



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

May 19, 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 Beauchamp

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Absent: Nancy Lillquist (excused)

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Public Works Director Lyyski, Planning Manager Henderson, Associate Planner Rud, Energy Services Director Stanavich, Housing & Program Manager Frey and approximately 35 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Eleven members of the public

2. Proclamations

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of May 5, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Approve Climate Planning Grant Letter of Support
- 5.C Interlocal Agreement for Maintenance of Gateway II Fish Screen
- 5.D Award Bid Call 2025-06 Middle Reach Reecer Creek Flood Hazard Reduction and Floodplain Restoration Project Phase 2 – Floodplain Improvements
- 5.E Approve May 19, 2025 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Board & Commission Appointment - Utility Advisory Committee
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.
Fred Springsteen and Jeff Bousson were present and introduced themselves.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the appointment of Fred Springsteen and confirm reappointment of Jeff Bousson to the Utility Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 5-0 (Palmer abstained)**

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Mayor Elliott reviewed Council rules and procedures.

Councilmember Palmer moved to amend the current agenda rules to include additional time for interpreters.

Councilmember Thompson moved to amend the motion to extend the time for citizens in need of interpreters by 3 minutes. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Vote on main motion as amended. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Councilmember Goodloe requested Council revisit the Council Rules and make appropriate adjustments to respond to any member of the public who needs accommodation in order to participate in the government process.

- Adrea Bezdicek-Donogh, County resident, speaking for herself, spoke regarding DEI
- Rosy Hall, representing herself and other Christian people, spoke regarding DEI
- Mike Wallace, Ellensburg resident, speaking for himself, spoke regarding DEI
- Samantha Hall, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding DEI
- Alan Wood, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding solar charging and solar credits for residents
- Sandy Elliot, City resident, spoke regarding City budget and setting priorities
- Candice Comfort, County resident, speaking for herself, spoke regarding DEI in Chapter 9 of the Comprehensive Plan
- Joylyn Sneider, County resident, spoke regarding DEI and the Memorial Pool
- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding Unity Park
- Courtney Garzone, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding DEI

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4960 (2nd Reading) - Approving Rezone of Parcel #963051 and #716133 (Public Comment Opportunity)
Stacey Henderson, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4960, approving rezone of parcel numbers 963051 and 716133 from Residential Suburban (R-S) to Commercial Neighborhood (C-N). **Motion Approved 6-0.**

- 9.B Ordinance 4961 (2nd Reading) - Approving Rezone of Parcel #573833 (Public Comment Opportunity)
Mark Rud, Associate Planner, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4961, approving rezone of parcel #573833 from Heavy Industrial (I-H) to Central Commercial (C-C). **Motion Approved 6-0.**

- 9.C Ordinance 4962 (1st Reading) Expansion of Low-Income Utility Discount Program to include 40% AMI (Public Comment Opportunity)
Buddy Stanavich, Energy Services Director, presented information in the staff report.

- Sam Gillian, City resident, spoke against the Ordinance
- Courtney Garzone, City resident, spoke in favor of the Ordinance

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4962, extending the low-income discount program eligibility threshold to those at or below 40% AMI. **Motion Approved 6-0**

10. Unfinished Business

- 10.A Continued Discussion on Renewing Transit and Transportation System Funding by Ballot Measure in 2025 (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

- Carrie Vickers, County resident, spoke regarding Wenatchee LINK Transit service
- Courtney Garzone, City resident, spoke in favor of transit services
- Mike Wallace, City resident, speaking for himself, spoke regarding other options for funding transit services
- Rollie Robertson, County resident, speaking for himself, spoke regarding other solutions to fund transit
- Joylynn Sneider, County resident, spoke regarding LINK transit system

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve a .2% ballot measure to the voters for funding the transit sales tax for the Public Transit System.

Council asked questions of staff and requested staff provide additional information concerning costs for ridership. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Councilmember Palmer moved to request City staff present a report and plan with information for .1% to provide a dedicated fund street maintenance for the Transportation Benefit District. **Motion Approved 6-0**

10.B Sleep Center and Cold Weather Shelter Discussion (Public Comment Opportunity)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding the cold weather shelter
- Circe Muse-Voss, (speaking remotely) City resident, spoke in favor of a sleep center

Councilmember Palmer moved to discontinue the siting of the sleep center and focus efforts on establishing a seasonal cold weather shelter site and services. **Motion Approved 6-0**

11. New Business

11.A Consider Funding Award for HopeSource Affordable Housing Acquisition Application (Public Comment Opportunity)

Lily Frey, Housing and Program Manager, presented information in the staff report. Susan Grindle, HopeSource CEO, presented information concerning funding requested and John Raymond, HopeSource COO reviewed income guidelines and proposed rent for units. Council asked questions of HopeSource staff.

- Sandy Elliott, City resident, spoke regarding managing subsidized housing and the issues involved
- Carrie Vickers, County resident, spoke regarding issues with low income housing
- Logan Cook, City resident, spoke regarding cost of rental
- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding the project and availability of housing
- Mary Monohan, Ellensburg resident, representing herself, spoke in support of the project and asked about County contributions

Councilmember Palmer moved to direct staff to prepare an affordable housing agreement with HopeSource for the acquisition of the property and eight housing units at 211 S. Pearl Street and approve the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 4-0 (Elliott & Thompson abstained)**

11.B Professional Services Agreement with SCJ Alliance for Consultant Services for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update (Public Comment Opportunity)

Stacey Henderson, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the professional services agreement with SCJ Alliance for consultant services for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement in substantially similar form and approve the necessary budget adjustments.

Motion Approved 6-0

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the report.

A request for a letter of support from GoRail for rail safety services was on the dais for the Mayor's signature. The information will be brought back at a future meeting.

An executive session was needed per RCW 43.30.110(1)(i)(iii) and was anticipated to last seven minutes and no action was anticipated.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Goodloe attended DEI Commission and the Joint meeting with County Commissioners
- Councilmember Miller attended the Joint Meeting with the County Commissioners, and a PTAC meeting
- Councilmember Palmer attended the UAC meeting and requested an excused absence for the November 4, 2025 meeting

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Palmer at the November 4, 2025 regular meeting. **Motion Approved 5-0 (Palmer abstained)**

- Mayor Elliott reported on KITTCOM Board, Developmental Disabilities Board and was selected to assess and evaluate FEMA. He will miss the June 2, 2025 meeting to teach in California

13. Executive Session

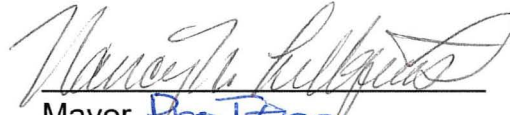
- 13.A RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official 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.(iii) Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result

in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency;
Council recessed to executive Session at 9:55 pm and was anticipated to last approximately seven minutes. No action would be taken.

Council reconvened at 10:01 pm

14. Adjournment

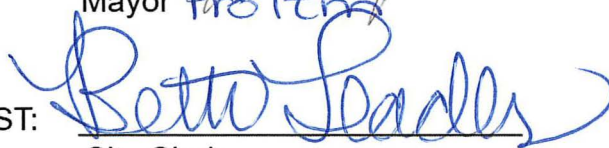
Meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm



Mayor

Pro Tem

ATTEST:



City Clerk

City Clerk