



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

June 1, 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

Absent: Joshua Thompson

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Thompson. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, HR Director Young, Arts & Economic Development Manager Vandenberg, Public Works Director Lyyski, City Engineer Mayo, Assistant Public Works Director Helgeson, Facilities & Fleet Manager Slyfield, Accountant III Del Prete, Parks & Recreation Director Case, Assistant Planner Pedersen, Public Information Officer Klauss, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Community Development Director Carlson and approximately fifteen members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: three members of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Councilmember Goodloe read the proclamation.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Miller moved to change the order of items 11A and 11B, so the Legislative Update would be before the Annexation Notice.

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

5. Consent Agenda

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- 5.A Approve Minutes of May 18, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - 5.B Approve Minutes of May 18, 2026 Study Session
 - 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
 - 5.D Annual Traffic Impact Fee Report
 - 5.E Project Acceptance - WWTP Fiber Construction Project
 - 5.F Utility Vehicle Purchasing Authority
 - 5.G Professional Services Agreement with Brookhouse Professional Services LLC for Ellensburg's Utility Improvement Initiative
 - 5.H KVFR Interlocal Agreement-Amendment No 1
 - 5.I Access, Advocacy, Equity, & Engagement (AAEE) Commission Spending Plan
 - 5.J Extension Letter to Conditionally Selected Developer of the Ellensburg Fieldhouse Project
 - 5.K Approve Voucher Listing for June 1, 2026

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Arts Commission Reappointment - Jeffrey Snedeker (Public Comment Opportunity)
Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager, presented information concerning the recommendation for reappointment of Jeffrey Snedeker. Mr. Snedeker spoke regarding his reappointment.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the reappointment of Jeffrey Snedeker to the Arts Commission. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 6.B AAEE Commission Reappointment of Phil Backlund and Appointments of Kathryn Martell and C. Lorena Medina-Dirksen (Public Comment Opportunity)
Nicole Klaus, Public Information Officer, presented information regarding the recommendation from the AAEE Commission.

Phil Backlund, C. Lorena Medina-Dirksen and Kathryn Martell spoke regarding their interest in serving on the commission.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the reappointment of Phil Backlund and the appointment of Kathryn Martell and C. Lorena Medina-Dirksen to the AAEE Commission. **Motion Approved 6-0**

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Public comment was heard by the following citizen:
Pat Kelleher

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4987 (Second Reading) - Amending the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget (Public Comment Opportunity)
Emily Del Prete, Accountant III, presented information in the staff report.

Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizen:
Pat Kelleher

Staff will respond to the question by Mr. Kelleher.

Councilmember Lillquist move to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4987, amending the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 9.B Ordinance 4988 (Second Reading) - Water and Sewer Utility Rates and Plant Investment Fees 2026-2028 (Public Comment Opportunity)
Ryan Lyyski, Public Works Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4988, adjusting water and sewer rates and plant investment fees. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 9.C Ordinance 4989 (First Reading) - Amending the Ellensburg City Code Regarding the Fee Schedule for Public Records Requests (Public Comment Opportunity)
Chris Horner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizen:
Pat Kelleher

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4989 amending Ellensburg City Code regarding the process for adopting a fee schedule for public records requests. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 9.D Resolution 2026-11 Accepting Donation for Swim Lessons
Brad Case, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to adopt Resolution 2026-11, accepting the donation of \$7,500.00 to sponsor Level 2 swimming lessons for the 2026

summer season and waive the fees that will be offset by the donation. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Mayor Elliott requested staff review for presentation of a potential change to the city code on a future agenda regarding approval of donations over \$1,000.

10. Unfinished Business

- 10.A Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center Consultant Proposal
Hunter Slyfield, Facilities and Fleet Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizens:
Pat Kelleher
William Coleman spoke on behalf of Candice Comfort

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize staff to move forward with Task 1 - Condition Assessment of Existing Facility. **Motion Approved 6-0**

11. New Business

- 11.A 2026 State Legislative Session Update by Josh Weiss (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, introduced Josh Weiss with Columbia Policy Advisors. Mr. Weiss presented information concerning the 2026 State Legislative Session.

Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizen:
Pat Kelleher

The report was for information only.

- 11.B Notice of Intent to Commence Annexation Proceedings for parcels 016833 (200 S. Elliott St.) and 026833 (107 S Dennis St.). (Public Comment Opportunity)
Chace Pedersen, Associate Planner, presented information in the staff report.

Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizens:
Bill Hinkle, representing Prophet Elijah Church
Jim Diamond

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the intent to commence annexation proceedings; set the annexation boundary to include parcels 016833 and 026833 as shown on the map (Exhibit 6); direct for simultaneous adoption of Light Industrial (I-L) zoning and require the assumption of all existing city indebtedness by the area to be annexed. **Motion Approved 6-0**

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the report. Additional items included reminder of the Juneteenth Celebration event and included on the dais was the suggested language edit for the Grant Application process. Council consensus was to add the suggested language to the public announcement.

There was a request for the Mayor's signature on a letter, which was included on the dais, for support of grant funding for KEEN.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Mayor's signature on the letter of support for KEEN for the Veteran's program. **Motion Approved 6-0**

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Palmer attended the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife board meeting
- Councilmember Miller attended the Comprehensive Health MMU ribbon cutting, LEOFF Board and Planning Commission meetings. He recognized Planning Commissioner George Bottcher for his years of service with the City.
- Councilmember Lillquist attended the Environmental Commission meeting and reported on Bike Month events. She requested an excused absence for the June 15, 2026 meeting

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Lillquist at the June 15, 2026 meeting. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- Councilmember Goodloe attended the West Ellensburg Park playground equipment ribbon cutting and Affordable Housing Commission meeting
- Councilmember Beauchamp attended the West Ellensburg Park playground equipment ribbon cutting and LEOFF board meeting
- Mayor Elliott attended Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board meeting, visited the Comprehensive Heath MMU van, spoke about the meeting invitation received concerning a passenger rail service, and had a Tree City USA announcement for the City Public Information Officer.

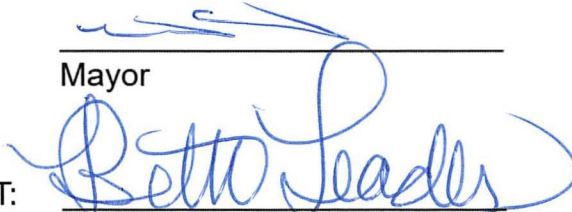
13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm

Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk