



# City of Longview

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## Minutes

### City Council

*Mayor Spencer Boudreau  
Mayor Pro Tem Kalei LaFave  
Council Member Ruth Kendall  
Council Member Angie Wean  
Council Member MaryAlice Wallis  
Council Member Keith Young  
Council Member Erik Halvorson*

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Friday, January 19, 2024

9:00 AM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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**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 Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.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".

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.*

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

*After the flag salute was recited, an invocation was provided by Councilmember Young.*

3. **ROLL CALL**

***Present:** Mayor Boudreau, Mayor Pro Tem LaFave, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Halvorson*

***Staff Present:** City Manager Kris Swanson, City Attorney Dana Gigler, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim, Police Chief Robert Huhta*

*Council began with an icebreaker exercise.*

4. **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**24-0050    BOARDS & COMMISSIONS LIAISONS  
2024 STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS & LOBBYING  
COUNCIL PROTOCOLS & EXPECTATIONS  
SEVERE WEATHER SHELTERS AND EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Councilmember Halvorson requested the 2024 State and Federal Legislative Agendas and Lobbying be moved to the first item of business.  
Council concurred.

### **2024 State Legislative Agenda**

City Manager Swanson reviewed the City of Longview 2024 State Legislative Priorities.  
Transportation included Columbia Heights and remaining portion of Oregon Way.

Councilmember Halvorson spoke against HB 2276 and against supporting the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) legislative priority to revise the arbitrary property tax cap.  
Renee Forsberg, Government Affairs Director for the Lower Columbia Association of Realtors and Realtor with ReMax Premier, spoke against HB 2276.  
City Manager Swanson explained the history of the arbitrary property tax cap.

### **2024 Federal Legislative Agenda**

City Manager Swanson explained the Congressionally directed spending and grant requests.  
Council discussed Safe Parking Site and collaboration with other agencies - will schedule a future workshop.

### **Lobbying**

Council discussed members traveling to Washington DC and Olympia.

Council took a ten-minute break at 10:20 a.m. and resumed at 10:32 a.m. with all members present.

### **Severe Weather Shelters and Emergency Planning**

Police Chief Huhta gave a debrief on the recent weather event and an update on homelessness.  
Will schedule a future Executive Session on homelessness after the Supreme Court case ruling is rendered.

Council had lunch in the training room from 12:20 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

### **Council Protocols and Expectations**

City Attorney Gigler provided reminders of Robert's Rules of Order, a set of procedures to help run meetings.

Council watched a couple short training videos. Council discussed having their cameras on when feasible while attending meetings on-line. Council discussed public outreach and education.

### **Boards and Commissions Liaisons**

Council reviewed and approved representatives and alternates on various Boards and Committees.

At 1:55 p.m. Mayor Boudreau excused himself from the meeting.

Council continued to review and approve representatives and alternates on various Boards and committees.

Council discussed making a warm introduction and hand-off when changing liaison positions.

Jason Still provided public comment.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.**

**Tiffany Ostreim**  
**City Clerk**

**Approved: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Mayor**

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

**NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024 - 5:00 P.M. - SOLID WASTE RATES