



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, May 11, 2023

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wallis called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Councilmember Ortiz

Staff Present: City Manager Kris Swanson, City Attorney Jim McNamara, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim,

Deputy City Clerk Elizabeth Halili, Public Works Director Ken Hash, Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers, Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Wills, Fire Chief Jim Kambeitz, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg

4. **WORKSHOP**

23-001044 AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS (TIME ESTIMATE 60 MINUTES)

Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers made the presentation.

Council discussed the presentation and asked questions.

Councilmember Wallin presented an Affordable Housing Action Plan consisting of six proposals.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallin, seconded by Councilmember Strobel, to request and direct the Planning Commission to review all residential zoning areas for upzoning and increasing density potential and present allowed uses, review and recommend reductions to minimum lot sizes, minimum lot widths, minimum lot road frontages and widths and lot depth requirements, as well as buildable area setbacks, requesting the Planning Commission to bring back a broad proposal for council consideration to reduce onerous and unnecessary lot restrictions and increase residential zoning area allowed uses with the purpose and intent of encouraging new housing construction through lessening unnecessarily restrictive codes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallin, seconded by Councilmember Strobel, to request and direct the Planning Commission to propose code modifications to allow smaller home / tiny home micro communities on smaller lot sizes with fewer set back requirements.

Concurrence of the Council to request the Planning Commission review HB 1337 and HB 1110.

Mike Pederson provided public comment.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Shannon Gillman provided public comment.

Jennifer Westerman, Chief Executive Office of Housing Opportunities of SW Washington provided public comment.

Colby Conerly provided public comment.

Randy Knox provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Tim Shay provided public comment.

The motions and requests to the Planning Commission carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallin, seconded by Councilmember Strobel, to prepare a request for proposals for the awarding and distribution of the affordable housing sales tax revenue for the purpose of constructing new "affordable" housing units in Longview specifically targeted for benefiting low and moderate income seniors and/or disabled residents.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Kalei LaFave, provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Erik Halvorson provided public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallin, seconded by Councilmember Boudreau, to target CDBG dollars to support residential repairs and modifications to keep tenants and property owners, seniors and disabled, in their homes as long as possible.

Kalei LaFave provided public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

*Councilmember Wallin explained the need to stabilize Building and Planning Department.
Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers explained code compliance.
City Manager Kris Swanson explained the cost recovery model so rate payers don't subsidize.
Public Works Director Ken Hash will give a report on development fees next week.
Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers is working with Lower Columbia Contractors Association on staffing levels and will report back at a later date.
Councilmember Wallin explained "Rent Well Program".
Jennifer Westerman, Chief Executive Officer of Housing Opportunities of SW Washington provided public comment.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to target CDBG dollars to support "Rent Well Programs" to keep tenants in their homes as long as possible.

*Jason Still provided public comment
Wendy Kosloski provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Mike Pederson provided public comment.*

The motion carried unanimously.

Concurrence of Council for a report back on Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) tools. Also a report back on the stability of Building and Planning fees and expenses. Also a recap of the sales tax revenue.

The workshop concluded and Councilmember Wallin recessed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Wallis resumed the meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:57 p.m.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-001126 APRIL 27, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve the April 27, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

7. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

23-001115 PROCLAMATION - HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH - MAY, 2023

RECIPIENT: NATHANAEL LIGHT, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Wallis read and presented the proclamation to Nathanael Light, who accepted on behalf of the Historic Preservation Committee.

23-001114 PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL POPPY DAY - MAY 20, 2023

RECIPIENT: CHERYL RUTHERFORD, SERGEANT AT ARMS AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, UNIT 115

Mayor Wallis presented the proclamation to Cheryl Rutherford and Noelle Hamilton, who accepted on behalf of American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 115.

23-001132 2022 COMPLETE STREETS ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
DISCUSSION ONLY

Public Works Engineer Morgan Palmer presented the report.

23-001133 ARTERIAL TRAFFIC PLAN - REPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
DIRECTION TO STAFF

Public Works Director Ken Hash presented the report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Boudreau, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to direct staff to bring back a suite of options for soft traffic control measures.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Loretta Richards provided public comment.

Mike Pederson provided public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)

Larry Crosby provided public comment.

Wendy Kosloski provided public comment.

Senator Jeff Wilson provided public comment.

Representative Joel McIntire provided public comment.

Randy Knox provided public comment.

Derek Fine provided public comment.

Mike Pederson provided public comment.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Colby Conerly provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wallis provided a report and reviewed the federal delegation trip and state legislative agenda.

13. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Strobel provided a report.

Councilmember Wallin provided a report.

Councilmember Wean provided a report.

Councilmember Boudreau provided a report.

Councilmember Kendall provided a report.

Councilmember Ortiz provided a report.

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Works Director Ken Hash explained the bid review for the Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant demo.

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve the Consent Calendar.

Jason Still provided public comment.

City Manager Kris Swanson explained state accounting requirements for grant projects.

The motion carried unanimously.

23-001116 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

23-001131 RESOLUTION NO. 2449 – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED DIKING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY (CDID #1) FOR EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2449

23-001129 BID REVIEW – FISHERS LANE WATER TREATMENT PLANT DEMO

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2ND LOW BID AND AWARD TO KEYSTONE CONTRACTING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,271,350.00

23-001130 BID REVIEW – CMD #2 BLOCK #10 SEWER & WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND AWARD TO ADVANCED EXCAVATING SPECIALISTS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$786,192.02

23-001140 RESOLUTION NO. 2450 - AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ARTERIAL STREET AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUND PROJECTS UNTIL GRANT REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS ARE RECEIVED

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2450

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kris Swanson provided a report. A state special session is scheduled to begin May 16, 2023. If it does not finalize a drug possession law, local law enforcement is prepared to bring an ordinance forward.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

*Additional constituents' comments were provided.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.*

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

23-001128 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

All members of the City Council, City Manager Kris Swanson, Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers, City Attorney Jim McNamara, and Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg entered Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) Collective Bargaining for a period of 15 minutes. At 10:00 p.m. all parties came out of Executive Session. No decisions were made.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 - SPECIAL START TIME 5:00 P.M. - PARKS & RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023 - 9:00 A.M. - VISIONING RETREAT