



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*

Thursday, January 11,
2024

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

24-0044 JEFF HOOVER, EVANGEL/CITISERVE

After the invocation provided by Jeff Hoover of Evangel/Citiserive, the flag salute was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Wallis, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean (on-line), Councilmember Young, Councilmember Boudreau, Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember LaFave

Staff Present: City Manager Kris Swanson, City Attorney Dana Gigler, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Jensen, Public Works Director Ken Hash, Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers, Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills, Assistant Public Works Director Chris Collins, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Library Director Jacob Cole, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Fire Marshall Jon Dunaway

23-001658 CEREMONY - SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED AND REELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS BY JUDGE IMBODEN, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Municipal Court Judge Imboden administered the oaths of office to newly elected Council Members LaFave, Young, Halvorson, and re-elected Council Member Kendall.

The Council recessed for 10-minutes to correct audio issues.

23-001659 ELECTION OF MAYOR (CONDUCTED BY CITY CLERK)

City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Boudreau, and Councilmember Wean were nominated to serve as Mayor for the 2024-2025 term. Upon a vote duly held, Councilmember Boudreau received the required majority of votes and elected to serve as Mayor.

23-001660 ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM (CONDUCTED BY MAYOR)

Mayor Boudreau called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Kendall and Councilmember LaFave were nominated to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the 2024-2025 term. Upon a vote duly held, Councilmember LaFave received the required majority of votes and elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

4. WORKSHOP

23-001835 PARKS AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (TIME ESTIMATE 60 MINUTES)

*Parks and Recreation Director Jen Wills presented.
Ron Kosloski provided public comment.
Council discussed the presentation.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Art Birkmeyer provided public comment.
Teresa Purcell provided public comment.
Shannon Gilman provided public comment.*

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24-0057 DECEMBER 20, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

*A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Halvorson, to approve the December 20, 2023 Special Meeting minutes as corrected.
The motion carried unanimously.*

6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Young, to remove Item 9 - the public hearing on Cloney Park Cares Act Funding Allocation.

Council discussed the motion.

Program Coordination Specialist Kenny Robinson explained the process and CDBG funding.

Jason Still provided public comment.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, and Mayor Boudreau

Nays: Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Kendall

7. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

23-001781 LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN

Library Director Jacob Cole presented.
Council discussed the presentation.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Bill Youngren provided public comment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Shannon Gilman provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Colby Connerly provided public comment.
Matthew Dickson provided public comment.
Ron Kosloski provided public comment.
Wendy Kosloski provided public comment.

8. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)

Jason Still provided public comment.
Bill Youngren provided public comment.
Vicki Echert provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Ron Kosloski provided public comment.
Teresa Purcell provided public comment.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

This item was removed from the Agenda.

10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**23-001865 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO CREATE A SHARED DRIVEWAYS ORDINANCE****RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

APPROVE OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR A SHARED DRIVEWAYS ORDINANCE AND DIRECT CITY ATTORNEY TO CREATE THE ORDINANCE

Councilmember LaFave recused herself from participating in the agenda item.

Community Development Planner Mac Kosar presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve Planning Commission recommendation for a shared driveways ordinance and direct the City Attorney to create the ordinance.

Renee Forsberg, Government Affairs Director for the Lower Columbia Association of Realtors and Realtor with Re/Max Premier, provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Michael O'Neill provided public comment.

Michael Pederson provided public comment.

Jason Still provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Wean, Mayor Boudreau

Recused: Councilmember LaFave

The Council recessed at 8:21 pm and reconvened at 8:26 p.m. with all members present.

24-002 DOWNTOWN LONGVIEW PARKING

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE DOWNTOWN PARKING AS OUTLINED BY STAFF

Police Chief Robert Huhta presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember Wallis, to authorize the City Manager to approve downtown parking as outlined by staff. Council discussed the presentation.

An amendment to the motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to extend the period from 6 months to 12 months.

Council discussed the amendment.

Jason Still provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Sarah Curtis provided public comment.

Wendy Kosloski provided public comment.

Colby Connerly provided public comment.

The motion on the amendment failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember LaFave, Mayor Boudreau

Nays: Councilmember Young, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean

The main motion carried unanimously.

11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

24-001870 ORDINANCE NO. 3508 – MICRO-TRENCHING, AMENDING CHAPTER 12.30, “USE AND OCCUPANCY OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY”

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3508

Public Works Director Ken Hash presented. This is for non-franchise utilities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallis, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to adopt Ordinance No. 3508.

Council discussed the presentation.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Michael Pederson provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Art Birkmeyer provided public comment.

Matthew Dickson provided public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

24-001871 ORDINANCE NO. 3509 – MICRO-TRENCHING, AMENDING CHAPTER 12.08, “CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE”

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3509

Public Works Director Ken Hash stated this is for franchise utilities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallis, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt Ordinance No. 3509. The motion carried unanimously.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boudreau provided a report.

13. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Wallis provided a report.

Councilmember Halvorson provided a report.

Councilmember Wean provided a report.

Councilmember Young provided a report.

24-003 DISSOLVING THE CITY OF LONGVIEW'S LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Councilmember Halvorson presented a motion, seconded by Mayor Boudreau, directing city staff to prepare a Resolution for the City Council of the City of Longview electing to dissolve the City of Longview's Local Housing Program, rejoin the Cowlitz County Local Housing Program, and request the county to cease transmitting the city's share of the homeless housing funds and rescind Resolution 2431.

Councilmember Kendall explained the history of the joint Housing Program project with Cowlitz County. Council discussed the request.

City Manager Swanson explained the city has not spent their share of homeless funds because it requires adopting a plan first. Also, by not having a homeless program, the city is not eligible for homeless housing grants. The grant from the Department of Commerce was eligible for entities that started shelter beds after the pandemic.

An amendment was made by Councilmember LaFave, seconded by Councilmember Halvorson, to have staff prepare the Resolution dissolving the City of Longview's Local Housing Program and bring back to Council for a final vote at the second meeting in April - April 25.

Council discussed the amendment.

City Attorney Gigler provided further analysis.

Tom Samuels provided public comment.

Jo Brewer provided public comment.

Tricia Rodman provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Colby Connerly provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

John Melink provided public comment.

Sarah Curtis provided public comment.

Michael O'Neill provided public comment.

Tim Shay provided public comment.

Randy Knox provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

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A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Tricia Rodman provided information.

Council continued to discuss the amendment to the main motion.

The motion on the amendment carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember Young, Mayor Boudreau

Nays: Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean

The main motion as amended carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember Young, Mayor Boudreau

Nays: Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Boudreau recused himself from participating in the Consent Calendar and left the Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem LaFave read the Consent Calendar as presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Young, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

23-001860 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

24-001872 RESOLUTION NO. 2475 - SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023 TO VACATE A 12.5-FOOT STRIP OF ALLEY RIGHT OF WAY ADJACENT TO LOTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 IN BLOCK 12 OF ASSESSOR'S PLAT 6, PARCELS #08736, 08737, 08738, AND 08739.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2475

24-001873 BID REVIEW – HIGHLANDS STREET LIGHTING SMART CONTROL PROCUREMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID AND AWARD TO WESTERN SYSTEMS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,762.77

24-007 RESOLUTION NO. 2466 – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SWWA REGIONAL AIRPORT FOR MUTUAL AID

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2466

24-008 CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH GIBBS AND OLSON FOR COLUMBIA HEIGHTS ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH GIBBS AND OLSON

Mayor Boudreau returned to the Council Chambers.

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

24-0058 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PRIORITIES

City Manager Swanson presented. The 2024 State Legislative Agenda was adopted unanimously November 28, 2023. Requested to amend the Police Vehicle Evidence Storage/Training facility (Pole Building) - \$1.3M to Design and Engineering for the Pole Building for \$550,000.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallis, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve the 2024 State Legislative Agenda Priorities as modified and included two items, under Capital Budget - \$240,000 for Cloney Park and under Operating Budget - a bullet for Lower Columbia College Vocational Center as a support.

*Parks and Recreation Director Jen Wills provided information.
Council discussed the funding and requests.*

An amendment to the main motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember Kendall to reword the Hope Village operating cost to make it more general regarding homeless housing dollars allowing for flexibility.

Tricia Rodman provided public.

The motion on the amendment carried unanimously.

The main motion as amended carried unanimously.

City Manager Swanson provided a report. January 10, 2024 our Federal Lobbyist Firm CFM and staff members representing our Federal deligation discussed the 2024 federal legislative agenda and toured Longview.

City of Longview is one of ten communities to benefit from the US Department of Transportation 2022-2203 \$14.5 million award for charging and refueling stations.

Severe weather shelters are open due to the freezing weather.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Halvorson requested an Executive Session to discuss current or potential litigation.

City Attorney Gigler explained the statute regarding executive session for ongoing litigation.

Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenberg explained the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

***Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk***

***Approved: _____
Mayor***

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL TRAINING:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024 - 9:00 A.M. AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

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