



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*

Wednesday, March 13,
2024

5:30 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 Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE**
The flag salute was recited.
3. **ROLL CALL**

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

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, Public Information Officer Angela Abel

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember Wallis to adjourn the meeting until the council receives legal guidance.

Attorney Gigler explained she has a conflict of interest and cannot advise on this subject. She has arranged for outside council to advise the governing body on this subject. Recommended the full council avail themselves of legal advice before any action is taken.

Mayor Boudreau adjourned the meeting.

The Council took a 5-minute recess at 5:39 p.m. and returned at 5:44 p.m. with all members present. There was a procedural error in calling the adjournment of the meeting.

The motion to adjourn failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall

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

4. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

24-00247 RESOLUTION NO. 2485 - TERMINATING THE CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITHOUT CAUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE PAY PURSUANT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Mayor Boudreau, to adopt Resolution No. 2485.

Council discussed the motion.

A recommendation was made to bring in a neutral advisor.

Manager Swanson explained the city's bond rating.

Council discussed the managers contract and RCW.

Brian Magnuson provided public comment.

Bob Gregory provided public comment.

Randy Knox provided public comment.

Wendy Kosloski provided public comment.

Steve Ferrell provided public comment.

Tim Shay provided public comment.

Wang provided public comment.

Jane Still provided public comment.

Karen Pederson provided public comment.

Mary Lyons provided public comment.

Bill Youngren provided public comment.

Jacob Vedrode provided public comment.

Rick Still provided public comment.

Lisa Wolff provided public comment.

Tammi Edwards provided public comment.

Nancy Vandehey provided public comment.

Glenda Johnson provided public comment.

Connie Kruse provided public comment.

Dave Grumbois provided public comment.

Jason Still provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment
Mike Wallin provided public comment.
Mark McCrady provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Kurt Sacha provided public comment.
Jennifer Westerman provided public comment.
Mike Bridges provided public comment.
Teresa Purcell provided public comment.
Ron Kosloski provided public comment.
Larry Crosby provided public comment.
Sarah Curtis provided public comment.
Michael O'Neill provided public comment.
Larry Embree provided public comment.
Mike Kaiser provided public comment.
James Newkirk provided public comment.

Councilmembers continued to discuss the motion.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2485 carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall.

24-00249 RESOLUTION NO. 2486 - SUSPENDING THE CITY MANAGER AND PROVIDING NOTICE PURSUANT TO RCW 35.18.120

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Mayor Boudreau, to adopt Resolution No. 2486.

Council discussed the motion.

Jason Still provided public comment.
Jane Still provided public comment.
Steve Ferrell provided public comment.
Teresa Purcell provided public comment.
Randy Knox provided public comment.
Jacob Vedrode provided public comment.
Arlene Hubble provided public comment.
Sarah Curtis provided public comment.
Lindy Kennedy provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Wang provided public comment.
Joanne Baker provided public comment.
Hal Palmer provided public comment.
Mike Bridges provided public comment.
Michael O'Neill provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated provided public comment.

Council continued to discuss the motion.

An amendment was made by Councilmember Young to postpone the effective date of the suspension to March 21, 2024. The amendment failed for lack of a second.

An amendment was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember Kendall to postpone the effective date of the suspension for 30 days.

Council discussed the amendment.

Councilmember Kendall withdrew her second. Councilmember Wean withdrew her amendment.

The main motion to adopt Resolution No. 2486 was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall

5. **MISCELLANEOUS**

24-00248 DISCUSSION & SELECTION OF SUBSTITUTE CITY MANAGER

A motion was made by Councilmember LaFave, seconded by Councilmember Young to immediately appoint Jim Duscha, as Interim City Manager.

Councilmember Wean requested Mayor Pro Tem LaFave recuse herself from the vote on the appearance of fairness.

Council discussed the request to recuse.

Council discussed the motion.

City Attorney Gigler cited RCW 35A.13.150 - City Manager - Substitute.

An amendment to the motion was made by Councilmember Wallis, seconded by Councilmember Wean to offer the position of substitute City Manager to Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers effectively immediately.

Council discussed the amendment.

Mike Kaiser provided public comment.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Lisa Wolff provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Michael O'Neill provided public comment.

Steve Ferrell provided public comment.

The amendment to the motion to offer the position of substitute City Manager to Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers effectively immediately failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Kendall

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

Council discussed a contract for a substitute City Manager.

Councilmember LaFave reiterated the motion, seconded by Councilmember Young to immediately offer the position of Interim City Manager to Jim Duscha and direct the City Attorney to draft a contract.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Michael O'Neill provided public comment.

The motion to immediately offer the position of Interim City Manager to Jim Duscha and direct the City Attorney to draft a contract carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.