

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

June 15, 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 Goodloe

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, David Miller, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

Absent: Nancy Lillquist (excused)

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Public Works Director Lyyski, Associate Planner Pedersen, Associate Planner Rud, Assistant City Engineer Mattson, Water Resources Manager Springer, Transit Manager Dunbar, Parks & Recreation Director Case, HR Director Young, Housing Program Manager Frey, Energy Services Director Stanavich, Energy Resources Manager Baker and approximately 10 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: four members of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A Juneteenth Day of Observance
Councilmember Palmer read the proclamation.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Agenda.

Councilmember Beauchamp moved to amend the Agenda by removing item 6.A. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Vote on approval of Agenda as amended. **Motion Approved 6-0**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of June 1, 2026 Regular Meeting

-
- 5.B Approve Minutes of June 1, 2026 Study Session
 - 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
 - 5.D ETAC Resignation - Deja Blanchard
 - 5.E Asset Management Agreement and Base Contracts for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas
 - 5.F 2025 City of Ellensburg Annual Financial Statement Report
 - 5.G Award Bid Call No. 2026-02 Feeder 7 Construction & Feeder 1 Line Extension to Magnum Power LLC
 - 5.H Award Bid Call 2026-06 for the 2026 Residential Sidewalk Repair Program
 - 5.I Floodplains by Design - Floodplain Protection Land Acquisition Grant Award Acceptance – Public Works Project Numbers 24-058 / 26-076
 - 5.J New Voice over IP Telephone Services Provider
 - 5.K Approve June 15, 2026 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Programs update from Habitat for Humanity Seattle - King and Kittitas Counties (Public Comment Opportunity)
Stephanie Bohman, Habitat for Humanity Area Director, presented information regarding Habitat for Humanity programs.
- 6.B 2026 Summer Water Conservation Campaign Presentation (Public Comment Opportunity)
Rebecca Springer, Water Resources Manager, presented information concerning the 2026 Water Conservation Campaign.

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Public comment was heard by the following citizen:
Pat Kelleher

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Public Hearing (Legislative) - Review of Ordinance 4990, June 2026 Development Regulations Amendments (First Reading) (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 minimal questions from Council, Mayor

Elliott closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 4990 amending Ellensburg City Code Titles 3 and 15 as proposed. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 8.B Public Hearing (Legislative) to consider a Resolution adopting the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) 2027-2032 and provide an annual 'Complete Streets and Traffic Safety Update' (Public Comment Opportunity)
Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Josh Mattson, Assistant City Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

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

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2026-12 approving the TIP for 2027-2032 and authorize staff to submit listed projects for funding as grant opportunities become available. **Motion Approved 6-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4989 (Second 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.

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

- 9.B Resolution 2026-09 Adopting a Body Worn Camera Footage Redaction Fee Policy (Public Comment Opportunity)
Chris Horner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve Resolution 2026-09, which adopts a Body Worn Camera Footage Redaction Fee Policy for the City of Ellensburg. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 9.C Resolution 2026-10 Adopting a Fee Schedule for Public Records Requests (Public Comment Opportunity)
Chris Horner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to adopt Resolution 2026-10, which adopts a fee schedule for public records requests. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 9.D Resolution 2026-13 Ellensburg City Council Commitment to Community (Public Comment Opportunity)

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

Councilmember Beauchamp moved to adopt Resolution 2026-13 adopting Ellensburg City Council Commitment to Community. **Motion Approved 6-0**

9.E Resolution 2026-14 Ellensburg City Council Strategic Vision 2026-2031 (Public Comment Opportunity)

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

Public comment was heard on the topic from the following citizen:
William Coleman

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve Resolution 2026-14 adopting the proposed 2026-2031 Ellensburg City Council Strategic Vision.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to amend the Resolution, changing language on page one, under Five Pillars & Strategic Vision & Priorities Item #1 - to Community Safety, **CIVIC** Engagement and **CULTURAL INCLUSION**. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Vote on main motion as amended. **Motion Approved 6-0**

9.F Resolution 2026-15 (Joint Resolution with Kittitas County) Authorizing Funding for Opioid Abatement RFPs (Public Comment Opportunity)

Chris Horner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve Resolution 2026-15, adopting a joint resolution with Kittitas County, authorizing funding for opioid abatement RFPs. **Motion Approved 6-0**

10. Unfinished Business

10.A Discussion of Walkway Easements Between Catherine Cottages and Radio Road (Public Comment Opportunity)

Chris Horner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Public comment was heard on the topic from the following citizen:
Dale McPherson

Council consensus was to proceed with vacation of the easement across the property.

11. New Business

- 11.A Professional Services Contracts between the City of Ellensburg and HopeSource for Transit Services (Public Comment Opportunity)
Betsy Dunbar, Transit Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the three Professional Services Agreements between the City of Ellensburg and HopeSource for Fixed Route, ADA Paratransit, and Cabulance Services as attached or in substantially similar form and approve the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 11.B Bonneville Power Administration Provider of Choice Above-CHWM Election (Public Comment Opportunity)
Buddy Stanavich, Energy Services Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to elect Option A - All Tier 2 Long-Term Rate Option on Exhibit C (Purchase Obligations) of the Bonneville Power Administration Provider of Choice contract, to serve Above-Contract High Water Mark load. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 11.C Notice of Intent to Commence Annexation Proceedings for Parcels 066733, 056733, 916733, 636733, 626733, 936733, 266733, 116733, and 326733, Located Adjacent to South Locust Street and Seattle Avenue. (Public Comment Opportunity)
Mayor Elliott recused himself from discussion and voting on the item.
Chase Pedersen, Associate Planner, presented information in the staff report.

Public comment was heard on the topic from the following citizens:
Sang Rosenberg
Victoria Thomas (speaking remotely)

Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the intent to commence annexation proceedings; set the annexation boundary as shown on the map of Exhibit 3; direct for simultaneous adoption of Residential Medium (R-M) zoning for parcels 066733, 056733, 916733, 636733, 626733, 936733, 266733 & 116733, and Residential Suburban (R-S) zoning for parcel 326733; and require the assumption of all existing city indebtedness by the area to be annexed. **Motion Approved 5-0 (Elliott abstained)**

12. Miscellaneous

- 12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, showed the city video created for flag day and presented information in the report.

The scheduled executive session was expected to last approximately ten minutes, and no action will be taken.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Thompson will attend the Touch a Truck event and spoke with Dr. Zuckerman regarding the Comprehensive Health MMU vehicle
- Councilmember Palmer will participate in Coffee with Council
- Councilmember Miller attended the Pathways Project groundbreaking event, Flag Day drone video, and Planning Commission meeting
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the AAEE, Parks & Recreation and Library board meetings, KCCOG meeting and commended Councilmember Palmer for his leadership with the Juneteenth celebration
- Councilmember Beauchamp attended the LTAC meeting and spoke about the upcoming downtown car show, Dachshunds & Friends on Parade events and attended the Pathways Project groundbreaking
- Mayor Elliott reported on Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board and spoke about the 911 system being down. He requested an alternate speaking for the July 4th event and Councilmember Lillquist was nominated.

13. Executive Session

13.A Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Council recessed to Executive Session at 9:15 pm and was expected to last ten minutes. No action would be taken.

Council reconvened at 9:25 pm.

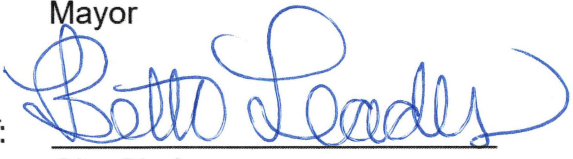
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

ATTEST:



Mayor



City Clerk