

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

January 6, 2025

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 Lillquist

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

Members Absent: David Miller

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Miller.

Motion Approved 6-0

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Community Development Director Carlson, Housing and Grants Administrator Frey, Library Director Camarillo, Assistant City Attorney Reiman and approximately ten members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Three members of the public

2. Proclamations

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 December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Acknowledge Reappointment of Larry Loveless to LEOFF 1 Disability Board
- 5.D Tree Inventory, Urban Forest Management Plan & Municipal Tree Ordinance Services Agreement

5.E Project Acceptance - Bid Call 2024-13 City Wide Crosswalk Striping

5.F Approve January 6, 2025 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

6.A Approve the appointment of Emily Brown-Pratz to the Library Board (Public Comment Opportunity)

Josephine Camarillo, Library Director, introduced Emily Brown-Pratz, who spoke about her interest in serving on the Library Board.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the appointment of Emily Brown-Pratz to the Library Board. **Motion Approved 6-0**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- William Coleman, Kittitas resident, spoke regarding public comment on the Pizza Klatch program at the December 16, 2024 meeting
- DJ Goldsmith, new Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue Chief, introduced himself to Council

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

8.A Public Hearing to Consider Title 15 Land Development Code Amendments and First Reading of Ordinance 4953 (Public Comment Opportunity)

Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report.

Written public comments from three individuals were provided to Council on the dais and added to the public record of the hearing.

Klaus Holster, owner of Aspen Circle apartments, spoke in favor of the proposed amendments.

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

The public hearing was reopened for staff to answer a question from Councilmember Palmer whereafter Mayor Elliott again closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve conducting first reading of Ordinance 4953. **Motion Approved 6-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A Housing & Related Services Revenue Allocation Framework Review (Public Comment Opportunity)

Lily Frey, Housing and Grants Administrator, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt the amended revenue allocation framework. **Motion Approved 6-0**

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the Manager's Report.

A request for action was requested to reallocate 2025 Council Grant funding awarded to, but declined by, Care Net Pregnancy Center.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to reallocate \$3,000 to the Kittitas County Health Network and \$1,023.54 to the Eastside Opportunity Center. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Council reviewed Board and Commission assignments. Councilmember Palmer will serve on the Utility Advisory Commission and Councilmember Goodloe will serve on the LEOFF 1 Disability Board.

It was suggested to hold a joint study session with the Public Transit Advisory Commission to discuss the Transportation Benefit District on January 21, 2025.

Councilmember Palmer moved to set a Special Study Session for January 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Transportation Benefit District. **Motion Approved 6-0**

There was a letter of support on the dais for the Mayor's signature regarding the Kittitas County BEAD Application.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Mayor's signature on the letter of support for the Kittitas County BEAD Application. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Mayor Elliott spoke about the joint meeting with the Yakama Nation on March 4, 2025.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Lillquist attended the LEOFF 1 Disability meeting, County Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee meeting, she expressed excitement for the urban forest management work approved

on the consent agenda, and participated in an Environmental Commission interview

- Councilmember Palmer visited the Cold Weather Center on December 23rd and spoke regarding his comments made at the end of the December 16th meeting
- Mayor Elliott shared information from the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Board and gave an update regarding the Ellensburg Animal Shelter

13. Executive Session

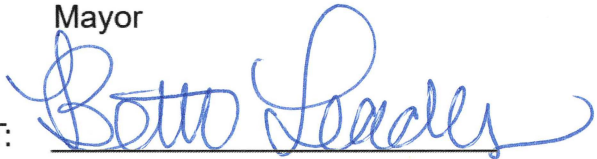
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk