



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*

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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 special workshop in the Longview City Hall Council Chamber, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

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Webinar ID: 823 9413 2374

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **INVOCATION*/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*

Absent: Councilmember Ortiz

Staff Present: City Attorney Jim McNamara, Assistant City Manager Kris Swanson, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim, Deputy City Clerk Elizabeth Halili

4. **WORKSHOP**

23-000801 REVIEW OF THE LAW AND JUSTICE SYSTEM

Assistant City Manager Kris Swanson made introductions. Guests included: Director of Cowlitz County Corrections Marin Fox, Longview Municipal Defense Attorney Mayrie Grimm, and Longview Police Captain John Reeves

The audience included District Court Judges Jamie Imboden, John Hays, and Kevin Blondin. Also present were Superior Court Judge Michael Evans and Cowlitz County Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Jurvakainen.

City Attorney Jim McNamara introduced his staff: Senior City Attorney Steve Shuman, Assistant City Attorney Christopher Eastwood, and Claudio Perissinotto were present. Assistant City Attorney Linda Nguyen and Legal Assistant Kim Dinino were absent. Also thanked Administrative Assistant Maureen Wingler and District Court Administrator Molly Martin for their assistance in gathering data for the presentation.

Assistant City Attorney Christopher Eastwood started the presentation with City Attorney Jim McNamara. The presentation included: misdemeanor prosecution and defense, court process, bail, resolving cases outside of trial and short of trial, jail time, booking and filing fees, jail costs which must include medical and prescriptions, Office of Public Defense Grants obtained and arrest numbers. The costs associated with these services are expensive. Required to provide public defense and legal representation. The Longview Public Defense Contract was discussed. The jail numbers were discussed and the challenges for people in mental health crisis. There is a serious lack of mental health hospitals throughout the entire state. Need strong police, prosecution attorney and strong public defense for limited government. These three elements work well; issues come from Olympia.

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5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR WORKSHOP:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023, - 6:00 P.M. – AMERESCO FACILITY CONDITION ASSESSMENT & ENERGY AUDIT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 - 6:00 P.M. - SOLID WASTE RATE SETTING

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023 - 6:00 P.M. - WASHINGTON WAY COMPLETE STREETS AND BEECH STREET OPEN CHANNEL