



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

December 2, 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 Beauchamp

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, Community Development Director Carlson, HR Director Young, City Engineer Mayo, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Budget Officer Lanphere, EPD Chief Wade, Finance Director Pascoe and approximately four members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Two member of the public

2. Proclamations

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Twin City Foods Discharge Agreement
- 5.D Approve December 2, 2024 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- William Coleman, Kittitas resident, spoke regarding HopeSource and the sleep center
- Mike Pearson, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding credentials for land ordinances

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Public Hearing to Consider Title 15 Land Development Code Amendments and First Reading of Ordinance 4951 (Public Comment Opportunity)
Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

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

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Land Development Code Amendments and conduct first reading of Ordinance 4951. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4948 Traffic Code Revisions - Second Reading and Adoption (Public Comment Opportunity)
Derek Mayo, City Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4948. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Ordinance 4949 - Complete Streets Code Update - Second Reading (Public Comment Opportunity)
Derek Mayo, City Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4949. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.C Ordinance 4950 Adopting the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget - Second Reading (Public Comment Opportunity)
Keith Bassett, Assistant Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4950. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.D Ordinance 4952 Amending the 2023/2024 Biennial Budget (Public Comment Opportunity)
Keith Bassett, Assistant Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve conducting first reading of Ordinance 4952. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

- 9.E Resolution 2024-30 Updating the Personnel Policies for the City of Ellensburg (Public Comment Opportunity)
Lisa Young, HR Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve adoption of Resolution 2024-30.
Motion Approved 7-0

- 9.F Resolution 2024-32 Providing Special VEBA Contributions for 2025 (Public Comment Opportunity)
Lisa Young, HR Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve adoption of Resolution 2024-32.
Motion Approved 7-0

- 9.G Resolution 2024-33 Establishing the 2025 Pay Plan for Non-Represented Employees (Public Comment Opportunity)
Lisa Young, HR Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve adoption of Resolution 2024-33.
Motion Approved 7-0

- 9.H Resolution 2024-34 Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) to join the AWC Employee Benefit Trust (Public Comment Opportunity)
Lisa Young, HR Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve adoption of Resolution 2024-34.
Motion Approved 7-0

10. Unfinished Business

- 10.A Renewal of Kittitas County Corrections Center Interlocal Agreement (Public Comment Opportunity)
Ken Wade, EPD Chief, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the EPD Operations Captain to execute the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Ellensburg and Kittitas County for the housing of inmates. **Motion Approved 7-0**

11. New Business

- 11.A Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Annual Report and 2025 Spending Plan
Nicole Klause, Public Information Officer, presented information in the staff report.

Tylene Carnell, DEI Commissioner, answered questions from Councilmember Thompson.

Candice Comfort, Ellensburg resident, spoke against using DEI funding of the Pizza Klatch program at EHS

Councilmember Miller moved to accept the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission's 2024 annual report and approve the 2025 spending plan.

Councilmember Thompson moved to amend the motion to restrict the DEI commission from spending any money that would directly focus on minors.
Motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Thompson moved to amend the motion to remove funding for Pizza Klatch at Ellensburg High School. Discussion followed on the amendment.

Motion Failed 1-6

Yes: Joshua Thompson

No: Sarah Beauchamp, Nancy Goodloe, Rich Elliott, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Delano Palmer

Abstain: None

Councilmember Palmer moved to amend the motion to include \$1400 funding to Pizza Klatch and require parental consent for students under the age of 18 to attend. Discussion followed on the amendment.

Motion Failed 2-5

Yes: Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

No: Sarah Beauchamp, Nancy Goodloe, Rich Elliott, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller

Abstain: None

Councilmember Lillquist moved to amend the motion to request the DEI Commission seek private funding for the Pizza Klatch.

Motion Approved 4-3

Yes: Rich Elliott, Nancy Lillquist, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

No: Sarah Beauchamp, Nancy Goodloe, David Miller

Abstain: None

It was confirmed the funding amount of \$1400 would remain in the DEI budget and staff should return to Council with a request on how the funding would be spent.

Vote on the main motion as amended.

Motion Approved 5-2

Yes: Rich Elliott, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

No: Sarah Beauchamp, Nancy Goodloe

Abstain: None

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented the report. The Manager brought attention to the tetrahedrons on the dais with the City's Core Values Statement. There was also a letter on the dais inviting the Councilmembers to a Yakama Nation Tribal Council meeting.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Thompson attended meetings to learn more about the County Jail, temporary cold weather shelter, and ride along with EPD
- Councilmember Beauchamp attended the EDA annual meeting & awards and Moments to Remember and Unity Park tree lighting
- Councilmember Lillquist attended a Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board meeting, Utility Advisory Commission, a Zoom meeting with State Parks concerning the Palouse to Cascades trail, Braver Angels Depolarization workshop
- Mayor Elliott reported on Economic Development for healthy forests

13. Executive Session

Two executive sessions were required per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and was anticipated to last twelve minutes. No action would be taken.

Council recessed into executive session at 8:42 pm.

Council reconvened at 8:52 pm.

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

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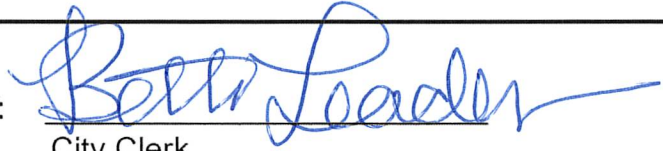
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Betty Loefer", is written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk