



## **CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

**Date of Meeting**

**Time of Meeting**

**Place of Meeting**

## **Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting**

**December 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, 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, Public Information Officer Klauss, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Assistant City Attorney Reiman and approximately 80 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: 42 members of the public

Mayor Elliott read a statement to the audience.

### **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 December 2, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Approve Minutes of December 2, 2024 Study Session
- 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.D Natural Gas Purchasing Base Contract
- 5.E First Contract Amendment – Bid Call No. 2024-03 - 2024 City Property Groundskeeping
- 5.F Consultant Agreement Supplement No. 4 Brick Road Improvements Engineering

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- 5.G 2021-16 Electrical Utility On-Call Construction Services Agreement - Contract Extension Amendment
  - 5.H Award Bid Call 2024-23 Anderson Road Sewer Extension Phase 2
  - 5.I 2025 Payment Agreement with Kittitas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Trauma Care Council
  - 5.J Modification to Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Between the City of Ellensburg and Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District (KCFCZD).
  - 5.K Historic Preservation Grant Extension Request
  - 5.L Authorize City Manager's Signature on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with OPEIU for 2025 VEBA Contributions
  - 5.M Approve December 16, 2024 Voucher Listing

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

## **6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications**

- 6.A Approve the following reappointments: Peter Stone and Sarah Bedsaul to the Affordable Housing Commission, Richard Searle to the Civil Service Commission, Steve Townsend, Lacie Dawson, and Carmen Wiggins to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report. Peter Stone was present remotely.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve reappointments for Peter Stone and Sarah Bedsaul to the Affordable Housing Commission, Richard Searle to the Civil Service Commission and Steve Townsend, Carmen Wiggins and Lacie Dawson to the Lodging Tax Advisory Commission as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

## **7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues**

- Paula McMinn, Ellensburg resident, spoke via remote attendance regarding fluoride in city water

## **8. Business Requiring Public Hearings**

## **9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions**

- 9.A Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 4951 Amending Ellensburg City Code Title 15 Land Development Code (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report.

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Councilmember Miller moved to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4951. **Motion Approved 7-0**

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

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4952. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.C Resolution 2024-35 (Joint with County) Approving Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Kittitas County for Court Related Services (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Terry Weiner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2024-35, approving the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Kittitas County for Court Related Services with authorization for the City Manager to sign the Amendment. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

## 10. Unfinished Business

- 10.A Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission Spending Plan Updated Request  
Nicole Klauss, Public Information Officer, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to reconsider the decision made at the December 2, 2024 meeting approving the DEI Commission's 2025 spending plan by amending the plan to include \$1000 for funding the Ellensburg High School Pizza Klatch program and \$400 for the DEI Commission Listening Tours.

- Amanda Rassert, Ellensburg resident and Director of Helen House, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
- Candice Comfort, Ellensburg resident, spoke against Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
- Lorraine Barlow, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
- Davey Below, EHS student, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
- Richard Wilson, Ellensburg resident, spoke against Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
- Jennifer Hannegan Veibel, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
- Cody Natland, Ellensburg Methodist Church Pastor, speaking on his own behalf, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program

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- Lacey Ferrell, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Geraldine O'Mahony, Ellensburg resident and Planning Commission member, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Sara Selland, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Phil Backlund, Ellensburg community member and DEI Commission member, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Abby Alegria, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Lucille Menco, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - M. Eliatamby-O'Brien (present remotely), Ellensburg resident and DEI Commission member, speaking on their own behalf, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Tylene Carnell, Ellensburg resident and DEI Commission member, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Riannan Holwedge, Ellensburg resident and speaking on their own behalf, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Joseph Gabriel Pangan Burke, Ellensburg resident, speaking on their own behalf, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Dalton Duncan, Ellensburg business owner, spoke against Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Claude Lyman, Ellensburg resident, spoke against Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Steve Verhey, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Andrew Cleman, County resident, spoke against expending the \$1400 in DEI funding
  - Julianne Cleman, County resident, spoke regarding bullying in school and funding all groups
  - Alison Durmond, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Theresa Plue, County resident, spoke regarding resources listed on the Pizza Klatch website in a different city
  - Sarah Norton, County resident, spoke against Council funding the Pizza Klatch program

Council took a five minute break at 8:29 pm and reconvened at 8:35 pm.

- Ron Breckon, County resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
- Amber Hoefer, Ellensburg resident and member of the DEI Commission, speaking on their own behalf, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program

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- Elise May, Ellensburg resident, speaking on their own behalf, spoke regarding resources for Pizza Klatch and Helen House
  - Denise Martin, Ellensburg resident, spoke against Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Debbie Stanavich, County resident, speaking on behalf of herself, spoke against Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Molly Macnamera, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Anastasia Rashel, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Pamela Lewis, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Chris Bently, Ellensburg resident and medical provider, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Lyle Smith, County resident and business owner, spoke against Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Owen Bulamon, Ellensburg resident, spoke against Council funding the Pizza Klatch program and suggested showing support by proclamation
  - Hondo, CWU student, speaking on their own behalf, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Stevanna, Eliatanby-O'Brien, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Elosie Eckland, EHS student, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Juniper, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Carol Cox, Ellensburg resident and business member, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Kalina Wyman, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Mayor Richard Hink, City of Kittitas, spoke in support of Council and the decisions they make
  - Courtney Garzone, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Trip Deboer, Ellensburg resident, spoke against Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - April Selden, County resident, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Kande Cleary, Ellensburg resident and DEI Commission member, speaking on their own behalf, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program
  - Hendrick Barlow, Ellensburg resident and EHS student, spoke in favor of Council funding the Pizza Klatch program

Councilmembers each commented on the topic

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Vote on the motion. **Motion Approved 6-1 (Thompson voted no)**

## 11. New Business

- 11.A 2025 City of Ellensburg Legislative Priorities (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the 2025 City of Ellensburg Legislative Priorities. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

## 12. Miscellaneous

- 12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)  
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the report. Council will review the board and commission assignments at the January 6, 2024 meeting. Council agreed to participate in the county wide planning process for events concerning the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- 12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)
- Councilmember Palmer requested the DEI Commission and citizens assist with providing options for bullying support and interfaith coalition creation (gaps in inequity). He reported on the Steer I-90 survey
  - Councilmember Miller attended the Arts Commission meeting
  - Councilmember Lillquist attended a Lightcurve meeting concerning broadband service
  - Councilmember Goodloe attended a DEI Commission meeting
  - Councilmember Beauchamp reported on Lodging Tax and KITTCOM staffing issues
  - Mayor Elliott reported on KITTCOM and commented about board and commission assignments

## 13. Executive Session

## 14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:   
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City Clerk