4, 2024.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Beauchamp reported on Library Board, Unity Park, KITTCOM and Lodging Tax grant review
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the UAC meeting and community grants subcommittee
- Councilmember Lillquist attended the UAC meeting and County Airport Advisory Committee
- Councilmember Miller attended Arts Commission, Planning Commission and American Planning Association meetings
- Councilmember Palmer attended the Law & Justice Council meeting
- Councilmember Thompson attended Landmarks & Design Commission where grant applications were reviewed
- Mayor Elliott spoke regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan and wildfire mitigation issues

13. Executive Session

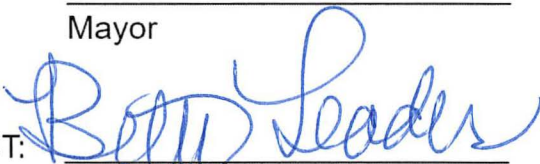
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk