



**CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

**Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting**

**Date of Meeting**

**April 6, 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 Mayor Elliott

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

Absent: Sarah Beauchamp (excused absence)

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, community Development Director Carlson, Associate Planner Rud, HR Director Young, Arts & Economic Development Manger Vandenberg, Gas Engineer Yusi, Energy Services Director Stanavich, Energy Services Finance Officer Bair, Energy Resources Manager Baker and approximately fifteen members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: four members of the public

**2. Proclamations**

- 2.A Arbor Day  
Councilmember Miller read the proclamation.
- 2.B National Child Abuse Prevention Month  
Councilmember Goodloe read the proclamation.

**3. Awards and Recognitions**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

**5. Consent Agenda**

- 5.A Approve Minutes of March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Project Acceptance – Bid Call 2024-10 Brick Road Improvements

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- 5.D Axon Body Worn and In-Car Video Camera Contract
  - 5.E NOANET Inter Local Agreement Amendment 3
  - 5.F Construction Agreement between WinCo Foods, LLC and the City of Ellensburg
  - 5.G Professional Services Consultant Agreement for the Engineering and Design of the Umptanum Road and Anderson Road Roundabout Project
  - 5.H Affordable Housing Commission Resignation - Sarah Bedsaul
  - 5.I Budget Carryforward — Fieldhouse Construction Fund for Professional Services
  - 5.J Amendment #1 to Agreement for Professional Services Between The City of Ellensburg and SCJ Alliance
  - 5.K Approve April 6, 2026 Voucher Listing

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

## 6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A UAC Reappointment - Fred Springsteen  
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information regarding the recommendation for reappointment from the Utility Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve reappointment of Fred Springsteen to the Utility Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 6.B Chamber Annual Presentation  
Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager, introduced Amy McGuffin, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce CEO, who presented a tourism report.

## 7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Public Comment was heard from the following citizens:

- Candice Comfort
- Christopher Hobbs

## 8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Public Hearing (Legislative) to Consider Annexation of Parcel 631033 and First Reading of Ordinance 4985 Approving the Annexation and Zoning of Light Industrial (I-L) (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Mark Rud, Associate Planner, presented information in the staff report.

With no comments from the public and no questions from Council, Mayor Elliott

closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the D&N Development LLC annexation petition and conduct first reading of Ordinance 4985 annexing parcel 631033 with a Light Industrial (I-L) zoning designation. **Motion Approved 6-0**

## 9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Second Reading of Ordinance 4982 Amending Ellensburg City Code Chapter 1.88-Access, Advocacy, Equity, and Engagement Commission (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Chris Horner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report. Corrections to the Ordinance were included on the dais.

Public comment was heard on the topic from the following citizen:  
Beryl Kelley

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4982 amending Ellensburg City Code Chapter 1.88 regarding the name, role, duties, and responsibilities of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 9.B First Reading of Ordinance 4983 Amending Ellensburg City Code Chapter 9.91.100 — Electric Utility Rate Schedules  
Nichole Baker, Energy Resources Manager, and Sergey Tarasov, with FCS Group, reviewed information in a presentation.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to conduct First Reading of Ordinance 4983, amending Ellensburg City Code Chapter 9.91.100 - Electric Utility Rate Schedules. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 9.C Resolution 2026-07 Amending the 2026 Pay Resolution for Non-Represented Employees  
Lisa Young, HR Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to adopt Resolution 2026-07 amending the 2026 Pay Resolution for Non-Represented Employees and authorize the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 6-0**

## 10. Unfinished Business

- 10.A Economic Development Property Exchange Agreement between City of Ellensburg, Kittitas County, and Central Washington University (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report. Jim Wolpart, CWU President and Corey Wright, Kittitas County Commissioner, provided comments.

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Councilmember Goodloe moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Economic Development Property Exchange Agreement between the City of Ellensburg, Kittitas County, and Central Washington University as presented, or in substantially similar form. **Motion Approved 5-0 (Palmer abstained)**

## 11. New Business

### 11.A Execute Agreement for Professional Services for the Natural Gas System Plan and Authorize Necessary Budget Adjustments

Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

Public comment was heard on the topic from the following citizens:

Fred Padjen

Meghan Anderson (speaking remotely)

Councilmember Lillquist moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement for Professional Services for the 2027-2032 Natural Gas System Plan with consultant Kimley-Horn and authorize necessary budget adjustments.

Council asked questions of staff.

**Motion Approved 6-0**

## 12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the report. A request for approval of travel was on the dais for consideration. Council consensus was for the Mayor to approve the City Manager's attendance at the Transforming Local Government conference in Dallas, TX.

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

Councilmember Thompson attended the EPD tour and acknowledged Dr. Eli Carr, the CHASE program and Chief Wade

Councilmember Palmer attended the Affordable Housing Commission meeting

Councilmember Goodloe attended the Homelessness & Affordable Housing Commission meeting, met with all DEI Commission members and attended the KCCOG meeting

Councilmember Lillquist attended an ETAC, Environmental Commission, UAC and Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife board meetings and was a panelist for the AWC Leaders Exchange

Mayor Elliott reported on KCCOG and met with Sanda City representatives

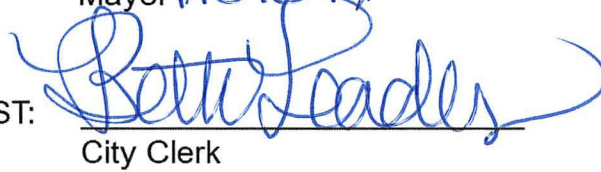
**13. Executive Session**

**14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk