



**CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

**Date of Meeting**

**Time of Meeting**

**Place of Meeting**

**Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting**

**December 15, 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, 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, Planning Manager Henderson, Associate Planner Rud, Housing Program Manager Frey, Water Resources Manager Springer, Public Works Director Lyyski, and approximately eight members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: HR Director Young and three 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 December 1, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Approve Minutes of December 1, 2025 Study Session
- 5.C Approval of Special Event Where Alcohol is Served - 2026 Winterhop Brewfest
- 5.D Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission 2025 Annual Report
- 5.E Environmental Commission Resignation - Jean Marie Linhart
- 5.F Approve the 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement with OPEIU Local 8
- 5.G Approve December 15, 2025 Voucher Listing

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

## 6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Affordable Housing Commission Reappointments - John Perrie & Dan Witkowski (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager presented the information.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve reappointment of John Perrie and Dan Witkowski to the Affordable Housing Commission. **Motion Approved 7-0**

## 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 4977 (Second Reading) 2025 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Stacey Henderson, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizens:  
Pat Kelleher, City resident  
Amber Hoefer, Ellensburg resident & DEI Commission member

Councilmember Goodloe moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4977, 2025 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments. **Motion Approved 6-1 (Thompson voted no)**

- 9.B Resolution 2025-32 - Fiscal Year 2026 Pay Plan for Non-Represented Employees (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Lisa Young (present remotely), HR Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve Resolution 2025-32 adopting the 2026 fiscal year Pay Plan for Non-Represented employees, including the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 7-0**

## 10. Unfinished Business

## 11. New Business

- 11.A Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Ellensburg and Kittitas County for Flood Insurance Rate Map Updates for Whiskey and Mercer Creeks (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Rebecca Springer, Water Resources Manager, Arden Thomas with Kittitas

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County Flood Control Zone District, and Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information to Council. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the City Manager's signature on an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ellensburg and Kittitas County for Flood Insurance Rate Map Updates for Whiskey and Mercer Creeks (as attached, or in substantially similar form). **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 11.B Interlocal Agreement between Kittitas County and the City of Ellensburg for Pooling of Opioid Funds Resulting from the Settlement of Claims Against Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Kittitas County and the City of Ellensburg for Pooling of Opioid Funds Resulting from the Settlement of Claims Against Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants and necessary budget adjustments and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 11.C Notice of Intent to Commence Annexation Proceedings for Parcel 631033 Located at 1830 Hwy 97 (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Mark Rud, Associate Planner, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the notice of intent to commence annexation proceedings, set annexation area as shown on the attached map, set simultaneous adoption of zoning as provided for in this agenda report, and the City shall require the assumption of all or of any portion of existing city or town indebtedness by the area to be annexed. **Motion Approved 7-0**

## 12. Miscellaneous

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

The City Manager reviewed the report. City facility holiday hours were announced.

An Executive Session would be held per RCW 42.30.140(4)(B) and was anticipated to last 10 minutes. No action would be taken.

- 12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Lillquist attended a County Airport Advisory Committee meeting and a Checkerboard Partnership meeting
- Councilmember Goodloe attended a DEI Commission meeting
- Councilmember Beauchamp attended Library Board
- Councilmember Palmer reported on Affordable Housing
- Councilmember Miller attended Planning Commission
- Mayor Elliott reported on KCCOG, and attended a County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee 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 Executive Session at 8:33 pm.

Council reconvened at 8:39 pm

**14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:   
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City Clerk