

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

July 6, 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 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 (present remotely)

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Community Development Director Carlson, Public Works Director Lyyski, Assistant City Engineer Mattson, City Engineer Mayo, HR Director Young, Transit Manager Dunbar and approximately six members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Eight members of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A Rural Transit Day

Betsy Dunbar, Transit Manager, 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 June 15, 2026 Regular Meeting

5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

5.C Bid Award – Bid Call No. 2026-13, Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin Upgrades

5.D Sunnyside Jail Contract Renewal

5.E Approve 2026 AAEE Commission Work Plan

- 5.F Award Bid Call 2026-12 for the 2026 CBD Sidewalk Repair – Pearl Street – 3rd Avenue to 4th Avenue

- 5.G Approved July 6, 2026 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Council Commitment - Resolution 2026-13 Adopted June 15, 2026 (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report. Councilmember Goodloe requested a press release in the Daily Record and Upper County Tribune newspapers and post on the City website. Councilmembers also requested the list of commitments be posted in a prominent public location at City Hall.

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Public comment was heard from the following citizen:
Pat Kelleher

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Closed Record Hearing for Rezone Application P26-024, Residential Medium (R-M) to Residential High (R-H) Zoning, and First Reading of Ordinance 4991 (Limited Public Comment)
Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Mayor Elliott asked the standard questions regarding appearance of fairness and conflict of interest. There were no appearance of fairness, ex parte contacts or conflicts of interest disclosed by the Mayor or Councilmembers.

Daniel Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report. With no comments from the application and no questions from Council, Mayor Elliot closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve rezone application request P26-024 to rezone Parcel 242833 from Residential Medium (R-M) to Residential High (R-H) and adopt the Hearing Examiner's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision, and conduct first reading of Ordinance 4991. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4990 (Second Reading) - June 2026 Development Regulations Amendments (Public Comment Opportunity)
Mark Rud, Associate Planner, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct second reading and adoption of

Ordinance 4990, amending Titles 3 and 15 of the Ellensburg City Code. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Resolution No. 2026-16 Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Vacating a City Easement Located Between Catherine Cottages and Radio Road (Public Comment Opportunity)

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

Councilmember Goodloe moved to adopt Resolution 2026-16, which would set a public hearing to consider vacating a City easement located between Catherine Cottages and Radio Road. **Motion Approved 6-0 (Lillquist abstained)**

10. Unfinished Business

- 10.A Catherine Cottages Revised Design (Public Comment Opportunity)

Lily Frey, Housing Program Manager, presented information in the staff report. Rebecca Wold with Habitat for Humanity and Skylar Bisom-Rapp with MAPD, presented information concerning the revised plan for Council consideration. Council asked questions of staff.

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

Logan Scully

Stephen Greenfield (present remotely)

Councilmember Goodloe moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended letter of intent and direct staff to prepare an affordable housing agreement for the property contribution. **Motion Approved 6-0 (Palmer abstained)**

11. New Business

- 11.A 2026 Comprehensive Plan - Final Draft of Transportation Chapter (Public Comment Opportunity)

Derek Mayo, City Engineer, presented information in the staff report and introduced Daniel Dye with Fehr & Peers, who presented information concerning the work done on the draft chapter. Council asked questions of staff and the consultant.

- 11.B Interlocal Agreement between Kittitas County and City of Ellensburg for Funding of the Ellensburg Fieldhouse (Public Comment Opportunity)

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

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve Interlocal Agreement with Kittitas County for \$1 million for the Ellensburg Fieldhouse and authorize the City Manager to sign and initiate future actions to execute the agreement 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 information in the report. She referred to information on the dais concerning the Community Results Team for the City's Priority-Based Budget Development. Council consensus was to proceed with the proposed process.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Beauchamp requested an excused absence for the July 20, 2026 regular meeting, reported on LTAC, attended community picnic and spoke about the mural festival

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Beauchamp for the July 20, 2026 meeting. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- Councilmember Goodloe attended the Touch-a-Truck event, Juneteenth celebration, July 4th community picnic, KCCOG meeting, Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee meeting, reported on the cold weather shelter planning, and requested an excused absence for the July 20, 2026 regular meeting

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Goodloe for the July 20, 2026 regular meeting. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- Councilmember Lillquist attended the July 4th community picnic
- Councilmember Miller attended the Touch-a-Truck event which coincided with Coffee with Council, Juneteenth celebration and July 4th community picnic, AWC conference, State audit entrance conference and Mural Festival
- Councilmember Palmer commented regarding downtown events
- Councilmember Thompson attended the July 4th community picnic, Touch-a-Truck and requested an excused absence for the August 3, 2026 meeting

Councilmember Miller moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Thompson for the August 3, 2026 regular meeting. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- Mayor Elliott reported the countywide burn ban will start July 7th at midnight and will likely last through September; he attended the State audit entrance conference, spoke regarding the EMS Trauma Council meeting on July 15th, spoke about proactive measures by Puget Sound Energy, and reported the KITTCOM meeting is upcoming and staffing has improved.

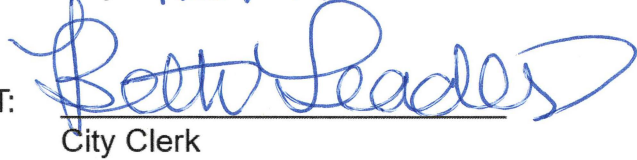
13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm


Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


City Clerk