

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

October 20, 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 Kittitas Girl Scout Troop 2001. Troop Leader, Suzie Konold, provided a statement.

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, Community Development Director Carlson, Housing Program Manager Frey, Senior Planner Henderson, Facilities & Fleet Manager Slyfield, Light Operations Supervisor Young, HR Director Young, and approximately 25 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 Palmer moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of October 6, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Approve Minutes of October 6, 2025 Study Session
- 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.D Project Acceptance for Professional Services for the Granite Asphalt Plant and System Loop Design, Specifications and Permitting
- 5.E Project Acceptance – 2024 Complete Streets Improvements; Bid Call 2024-18
- 5.F Award Bid Call 2025-10 Pad-Mounted Switch Cabinets
- 5.G Reject all Bids for Bid Call No. 2025-11 Primary Metering Cabinets

5.H Approve October 20, 2025 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the change to item 5.E.
Motion Approved 7-0

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A OutiFi Power Outage Communication & Incident Messaging – Implementation Update and Quick Demo (Public Comment Opportunity)
Wade Young, Light Operations Supervisor, presented information in the staff report. OutiFi representative, Justin Johnson (present remotely), gave an overview of the program.

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Public comment was heard from the following citizens:

- Beryl Kelley, Ellensburg resident
- Christopher Hobbs, Ellensburg resident
- Pat Kelleher, City resident
- Logan Cook, Ellensburg resident

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Resolution 2025-30 to Declare City Property as Surplus (Public Comment Opportunity)
Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Hunter Slyfield, Facilities & Fleet Manager, presented information in the staff report.

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

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve adoption of Resolution 2025-30, declaring City property as surplus. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4973 (2nd Reading) - Revisions to Multifamily Housing Tax Incentives (Public Comment Opportunity)
Lily Frey, Housing Program Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4973. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

- 10.A 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendment 25-02 Update and Next Steps (Public Comment Opportunity)
Stacey Henderson, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Public comments were heard on the topic from the following citizens:

- Robert Lowery, Kittitas County resident
- Jennifer Patteson, County resident
- Beryl Kelley, Ellensburg resident
- Christopher Hobbs, Ellensburg resident
- Cameron Matta, previous County resident
- Amber Hoefer, Ellensburg resident and DEI Commission member
- Phil Backlund, Ellensburg resident and DEI Commission member
- Laura, Ellensburg resident
- Candice Comfort, Kittitas County resident
- Lyle Smith, County resident

Council reviewed and discussed the options presented.

Councilmember Palmer moved to recommend options 3 and 4 as listed for Amendment 25-02.001-308 for consideration by the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to amend the motion to remove option 4 from consideration. **Motion Approved 4-3 (Lillquist, Palmer, Thompson voted no)**

Vote on main Motion as amended. **Motion Approved 5-2 (Palmer and Thompson voted no)**

11. New Business

12. Miscellaneous

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

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

A closed session was required per RCW 42.30.140(4)(B) for 10 minutes and no action would be taken. An executive session was required per RCW 42.30.110(1)(B) for 10 minutes and no action would be taken.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Palmer attended Law & Justice and UAC meetings
- Councilmember Miller attended the Finance Committee and reported on the American Planning Commission meeting he attended
- Councilmember Lillquist attended the Environmental Commission and UAC meetings, the AWC lunch and tour of Twin City Foods, and Water Street ribbon cutting
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the AWC lunch, Water Street ribbon cutting, transportation levy support event, DEI retreat, County

Homelessness & Affordable Housing Commission meeting, KCCOG meeting, and the Developmental Disabilities event

- Councilmember Beauchamp reminded everyone about the downtown trick or treat event
- Mayor Elliott attended a State 911 conference and KITTCOM board meeting

13. Executive Session

13.A 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.

Council recessed to Closed Session at 9:11 pm and reconvened at 9:21 pm.

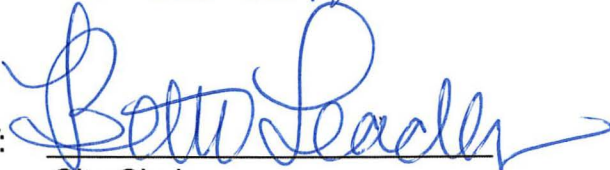
13.B RCW 42.30.110 (1)(B) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

Council recessed to Executive Session at 9:21 pm and reconvened at 9:31 pm.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm


Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 
City Clerk