

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

May 4, 2026

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 Beauchamp

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, EPD Captain Clasen, HR Director Young, Arts & Economic Development Manager Vandenberg, Community Development Director Carlson, Energy Services Director Stanavich, City Engineer Mayo, Assistant City Engineer Mattson, Assistant Public Works Director Helgeson and approximately fifteen members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: three members of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A Jewish American Heritage Month
Councilmember Palmer read the proclamation.
- 2.B Asian American/Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month
Councilmember Miller read the proclamation.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) RCW 19.405.120, Section 120 Low-income Program Funding
- 5.D 2025-2026 Stormwater Management Plan Update

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- 5.E Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) authorizing the Kittitas County Conservation District and City of Ellensburg to collaborate in implementing the Heritage Gardens Program and other conservation activities within the City
 - 5.F Bid Award – Bid Call 2026-07 Recirculation Pump Station Upgrades
 - 5.G Fair and Rodeo Approvals
 - 5.H Contract Amendment for Axon Enterprise Transcription Services
 - 5.I Project Acceptance - NTIA Fiber Construction Project
 - 5.J Approve May 4, 2026 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Arts Commission Appointment - Emily Jacobs
Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager, presented information to Council regarding the Arts Commission recommendation for appointment.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the appointment of Emily Jacobs to the Arts Commission. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 6.B Utility Advisory Committee Appointments - Charlotte Tullos, Camber Owlsym, & Frederick Padjen (Public Comment Opportunity)
Buddy Stanavich, Energy Services Director, presented information to Council regarding the UAC recommendation for appointment.

Charlotte Tullos, Fred Padjen and Camber Owlsym introduced themselves and spoke regarding their interest in serving on the Utility Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the appointment of Charlotte Tullos, Camber Owlsym and Fredrick Padjen to the Utility Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 6.C Cold Weather Shelter 2025-2026 Season Recap by HopeSource (Public Comment Opportunity)
Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, introduced Andrew Lyons with HopeSource, to review the Cold Weather Shelter report.

The City Manager provided comment regarding the contract and staffing provided by HopeSource.

6.D Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and City Light Wildfire Communications (Public Comment Opportunity)

Buddy Stanavich, Energy Services Director, presented information to Council regarding the City Light Utility. He introduced Carryn Vande Griend, Puget Sound Energy Local Government Affairs representative, who presented information concerning the PSE Wildfire Risk Management Program. Council asked questions.

Public comment was heard on the topic from the following citizen:
Steven Greenfield

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Public comment was heard from the following citizens:

- Steven Greenfield
- Pat Kelleher

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A Ordinance 4986 (2nd Reading) — Approving Rezone of Parcel #367933 (Public Comment Opportunity)

Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4986, approving rezone of parcel #367933 from Manufactured Home Park (MHP) to Residential Medium (R-M). **Motion Approved 7-0**

9.B First Reading of Ordinance 4984 Amending Ellensburg City Code Chapter 8.54.150 -- Residential Parking Zones (Public Comment Opportunity)

Cameron Clasen, EPD Captain and Addison Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4984 amending City Code to include additional language regarding RPZ permit usage. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9.C Resolution 2026-08 Amending the Community Development Fee Schedule (Public Comment Opportunity)

Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2026-08 amending the Community Development fee schedule. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A Facility Use Agreement for Mobile Medication Unit—Opioid Treatment Program (Public Comment Opportunity)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information and background in the staff report. Chris Horner, City Attorney, reviewed the terms of the agreement. Dr. Gillian Zuckerman with Comprehensive Healthcare, made a statement and answered questions.

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

- Cambren Owlsym
- Chris Whitsett
- Michelle Moran

Councilmember Goodloe moved to authorize the City Manager to finalize and sign a Facility Use Agreement, as attached, or in substantially similar form, for placement of a mobile medication unit on City-owned property. **Motion Approved 7-0**

11.B Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation for Ellensburg Downtown Association (Public Comment Opportunity)

Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Lodging Tax Committee's recommendation to allocate \$15,000 in lodging tax funds to support the Ellensburg Downtown Association (EDA) and the PLACES Conference, and authorize the City Manager to sign new Lodging Tax Agreement. **Motion Approved 7-0**

11.C Adoption of the 2026 General Sewer Plan (Public Comment Opportunity)

Derek Mayo, City Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to adopt the 2026 General Sewer Plan as attached or in substantially similar form. **Motion Approved 7-0**

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented the report.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Goodloe participated in KCCOG Economic Development Executive Director interviews
- Councilmember Lillquist attended the Recycling Event, Coffee with Council, and spoke about raffles offered for bike month
- Councilmember Palmer attended the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting

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- Councilmember Thompson attended the County Airport Advisory Committee meeting and Coffee with Council
 - Mayor Elliott attended the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee meeting, continues to assist KVFR with staffing and requested the City Manager assign someone to the cybersecurity event he received a request to speak at

13. Executive Session

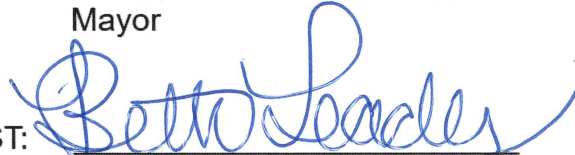
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk