



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

October 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 Palmer

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp (attending remotely), 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, EPD Chief Wade, EPD Captain Weed, Crime & Intelligence Analyst Carr, Transit Manager Dunbar, Housing Program Manager Frey, Community Development Director Carlson, HR Director Young and approximately ten members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Four members of the public

2. Proclamations

Mayor Elliott acknowledged two proclamations

2.A Public Natural Gas and Power Week

2.B National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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 September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting

5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

5.C Project Acceptance - Bid Call 2022-09 - Gateway I

5.D Approve the Revised Interlocal Agreement between Franklin Conservation District and the City of Ellensburg

5.E Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Resignation - Gemma Fortier

- 5.F Amendment No. 2 to Interlocal Agreement between Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue (KVFR) and the City of Ellensburg
- 5.G Amendment No. 2 to the Interlocal Agreement between Kittitas Valley Healthcare (KVH) and the City of Ellensburg
- 5.H Amendment No. 2 to Agreement between Mountain View Post Acute (MVPA) and the City of Ellensburg
- 5.I Amendment No. 2 to Agreement between Prestige Senior Living at Hearthstone (Hearthstone) and the City of Ellensburg
- 5.J Cingular Wireless Communications Site Lease
- 5.K Bid Award – Bid Call 2025-12, University Way Bridge Repair over BNSF Railroad
- 5.L Approve October 6, 2025 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Affordable Housing Commission Appointment - Sarah Syverson (Public Comment Opportunity)
Lily Frey, Housing Program Manager, introduced Sarah Syverson, who spoke regarding her interest in serving on the commission.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to appoint Sarah Syverson to the Affordable Housing Commission. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 6.B Transportation Advisory Committee (ESD) Appointment - Carol Chrisman (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, and Betsy Dunbar, Transit Manager, presented information concerning the Ellensburg School District appointee, Carol Chrisman.
- 6.C Transportation Advisory Committee (CWU) Appointment - Alex Matheson (Public Comment Opportunity)
Betsy Dunbar, Transit Manager, presented information concerning the CWU appointee, Alex Matheson.

Councilmember Palmer moved to confirm appointments of Carol Chrisman (ESD) and Alex Matheson (CWU) to the Transportation Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 6.D EPD CHASE Program Overview (Public Comment Opportunity)
Ken Wade, EPD Chief, introduced the topic and Dr. Elliann Carr, Crime and Intelligence Analyst, presented information to Council and introduced two

members of the program, Jasmine and Joshua. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Beauchamp joined the meeting remotely at 7:10 pm

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Public comment was heard by the following citizen:

Pat Kelleher, City resident

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4972 (2nd reading) — Amending City Code Chapter 6.54 relating to business licensing (Public Comment Opportunity)
Beth Leader, City Clerk, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4972. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Ordinance 4973 (1st Reading) - Revisions to Multifamily Housing Tax Incentives (Public Comment Opportunity)
Lily Frey, Housing Program Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4973. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.C Resolution 2025-25 Adult Activity Center Donation (Public Comment Opportunity)
Brad Case, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2025-25 accepting the donation from James Altice to the Adult Activity Center. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.D Resolution 2025-26 to Support the City of Ellensburg's Proposition 1-Sales and Use Tax for Public Transportation (Transit) Systems (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Public comment was heard on the topic from the following citizen:
Jim Hurson, City resident (present remotely)

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2025-26 for Council's support of Proposition 1 – sales & use tax for public transportation (transit) system. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9.E Resolution 2025-27 Authorization to Acquire Property (Public Comment Opportunity)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report and answered questions from Council.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2025-27 authorizing the city to acquire property for a potential substation. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9.F Resolution 2025-28 Amending the 2025 Pay Plan for Non-Represented Employees (Public Comment Opportunity)

Lisa Young, HR Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to adopt Resolution 2025-28 amending the 2025 Pay Plan for non-represented employees and approving the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9.G Resolution 2025-29 to Accept a Bequest from the Estate of Pamela Dee Grueter-Schmidt to the City of Ellensburg Animal Shelter (Public Comment Opportunity)

Chris Horner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2025-29 accepting the bequest from Ms. Grueter-Schmidt to the Ellensburg Animal Shelter. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A Regional Tactical Response Team Interlocal with Kittitas County (Public Comment Opportunity)

Jim Weed, Ellensburg Police Department Operations Captain, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to accept the Interlocal Agreement as proposed. **Motion Approved 7-0**

12. Miscellaneous

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

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

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Goodloe attended Bite of the Burg, LEOFF Disability Board, and Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee meetings and the October 4 Braver Angels workshop

- Councilmember Lillquist attended the LEOFF Disability Board, Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board and UAC meetings, CEIP/CEDA reporting meeting, Comp Plan open house, Ellensburg Academy presentation, Bite of the Burg and Gallery One benefit auction and will attend Coffee with Council on Saturday
- Councilmember Miller attended the Transportation Advisory Committee and Community Grant subcommittee meetings, Comp Plan open house, Arts Commission meeting, Addison Place ribbon cutting ceremony
- Councilmember Palmer asked about the cold weather shelter status, attended Buskers in the Burg, Coffee with Council, Chamber of Commerce Youth Summit, and Affordable Housing Committee meeting
- Councilmember Thompson attended the October 4 Braver Angels workshop
- Mayor Elliott presented for AWC, will attend the October 20th meeting remotely and requested an excused absence for the November 3, 2025 meeting. He requested council representation at the upcoming Employment Diversity meeting. He also attended a KCCOG meeting and Comp Plan open house

Councilmember Miller moved to approve and excused absence for Mayor Elliott at the November 3, 2025 meeting. **Motion Approved 6-1** (*Elliott abstained*)

Councilmember Lillquist requested an excused absence for the November 17, 2025 regular meeting.

Mayor Elliott moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Lillquist for the November 17, 2025 meeting. **Motion Approved 6-1** (*Lillquist abstained*)

13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm



Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk