



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

June 16, 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 Thompson

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 Horner, City Clerk Leader, Associate Planner Pederson, Community Development Director Carlson, City Engineer Mattson, Public Works Director Lyyski and approximately 50 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Five members of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A Juneteenth Day of Observance

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

5.A Approve Minutes of June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting

5.B Approve Minutes of June 2, 2025 Special Meeting

5.C Approve Minutes of May 8, 2025 Special Meeting

5.D Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

5.E Reecer Creek Floodplain Mapping and Levee Certification Support Services Project

5.F Execution of a contract renewal with 120 Water, Inc. for consulting services related to the Lead Service Line Inventory

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- 5.G Accept Bid Call 2021-16 Electrical Utility On Call Construction Services as complete
 - 5.H Traffic Impact Fee Annual Report
 - 5.I Amendment to the Public Transit Operating Agreement
 - 5.J Paratransit Operating Agreement Amendment
 - 5.K Amendment to the Cabulance Operating Agreement
 - 5.L Resignation of Jill Scheffer from the Arts Commission
 - 5.M Resignation from Peter Stone from the Affordable Housing Commission
 - 5.N Approve June 16, 2025 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A 2025 State Legislative Session Update by Josh Weiss (Public Comment Opportunity)
Josh Weiss and Devin Gayton with Columbia Policy Advisors, presented information concerning the 2025 legislative session. Council asked questions of Mr. Weiss.

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- Tylen Carnell, Ellensburg resident, speaking for herself, spoke regarding DEI
- Beryl Kelley, Ellensburg resident, representing herself, spoke regarding DEI
- Jennifer Patteson, County resident, spoke regarding DEI in the Comprehensive Plan
- Angie Lang, Ellensburg resident, representing herself, spoke regarding Craigs Hill and Memorial Pool
- Amanda Russert, Ellensburg resident, Director of Helen House, spoke regarding DEI
- Hanna Fredeen, Ellensburg resident, representing herself, spoke regarding DEI
- Susan Waddle, City resident, speaking for herself, spoke regarding DEI
- Adrea Bezdicek-Donogh, County resident, spoke regarding DEI
- Alison Durmond, Ellensburg resident, speaking for herself, spoke regarding DEI
- Anastasia Newman, Ellensburg resident, speaking for herself, spoke regarding DEI

Councilmember Palmer moved to include an additional ten minutes at the end of the Agenda for public comment on non-agenda items. **Motion Approved 7-0**

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Public Hearing (Legislative) to consider a Resolution adopting the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) 2026-2031 and provide an annual 'Complete Streets Update' (Public Comment Opportunity)

Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Josh Mattson, Assistant City Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

- Adrea Bezdicek-Donogh, County resident, asked about use of funds
- Victoria Thomas (speaking remotely), Ellensburg resident, requested a roundabout at the Mtn View/Willow intersection
- Susan Waddle, City resident, speaking for herself, spoke regarding Mtn View Ave
- Mary Monahan (speaking remotely), City resident, speaking for herself, spoke regarding pedestrians

Council asked questions of staff.

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

Councilmember Lillquist moved to adopt proposed Resolution 2025-12 approving the TIP for 2026-2031 and authorize staff to submit listed projects for funding as grant opportunities become available. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4963 (2nd Reading) - Approving Rezone of Parcel #954442 (Public Comment Opportunity)

Chase Pederson, Associate Planner, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4963, approving rezone of parcel #954442 from Light Industrial (I-L) to Regional Center Mixed Use (RCMU). **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Proposed Ordinance 4964 Traffic Code Revisions – First Reading (Public Comment Opportunity)

Josh Mattson, Assistant City Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding parking signage
- Adrea Bezdicek-Donogh, County resident, inquired about speed limit reduction

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4964 for Traffic Code Revisions. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

Mayor Elliott recessed for a break at 8:53 pm

Council reconvened at 9:00 pm

- 11.A Acceptance of the City of Ellensburg Transportation Safety Action Plan and Adoption of the Zero Fatality and Serious Injury Commitment (Public Comment

Opportunity)

Josh Mattson, Assistant City Engineer, introduced Karissa Witthuhn, with Psomas Engineers, who reviewed the project summary. Council asked questions of staff.

- Victoria Thomas, (speaking remotely), City resident, speaking for herself, commented on the report and survey

Councilmember Goodloe moved to accept the City of Ellensburg Transportation Safety Action Plan and adopt the recommended Vision Zero Fatality and Serious Injury Commitment. **Motion Approved 7-0**

11.B Council Rules Discussion (Public Comment Opportunity)

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

Councilmember Palmer and Thompson requested amendments to the document.

- William Coleman, Kittitas resident, spoke regarding public comment
- Adrea Bezdicsek-Donogh, County resident, spoke regarding public comment
- Carrie Vickers, County resident, spoke regarding time limits for public comment

11.C Memorandum of Understanding - Emergency Drought Relief in Yakima River Basin

Ryan Lyyski, Public Works Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the US Bureau of Reclamation and Washington State Department of Ecology's Office of the Columbia River, in a substantially similar form, as well as sign all associated documents necessary to finalize this agreement. **Motion Approved 7-0**

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented the report. The Mayor's signature was requested on a letter of support to the Kittitas County Conference of Governments for Standard of Coverage.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the Mayor's signature on the letter of support. **Motion Approved 7-0**

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Miller reported on PTAC and requested an excused absence for the August 4, 2025 regular meeting.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Miller at the August 4, 2025 meeting. **Motion Approved 6-0 (Miller abstained)**

- Councilmember Palmer reported on Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife, Affordable Housing Commission, Steer I-90 Committee and reminded the public about the Wall that Heals volunteer sign-up
- Councilmember Thompson attended the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting
- Councilmember Beauchamp reported on Library programs
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the DEI and Developmental Disabilities meetings and spoke about HopeSource's Pathways project
- Councilmember Lillquist reported on the County Airport Advisory Committee, attended an air quality workshop, the Wastewater Treatments Plant tour and remotely attended a Resource Adequacy Workshop
- Mayor Elliott spoke regarding wildland incident management to date, attended the State 911 meeting, will be speaking in Kennewick regarding small city disaster management and attended Coffee with Council. He asked staff if there were issues at the memorial pool and asked about what legal risks there are concerning DEI

13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm



Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk