



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

August 4, 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 Mayor Elliott

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Excused absence: David Miller

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Assistant City Engineer Mattson, Community Development Director Carlson, Finance Director Pascoe, Parks & Recreation Director Case, Aquatic & Recreation Manager Hctor, and approximately 35 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: 12 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 July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Climate Planning Grant Contract Signature
- 5.C Project Acceptance - Bid Call 2021-13 Illinois Well Facility
- 5.D Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center Flat Roof and HVAC Improvements
- 5.E Fair & Rodeo Request
- 5.F Approve August 4, 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

Steve Verhey, Ellensburg city resident, spoke regarding diesel

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4967 (1st Reading) - Updating Utility Advisory Committee, Environmental Commission, and Public Transit Advisory Committee Membership and Roles (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Jennifer Patteson, County resident, spoke regarding changes to the Public Transit Advisory Committee

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4967, approving changes to roles and memberships of the Utility Advisory Committee, Environmental Commission, and Public Transit Advisory Committee (now Transportation Advisory Committee). **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 9.B Proposed Ordinance 4968 Traffic Code Revisions – First Reading (Public Comment Opportunity)
Josh Mattson, Assistant City Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct first reading of Traffic Code Ordinance 4968. **Motion Approved 6-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A Second Quarter 2025 Financial Status and Investment Reports (Public Comment Opportunity)
Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.
Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to accept the Second Quarter 2025 Financial Status and Investment Reports as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 11.B Community Engagement Plan for 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendment 25-02 (Chapter 9 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff

report. Council asked questions of staff.

- Cassie Watterson, County resident, spoke regarding government involvement and keeping the public informed
- Steve Verhey, Ellensburg City resident, spoke regarding the process
- Juliann Cleman, County resident, spoke regarding the process

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve proposed Community Engagement Plan for 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendment 25-02.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to amend the motion to direct the facilitators to identify city residents that participate in the workshop as a majority. **Motion Failed 1-4 (Beauchamp, Lillquist, Thompson, Elliott voted no, Palmer abstained)**

Vote on original motion. **Motion Approved 6-0**

11.C Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center - Additional Information (Public Comment Opportunity)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information and background about the pool facility.

Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented financial information for the pool facility.

Brad Case, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information concerning the operation of the pool facility.

The City Manager reviewed information regarding the pool facility roof.

Council recessed for a 5 minute break at 9:14 pm

Council reconvened at 9:19 pm

Council asked questions of staff and took public comment.

- Candice Comfort, County resident, representing herself, spoke regarding the pool facility
- Juliann Cleman, County resident, spoke regarding State grant funds available
- Darcy Milard, County resident, representing herself, spoke regarding use of the pool
- Candy Eslinger, spoke regarding the pool facility and community
- Elissa Carlson, City resident, spoke regarding the pool benefits to the community
- Andy Cleman, County resident, speaking for himself, spoke regarding the presentation
- Lyle Smith, County resident, representing himself, spoke regarding pool facilities and maintenance expenses

- Jennifer Patteson, County resident, spoke regarding the city's lobbyist and State Representatives

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the report. A correction on item one in the report, grants are for 2026 instead of 2025. Ellensburg Academy will continue to be held for public information.

Included on the dais was a letter for the Mayor's signature to support the 2026 PLACES conference.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the Mayor's signature on the letter of support. **Motion Approved 6-0**

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Thompson rescheduled his meeting with Finance and participated in a day shift ride-along with EPD
- Councilmember Palmer reported on Affordable Housing and the upcoming ADU presentation
- Councilmember Lillquist attended the Ellensburg Academy presentation, Beyond Words program at the Hal Holmes Center, and reported on the Historic Trust Board meeting
- Councilmember Beauchamp attended the Unity Park artwork ribbon cutting, and she received a suggestion for Ellensburg Academy to review Council duties
- Mayor Elliott reported on KITTCOM dispatchers, he suggested a council conversation regarding City Manager compensation and Council consensus was to ask HR to bring information back to Council, he also commented on the County Lodging Tax Capital funding process and will research further

13. Executive Session

Council recessed to executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and 42.30.140(4)(B) at 10:07 pm and was anticipated to last 15 minutes. No action would be taken.

Council reconvened at 10:18 pm

13.A RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) - To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

13.B CLOSED SESSION - RCW 42.30.140(4)(B) The OPMA does not apply to that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings,

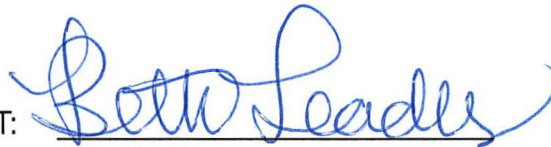
or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm



Mayor



ATTEST:

City Clerk