



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

February 2, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

Study Session

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist (present remotely), David Miller, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Planning Manager Henderson, Community Development Director Carlson, Housing Program Manager Frey, Assistant Planner Rud, Arts & Economic Development Manager Vandenberg, Engineering Manager Mayo and approximately five members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: one member of the public

- A 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update
Stacey Henderson, Planning Manager, in addition to Andrew Oliver with Leland Consulting and Kirsten Peterson with SCJ Alliance, presented information concerning the status of the project. Council asked questions of staff.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Palmer

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist (remote), 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, Assistant Planner Rud, HR Director Young, Public Information Officer Klauss, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Police Chief Wade, Police Captain Clasen, IT Director Goeben, Transit Manager Dunbar and approximately 25 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: 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

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 5.A Approve Minutes of January 20, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Approve Minutes of January 20, 2026 Joint Study Session
- 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards & Commissions
- 5.D Bid Award for 22-122 Bull Rd & Mountain View Ave Traffic Signal & Intersection Improvements – Bid Call 2026-01
- 5.E Project Acceptance – Bid Call No. 2025-01 - 2025 Residential Sidewalk Repair Project
- 5.F Project Acceptance – Bid Call 2025-13 Dry Creek 24” Valve Replacement Project
- 5.G Interlocal Agreement for Provision of Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter Service
- 5.H Microsoft License Annual Payment
- 5.I City-County Library Services Agreement
- 5.J Community Grant Deadline Extension Request - Ellensburg Community Radio (Public Comment Opportunity)
- 5.K Approve February 2, 2026 Voucher Listing

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Commission Appointments - Amber Darting, Judd Ike Grey, Cody Natland (Public Comment Opportunity)
Councilmember Goodloe made a statement regarding the selection of the DEI commission members.

Nicole Klause, Public Information Officer, spoke regarding the recommended appointments of three members and introduced Amber Darting, Judd Ike Grey, who both spoke regarding their interest in serving on the commission.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the appointment of Amber Darting, Judd Ike Grey and Cody Natland to the DEI Commission. **Motion Approved 7-0**

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Public Comment was heard from the following citizens:

Pat Kelleher

Candice Comfort
Jennifer Patteson

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Second Reading of Ordinance 4978 - Amending Ellensburg City Code Chapter 2.07 - Sale or Disposition of Surplus Personal Property (Public Comment Opportunity)
Keith Bassett, Assistant Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 4978 - Amending Ellensburg City Code Chapter 2.07 - Sale or Disposition of Surplus Personal Property. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Ordinance 4980 (2nd Reading) - Approving Rezone of 2011 Old Hwy 10 (Public Comment Opportunity)
Mark Rud, Assistant Planner, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4980, approving rezone of 2011 Old Hwy 10 from Commercial Highway (C-H) to Light Industrial (I-L). **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A Yakima Humane Society Ellensburg Animal Shelter Contract (Public Comment Opportunity)
Cameron Clasen, EPD Captain, presented information in the staff report.
Public comment on the topic was heard from citizen Pat Kelleher

Councilmember Goodloe moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract agreement as attached or in substantially similar format with Yakima Humane Society to continue animal shelter operations for the City of Ellensburg through 2028, and approve the necessary budget adjustments.

- 11.B Peregrine Software Annual Subscription (Public Comment Opportunity)
Cameron Clasen, EPD Captain, presented information in the staff report. Mack Larkin with Peregrine was present remotely to review information concerning services provided. Council asked questions of staff.
Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizen
Dave Stugill

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Order Form as attached or in substantially similar format with Peregrine. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 11.C Professional Services Agreement between the Ellensburg Downtown Association and the City of Ellensburg (Public Comment Opportunity)
Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager, presented information in the staff report. Teresa Channes, EDA Director, presented information to Council. Council asked questions of Ms. Channes and city staff.

Councilmember moved to approve the City Manager's signature on the 2026-2027 Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between the Ellensburg Downtown Association and the City of Ellensburg. **Motion Approved 6-0** Councilmember Palmer abstained due to his involvement on a committee

- 11.D Interlocal Agreement with KVFR for IT Services (Public Comment Opportunity)
Jim Goeben, IT Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement for IT Services between the City of Ellensburg and KVFR and future annual adjustments to the cost allocation. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 11.E Consider Affordable Housing Funding Application from Habitat for Humanity - Willow Street Project (Public Comment Opportunity)
Mayor Elliott and Councilmember Palmer announced they would abstain from the item.
Lily Frey, Housing Program Manager, presented information in the staff report. Marie Spangler, XX, and Stephanie Bohman, representing Habitat for Humanity, presented information to Council. Council asked questions of Habitat staff. John Gill, Habitat XX (present remotely) also answered questions.

Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizens:
Jennifer Patteson
Pat Kelleher

Councilmember moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of intent and direct staff to develop affordable housing agreement for the Willow Street Project. **Motion Approved 3-2. (Beachamp & Thompson voted no) Elliott and Palmer abstained**

- 11.F Consider Affordable Housing Funding Application from Odd Fellows Lodge #20 Housing Project (Public Comment Opportunity)
Lily Frey, Housing Program Manager, presented information in the staff report. Frank Rowland and Doug Bommersbach with the Office of Rural & Farmerworker Housing, presented information to Council. Council asked questions of Dave Stugill answered questions

Councilmember Miller moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of intent and direct staff to prepare an affordable housing agreement with Odd Fellows Lodge #20. **Motion Approved 6-0 Palmer abstained**

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 Beauchamp attended the LEOFF I board meeting

Councilmember Goodloe attended the KCCOG meeting and participated in DEI interviews

Councilmember Miller attended the LEOFF I Board meeting

Councilmember Palmer the Affordable Housing, Law & Justice and Kittitas County Solid Waste meetings

Councilmember Thompson announced GO HAWKS!

Councilmember Lillquist reported on the Environmental Commission, recovery board citizen advisory committee volunteer needed, reported on

Mayor Elliott requested an excused absence at the April 20, 2026 meeting and commented regarding the upcoming water supply not being optimistic

Councilmember Miller moved to approve an excused absence for Mayor Elliott at the April 20, 2026 regular meeting. **Motion Approved 7-0**

13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm