



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

March 2, 2026

Time of Meeting

7:00 PM

Place of Meeting

**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, HR Director Young, Finance Director Pascoe, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Public Works Director Lyyski, IT Director Goeben and approximately three members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Three member of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A Irish American Heritage Month
Councilmember Palmer read the proclamation.
- 2.B National Women's History Month & International Women's Day
Councilmember Goodloe read the proclamation.

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 February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Award of Bid Call 2026-08 Official City Newspaper
- 5.D Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program

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- 5.E Interlocal Agreement Between the State of Washington Central Washington University and the City of Ellensburg
 - 5.F Pedestrian Accessibility and Transit Support Project Grant Agreement
 - 5.G Amendment 1 to Subrecipient Agreement between City of Ellensburg and FISH
 - 5.H Planning Commission Resignation - Sathy Rajendran
 - 5.I Utility Advisory Committee Resignation - Audrey Huerta
 - 5.J Approve March 2, 2026 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Public comment was heard from the following citizens:

Loren Johnson
Pat Kelleher

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A First Reading of Ordinance 4981 Amending Ellensburg City Code Regarding Community Development Review Fees (Public Comment Opportunity)
Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Public comment was heard on the topic from citizen Pat Kelleher.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4981 amending Ellensburg City Code regarding Community Development review fees. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Resolution 2026-04 (Joint Resolution with Kittitas County) Approving Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Public Defense Services (Public Comment Opportunity)
Chris Horner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2026-04, approving the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Kittitas County for Public Defense Services. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

- 10.A Funding Recreational Facilities Discussion - Fieldhouse and Future Kittitas Valley Aquatic Center (Public Comment Opportunity)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, reviewed information and background in a presentation to Council. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Thompson left the meeting at 8:00 pm

Public comment was heard on the topic from citizen Pat Kelleher.

11. New Business

11.A Preliminary Fourth Quarter 2025 Financial Status and Investment Reports (Public Comment Opportunity)

Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.

Public comment was heard on the topic from citizen Pat Kelleher.

Councilmember Miller moved to accept the Preliminary Fourth Quarter 2025 Financial Status and Investment Reports as amended. **Motion Approved 6-0**

11.B Letter of Intent Conditionally Selecting Central Paving, LLC as Developer for the Ellensburg Fieldhouse Project (Public Comment Opportunity)

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

Councilmember Goodloe moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of intent (as attached or in substantially similar form) conditionally selecting Central Paving, LLC, as the Ellensburg Fieldhouse developer, and direct staff to develop lease-leaseback agreements for this project. **Motion Approved 6-0**

11.C Contract to Purchase JustFOIA Software to Manage Public Records Requests (Public Comment Opportunity)

Chris Horner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize the City Manager's signature on contracts, as attached or in substantially similar form, to purchase JustFOIA software for managing public records requests. **Motion Approved 6-0**

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, reviewed the report.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Goodloe reported on the KCCOG meeting and attended a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting
- Councilmember Miller attended the LEOFF Disability Board meeting
- Councilmember Lillquist attended an Environmental and Utility Advisory Commission meetings

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- Mayor Elliott spoke about the KCCOG meeting; is working on the City Manager's evaluation; requested contact with Yakama Nation; and attended the Library staff retreat.

13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk