



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*

Tuesday, July 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 6:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

23-001285 JOSHUA WENZKE, NORTHLAKE CHURCH

After the invocation provided by Joshua Wenzek of Northlake Church, the flag salute was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Wallis, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Strobel (on-line), Councilmember Boudreau

Absent/Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, Councilmember Ortiz

Staff Present: City Manager Kris Swanson, City Attorney Jim McNamara, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim, Assistant Public Works Director Chris Collins, Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers, Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Fire Chief Jim Kambeitz

4. **WORKSHOP**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

23-001225 JUNE 22, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

7. **PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

23-001286 PROCLAMATION - RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

RECIPIENT: JENNY OSKEY, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Mayor Wallis presented the proclamation to Jenny Oskey, who accepted on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

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

Jacob Vedrode provided public comment.

Allison Maddox provided public comment.

Beth Fox provided public comment.

Larry Crosby provided public comment.

Shena Nichols and Samantha Maxson provided public comment.

Ron Kosloski provided public comment.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Colby Connerly provided public comment.

Megan Richie provided public comment.

Tricia Rodman provided public comment.

George Robertson provided public comment.

Mike Pederson provided public comment.

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

23-001290 FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL – LID #352, BEECH STREET IMPROVEMENTS FROM OREGON WAY TO CALIFORNIA WAY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE FOR

ADOPTION AT THE JULY 25TH, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO CONFIRM THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL.

Public Works Engineer Sam Barham presented the L.I.D. procedure and creation.

Mayor Wallis noted the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. was to hear objections from property owners included in the L.I.D. assessment roll. No property owners had submitted written objections at or before the hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Boudreau, seconded by Councilmember Strobel, to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for adoption at the July 25th, 2023 City Council meeting to confirm the final assessment roll. The motion carried unanimously.

23-001294 2023 ANNUAL HOME PROGRAM GRANT ALLOCATIONS**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- 1. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 HOME PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**
- 2. MOTION TO WITHHOLD ALLOCATIONS UNTIL NEXT YEAR OR**
- 3. MOTION TO REOPEN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROCESS FOR HOME APPLICATIONS**

Kenny Robinson, Program Coordination Specialist, Community Development, presented the 2023 Annual HOME Program Grant Allocations.

Councilmembers discussed the presentation.

Mayor Wallis opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Ronda Walker provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Michael O'Neill provided public comment.

Ron Kosloski provided public comment.

Megan Richie provided public comment.

Tricia Rodman provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Jennifer Westerman, HOSWAA, provided public comment on-line.

Ron Kosloski provided public comment.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Mayor Wallis closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Boudreau, to reopen the Request for Proposals process for Home Applications and if there are no viable proposals, to withhold allocations until next year.

Councilmember Wean requested a HOME Funds 101 How-To Guide.

The motion carried unanimously.

23-001287 2023 ANNUAL CDBG PROGRAM GRANT ALLOCATIONS**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- 1. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 CDBG PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AND**
- 2. MOTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:**
 - \$130,000 TO ALABAMA ST., 32ND AVE. AND MICHIGAN ST. SPEED HUMPS**
 - \$64,102 TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION**
 - \$44,792 TO RENT WELL TENANT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Kenny Robinson, Community Coordination Specialist, Community Development, presented the 2023 Annual CDBG Program Grant Allocations.

Councilmembers discussed the presentation.
Ilona Kerby, Executive Director of CAP, provided information on their program.

Mayor Wallis opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.
Ilona Kerby, Executive Director of CAP, provided public comment.
Colby Connerly provided public comment.
Shannon Gilman provided public comment.
Rashelle Sanders, Housing Opportunities of Southwest Washington, provided public comment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Rachel, last name unstated, provided public comment.
Mike Pederson provided public comment.
Mayor Wallis closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to allocate the funds as follows:

\$130,000 to Alabama St., 32nd Ave. and Michigan St Speed Humps; \$64,102 to Affordable Housing Preservation; and \$44,792 to Rent Well Tenant Education Program. The motion carried unanimously.

23-001308 2023 ANNUAL DOCUMENT RECORDING FEE PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 DOCUMENT RECORDING FEE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

2. MOTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

\$18,000 TO EMERGENCY SUPPORT SHELTER OPERATING COSTS

\$10,000 TO MEN'S HOUSE-PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

\$8,000 TO COMMUNITY HOUSE ON BROADWAY UTILITIES PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Kenny Robinson, Community Coordination Specialist, Community Development, presented the 2023 Annual Document Recording Fee Program Allocations.

Councilmembers discussed the presentation.

*Mayor Wallis opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Amanda Rasmussen, CAP, provided information on the Men's House Permanent Supportive Housing.
Liz Kerney provided public comment.
Michael O'Neill provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Cowlitz County Commissioner Arne Mortensen provided public comment.
Ilona Kerby provided public comment.
Closed at 7:52 p.m.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember Kendal, to allocate the funds as follows:

\$18,000 to Emergency Support Shelter operating costs; \$10,000 to Men's House-Permanent Supportive Housing; and \$8,000 to Community House on Broadway utilities payment assistance. The motion carried unanimously.

10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

23-001289 RESOLUTION NO. 2455 VERSION A AND B - FORMING A METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2455 EITHER VERSION A OR B**

Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Wills provided information on the parks infrastructure.

Councilmembers discussed the proposal.

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to adopt Resolution No. 2455 Version A providing for the submission of a proposition at the November 7, 2023 General Election for authority to create a Metropolitan Park District governed by the Longview City Council serving as the Ex-Officio Board at twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Colby Connerly provided public comment.

Keith Young provided public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wallis provided a report. Requested council concurrence for the appointment of John Keating to the Complete Streets Advisory Committee and Lori Piper to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Council concurred.

The Council recessed at 8:10 p.m. for a period of 10 minutes and reconvened at 8:20 p.m. with all members present.

13. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**23-001293 REQUEST RESOLUTION CREATING A PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TAX FOR VOTER APPROVAL ON THE NOVEMBER, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A PUBLIC SAFETY TAX TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS PER RCW 82.14.450 ON THE NOVEMBER 2023 BALLOT.**

Councilmember Boudreau presented a request to create a Public Safety and Law Enforcement tax for voter approval on the November, 2023 General Election ballot.

Councilmembers discussed the request.

City Manager Swanson explained the process for a public safety tax. The ballot measure must clearly state for which purposes the tax is going to be used for. The state restricts one-third of the revenues for criminal justice, fire and safety and the remaining two-thirds of the revenues are unrestricted. The Department of Justice Cops Grant doesn't allow for supplanting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Boudreau to direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution to place a Public Safety Tax to support law enforcement efforts per RCW 82.14.450 on the November 2023 ballot. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Wean to direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution to place a Public Safety Tax to support law enforcement efforts per RCW 82.14.450 on a 2024 ballot.

Councilmember Strobel stressed the need for a public process.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Mike Pederson provided public comment.

Colby Connerly provided public comment.

Tricia Rodman provided public comment.

*Liz Kerny provided public comment.
Keith Young provided public comment.
Shannon Gilman provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Kalei Lafave provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Chuck Wallace provided public comment.
Michael O'Neill provided public comment.
Raylene Aguirre provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Britney Young provided public comment.
Larry Crosby provided public comment.*

The motion carried unanimously.

***Councilmember Wean provided a report.
Councilmember Boudreau provided a report.
Councilmember Kendall provided a report.
Assistant City Manager Rivers provided a report on outdoor dining; working with the
Liquor Control Board, Department of Justice ADA requirements and Public Works.
Councilmember Strobel provided a report.***

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

*Jason Still provided public comment.
Captain McNew explained disposal of police surplus property.*

The motion carried unanimously.

23-001137 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

23-001292 RESOLUTION NO. 2456 - DISPOSAL OF POLICE SURPLUS PROPERTY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2456

23-001291 RESOLUTION NO. 2457 - SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 8, 2023 TO VACATE A 25-FT STRIP OF RIGHT OF WAY ADJACENT TO 3142 MAPLE ST, LOT 19, BLOCK 1 OLYMPIC ADDITION #6, PARCEL #06719.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2457.

23-001295 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 8, 2023 FOR 2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Fire Chief Kambeitz reported on the activity of the recent 4th of July.

Assistant City Manager Rivers reported on a major lighting project for the highlands area.

23-001254 SALVATION ARMY 6 MONTH COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

City Manager Swanson reported the city received another funding award from the Department of Commerce for \$470,000 for operating expenses associated with Hope Village. These are federal dollars identified as emergency housing funds, in addition to \$390,000 from the Department of Commerce back in March for a total of \$860,000.

*Major Phil Smith recognized many representatives and introduced his staff.
Councilmember Boudreau excused himself from the Council Chambers at 9:26 p.m.
Major Smith and Case Manager Hollie Hillman provided the 6 month comprehensive report on Hope Village.*

Councilmembers discussed the presentation.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

*Jo Brewer provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Britney Young provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Michael O'Neill provided public comment.
Mike Pederson provided public comment.*

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**18. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

**TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

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