



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

April 21, 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 Goodloe

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp (present remotely), Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller and Joshua Thompson

Absent: Delano Palmer (excused absence)

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Parks & Recreation Director Case, Aquatics & Recreation Supervisor Hactor, and approximately 70 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Two members of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A Bike Month

2.B National Child Abuse Prevention Month

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion approved 6-0**

5. Consent Agenda

5.A Approve Minutes of April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting

5.B Approve Minutes of April 7, 2025 Study Session

5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

5.D Project Acceptance - Bid Call 2020-34 - University Way and Reecer Creek Road Signalization Project

5.E Bid Award – Bid Call No. 2025-01, 2025 Residential Sidewalk Repair Program

5.F Resolution 2025-06 Approving Kristen and Clayton Wood's Tree Removal Request at 1104 E Craig Avenue.

5.G Amendment #1 to R24-09 Joint Use Pole Loading Consultant Services

5.H Approve April 21, 2025 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- Adrea Bezdicek-Donogh - County resident - speaking for herself, spoke regarding DEI and the City pool facility
- Jean Marie Linhart, City resident, spoke regarding City Library programs and in favor of DEI
- Carol Cox, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of DEI
- Judy Coder, City resident, spoke in favor of DEI
- Christi Sutphin, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of DEI
- Charli Sorenson, County resident, spoke regarding DEI
- Shelly Lounsbury Griffin, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of DEI
- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding Reed Park
- Mariana Fraher, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of DEI
- Amanda Russert, Ellensburg resident, representing oneself, spoke in favor of DEI
- Tory Jones, Ellensburg resident, spoke in favor of DEI
- Jessica Hannah, County resident, spoke regarding DEI and the protection of children
- Mike Wallace, Ellensburg resident, representing himself, spoke regarding DEI

Councilmember Thompson moved to extend the public comment period for non-agenda items for fifteen minutes. Motion died for a lack of a second.

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A Amending Ellensburg City Code Chapter 2.34 - Parks & Recreation Rules and Regulations (Public Comment Opportunity)

Brad Case, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information in the staff report. Additional information was on the dais for Council. Council asked questions of staff.

Gary Cummisk, City resident, spoke against the increase in pool pass fees

Councilmember Beauchamp left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4959, amending Chapter 2.34 of the Ellensburg City Code. **Motion approved 5-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and Suspension of 2026 Annual Update
Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Adrea Bezdicek-Donogh, County resident, spoke regarding the periodic update process and how citizens will be heard

Candice Comfort, County resident, spoke regarding how citizens will be heard for the periodic update process in 2026

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve suspension of the 2026 Annual Comprehensive Plan Update process to prioritize resources for the Periodic Update. **Motion approved 5-0**

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the report. It was requested to cancel the May 5, 2025 Study Session.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to cancel the May 5, 2025 Study Session.
Motion approved 5-0

The council candidate information session is scheduled for April 30, 2025 in Council Chambers. The session will be recorded for those who can't attend. The 2024 Annual Report was included on the dais and will be sent out to the public.

- 12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Miller attended the Arts Commission, Planning Commission and PTAC meetings. He will also be at the June 21st meeting, which he previously had an excused absence for
- Councilmember Lillquist attended the County Airport Advisory Committee, Environmental Commission and Utility Advisory Committee meetings and family poetry night. She requested an excused absence for the May 19, 2025 regular meeting. She spoke regarding economic development

Councilmember Miller moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Lillquist at the May 19, 2025 meeting. **Motion approved 4-0 (Lillquist abstained)**

- Mayor Elliott attended a listening session at CWU, met with the County to set an agenda for City/County joint session on May 8th, attended the

KCCOG meeting and state of the County address hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Elliott moved to bring the ballot measure Council voted on at the April 7, 2025 meeting, back to a future meeting for discussion of other options. **Motion approved 5-0**

13. Executive Session

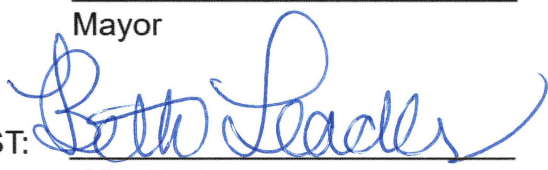
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk