



City of Longview

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Minutes

City Council

*Mayor MaryAlice Wallis
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wallin
Council Member Ruth Kendall
Council Member Chet Makinster
Council Member Steve Moon
Council Member Christine Schott
Council Member Hillary Strobel*

Thursday, August 20, 2020

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a virtual Zoom workshop meeting on Thursday, August 20th, at 6:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 863 1539 5250

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wallis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Wallis, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Makinster, Councilmember Strobel, Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Schott, Mayor Pro Tem Wallin

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Kurt Sacha, City Attorney Jim McNamara, Deputy City Clerk Kassi Mackie, Community & Economic Development Director John Brickey, Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills, Interim Police Chief Robert Huhta, and Human Resources Director Chris Smith

3. **WORKSHOP**

20-000346 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHELTER GRANT

City Manager Kurt Sacha presented.

Dian Cooper commented on the Department of Commerce Shelter Grant.

John Melink of Longview spoke regarding the Alabama site encampment and Shelter Grant.

Teresa Purcell of Longview urged the council to move forward on long-term plans for Alabama encampment.

Marilyn Melville-Irvine commented on the lack of transparency from the Council.

Spencer Boudreau of Longview spoke in opposition of the Department of Commerce Shelter Grant Program.

Kalei LaFave spoke in opposition of the Department of Commerce Shelter Grant Program at this time.

Bill Josh of Longview appreciated the council's discussion of this topic.

Kaos Lord spoke in favor of the Department of Commerce Shelter Grant Program.

Jennifer Oskey spoke in opposition of the Department of Commerce Shelter Grant Program.

Peggy Hoffman encouraged Council to find other options for the Alabama Street encampment.

Lisa Staudinger of Longview supported Council discussing solutions to homelessness.

Nick Mather spoke in support of the Department of Commerce Shelter Grant Program.

Dexter Kearny of Longview is in support of the shelter grant application.

Council determined it was not the right time to pursue the Department of Commerce Shelter Grant application, but directed staff to continue conversations with Cowlitz County regarding homelessness.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Kassi Mackie
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020