



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, June 22, 2023

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Wallis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

23-001089 JOSHUA WENZKE, NORTHLAKE CHURCH

After the invocation was provided by Josh Wenzek of Northlake Church. 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: Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers, Assistant City Attorney Christopher Eastwood, Public Works Director Ken Hash, Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Admin Assistant Tara Hargrove, Acting City Clerk Nancy Vandehey

4. **WORKSHOP**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

23-001204 JUNE 8, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to approve minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

7. **PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

8. **CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)**

*An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
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An individual, name unstated, provided public comment and a handout to the board.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
Art Birkmeyer provided public comment.
Keith Young provided public comment.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
Derek Fine provided public comment.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.*

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

23-001263 PUBLIC HEARING – SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) 2024 - 2029 AND RIVERCITIES TRANSIT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING

*Public Works Director Ken Hash shared information on the six year TIP.
Mayor Wallis opened the public hearing at 6:34 pm.
Councilmember Boudreau asked for clarity on TIP & POP.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
Mayor Wallis closed the public hearing at 6:39 pm.
This item carried on with the adoption of Resolution No 2453.*

23-001264 RESOLUTION NO. 2453 - ADOPT 2024 - 2029 SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND RIVERCITIES TRANSIT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2453**

A motion was made by Councilmember Ortiz , seconded by Councilmember Strobel, to adopt Resolution 2453. The motion carried unanimously.

10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**23-001259 RENAMING JOHN NULL COURTS****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO NAME THE COURTS - CLARY COURTS**

Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Wills shared a slide show of improvements to courts at John Null. Gene Teeters, Longview Pickleball, was called to the podium to talk on the improvements completed and requests to honor Jim and Terry Clary by renaming the courts to Clary Courts. Jennifer Wills shared that the Park Board met and recommend renaming.

A motion was made by Councilmember Boudreau, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to approve the Park and Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation to name the courts - Clary Courts. The motion carried unanimously.

An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.

23-001262 LONGVIEW OUTDOOR GALLERY SCULPTURE DONATION**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTING ROUND OBJECT INTO THE CITY'S PERMANENT ART COLLECTION**

Laurel Murphy, Longview Outdoor Gallery, spoke on this proposal. They started this project in 2011 as a business project to beautify Downtown. This is to be the 25th piece placed downtown.

Clarity was given - the attached agreement was for Modern Bloom, but the art for this evening is for Round Object.

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, to approve accepting Round Object into the City's permanent art collection. The motion carried unanimously.

23-001258 FUNDING OPTION FOR PARKS**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO CREATE A METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT WITH CRITERIA FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT**

Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Wills presented.

An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.

An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.

Colby Connerly provided public comment.

An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.

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Jennifer Leach provided public comment.
An individual, name unstated, provided public comment.
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A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution for approval to create a metropolitan park district with the Council as the governing board, with the City limits as the boundary, with both the \$.25 and \$.50 tax options for the November ballot. The motion carried unanimously.

A five minute recess was called, returning at 8:05 pm.

11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

23-001257 RESOLUTION NO. 2452 - 2023 UTILITY RATE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS AND LOW-INCOME DISABLED CITIZENS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2452

Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers provided information on this item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember , to adopt Resolution 2452. The motion carried unanimously.

23-001265 RESOLUTION NO. 2454 - AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A REGIONAL AGREEMENT OF THE CASCADE PACIFIC ACTION ALLIANCE REGION PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL INDEPENDENT SUBCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2454

Assistant City Attorney Christopher Eastwood provided additional information on this item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Boudreau, to adopt Resolution 2454. The motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Leach provided public comment.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wallis thanked staff and gave a report. A reminder was given that meetings in July & August will be on Tuesdays at 6 pm.

13. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Wallin provided a report.
Councilmember Wean provided a report.
Councilmember Boudreau provided a report.
Councilmember Kendall provided a report.
Councilmember Ortiz will not be in person on July 11th but will attempt to zoom in.
Mayor Pro Tem Wallin also asked to be excused from the July 11th, without a zoom option.

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Stobel, seconded by Councilmember Wallin, to approve the Consent Calendar item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

23-001136 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers shared the City Manager Swanson is away at the Association of Washington Cities conference. She asked Chief Robert Huhta to provide a response to a previous constituent comment regarding alleged deaths at Hope Village.

Chief Robert Huhta provided details on Hope Village clarifying there have been no deaths at Hope Village. He also addressed comments that have been shared with LPD about how LPD deals with homelessness.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

A citizen, name unstated, asked for changes to the sound system for the workshop format.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**18. ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Nancy Vandehey
Acting City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR WORKSHOP:**NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**