



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 Erik Halvorson*

Thursday, December 7, 2023

5:00 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 meeting in the Longview City Hall Council Chamber, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

The City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the City Executive Office at 360.442.5004 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting. Please note - virtual attendees may comment verbally during public hearings only. Virtual attendees may also submit written comments to the Clerk's Office with the heading, "Public Comment for disbursement to the City Council".

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Webinar ID: 823 9413 2374

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Wallis called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE**
The flag salute was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Wallis, Mayor Pro Tem Wallin (arrived at 5:09), Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Boudreau, Councilmember Halvorson

Absent: Councilmember Strobel

Staff Present: City Manager Kris Swanson, City Attorney Dana Gigler, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim, Public Works Director Ken Hash, Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers, Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Assistant Public Works Director Chris Collins, Stormwater Utility Engineering Coordinator Steve Haubner

4. WORKSHOP**23-001610 UTILITY RATES (TIME ESTIMATE 2 HOURS)****RECOMMENDED ACTION:**
DIRECTION TO STAFF

Public Works Director Ken Hash lead the sewer presentation and the water presentation. Recommended updates to the Water Service Rates and Charges Resolution, Section 6 - Charges to City Owned Facilities (c) Mint Valley Golf Course Irrigation and Section 8 - Water obtained from Fire Hydrant. Stormwater Utility Engineering Coordinator Steve Haubner lead the stormwater presentation. Assistant Public Works Director Chris Collins led the sidewalks and urban forestry presentation. Stormwater Utility Engineering Coordinator Steve Haubner led the proposed public improvements presentation.

Public Works Director Ken Hash lead the reduced utilities rates presentation.

Jake Childs, Vice President of Operations for PeaceHealth provided public comment.

Council discussed the presentations and different options. They discussed ARPA funding, direct fill line, enterprise funds, Beech Street culvert project, leaf pickup program, infrastructure costs, and unexpected emergencies. Urban Forestry is not included in the proposed stormwater rate increase of \$2.61 per ERU.

Kalei LaFave provided public comment.

Citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Council direction to staff to bring back:

Resolutions for Sewer at 0%, 3.7% and 5%

Resolutions for Water at 0%, 3.7% and 5%.

Amendments to Sections 6 and 8 in the Water Service Rates and Charges Resolution.

Further discussion on the recommended stormwater rate increase of \$2.61 per ERU and ability to tap into other funds.

More information on reduced utility rates for group homes with low-income seniors and low-income disabled citizens.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.