



City of Longview

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Minutes

City Council

*Mayor MaryAlice Wallis
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wallin
Council Member Ruth Kendall
Council Member Angie Wean
Council Member Spencer Boudreau
Council Member Hillary Strobel
Council Member Christopher Ortiz*

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

5:30 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 continued special meeting in the Longview City Hall Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Wallis called the reconvened meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
The flag salute was recited.
3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Wallis, Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Strobel, Councilmember Boudreau, Councilmember Ortiz

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Kurt Sacha, City Attorney Jim McNamara, Assistant City Manager Kris Swanson, Deputy City Clerk Liz Halili, Fiscal Manager Lisa Wolff, Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills, Fire Chief Jim Kambeitz (by Zoom), Police Chief Robert Huhta, Library Director Jacob Cole, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg,

4. CONTINUED WORKSHOP

22-000602 2023/2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

PRIORITIZE PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, ENHANCEMENT REQUESTS, AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS CIP REQUESTS

City Manager Sacha provided a brief statement.

*Assistant City Manager Kris Swanson and Fiscal Manager Lisa Wolff presented a review of the October 1, 2022, 2023-2024 Budget Workshop outcome.
The council discussed the presentation.*

A brief recess was called at 6:00 p.m. due to a power failure. The meeting resumed at 6:05 p.m. with all Council members present.

Fiscal Manager Lisa Wolff presented three options for staff-proposed budget enhancements and potential revenue sources for the 2023-2024 biennial budget.

- *A citizen provided public comment*
- *A citizen provided public comment*

A motion was made by Mayor Wallis, seconded by Councilmember Strobel, to keep \$31,502.00 in the budget for the Mobile Library Program.

The council discussed the motion.

Library Director Jacob Cole provided a statement and responded to questions from Council members.

- *A citizen provided public comment*
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- *A citizen provided public comment*
- *Eric Halvorsen of Longview provided public comment*
- *A citizen provided public comment*
- *A citizen provided public comment*

The Motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Strobel, Councilmember Wean, Mayor Wallis, Councilmember Kendall

Nays: Councilmember Wallin, Councilmember Ortiz, Councilmember Boudreau

The council reviewed the enhancement requests and potential revenue sources in the three proposed budget options presented by Fiscal Manager Lisa Wolff.

- *A citizen provided public comment.*
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Fire Chief Jim Kambeitz provided a statement and responded to questions from Council members regarding the Fire Enhancement requests.

Police Chief Robert Huhta provided a statement and responded to questions from Council members regarding the Police Enhancement requests.

A consensus was reached by the council on the following 2023-2024 potential General Fund Budget Revenue Sources in Option 2 as presented:

- **Increase the Utility Tax Rate from 9.5% to 14.5%**
- **Utilize the available property tax banked capacity, as well as new construction allowance, and administrative refund**

A consensus was reached by the council on the staff-proposed 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Enhancement Requests in Option 2, modified as follows:

- Fund 50% of the IT Business Systems Analyst (remaining 50% funded by Utilities)
- Fund CED Community Outreach Coordinator
- Fund Library Digital Services, Mobile Library Program, Wireless Hotspots
- Partially fund the Recreation Part-time Wage Correction
- Fund the Parks Maintenance Supervisor
- Fund the Downtown Parking Software/Hardware Replacement
- Fund two Facilities Maintenance Technician Positions, including position; related vehicles/tools

A consensus was reached by the council to address the 2023-2024 Enhancement Requests of the Police and Fire Departments by presenting them to the public for a vote by ballot:

- 0.1% Public Safety Sales Tax Levy for Police Department Enhancement Requests
- \$.50 per \$1,000 Assessed Value EMS Property Tax Levy for Fire Department Enhancement and Capital Project Funds Requests

A motion was made by Councilmember Otiz, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to accept Option 2 of the staff-proposed budget enhancements and potential revenue sources for the 2023-2024 biennial budget as presented, modified, and agreed upon.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Wallis, Councilmember Wallin, Councilmember Ortiz, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Strobel, Councilmember Kendall

Nays: Councilmember Boudreau

Fiscal Manager Lisa Wolff presented the 2023-2024 Capital Projects Fund Requests

A consensus was reached by the council on the staff-proposed 2023-2024 Capital Projects Funds Requests, modified as follows:

- Fund Fire EKG Defibrillators EMS Equipment as modified in 2024

- Remove Capital Project Request for Fire Department Reserve Ambulance. Group this request with the Fire Department Enhancement Requests intended to be funded by the EMS Property Tax Levy.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ortiz, seconded by Councilmember Strobel, to accept the Capital Projects Budget as discussed and agreed upon.

A motion to amend was made by Councilmember Boudreau, seconded by Councilmember Wallin, to move the McClelland Arts Building HVAC System Replacement to 2023. The amendment carried unanimously.

The Main Motion carried unanimously as amended.

Fiscal Manager Lisa Wolff presented the 2023-2024 Building Replacement Fund Requests. The council discussed the presentation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Boudreau, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to approve the Building Replacement Fund Budget with the funding of the Library HVAC/Window Replacements request contingent upon receiving the Department of Commerce Grant Award. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS

Tina Smith provided written public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

*Liz Halili
Deputy City Clerk*

Approved: _____
Mayor

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 - 5:30 P.M. - UTILITY RATES & CIP REQUESTS

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022 – 6:00 P.M. (NOVEMBER 10 – VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 – 6:00 P.M. (NOVEMBER 24 – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY)