



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, May 16, 2024

6:00 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/workshop in the Longview City Hall Council Chamber, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. No final action will be taken.

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Webinar ID: 823 9413 2374

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
The flag salute was recited.
3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent/Excused: Councilmember Wean

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Jim Duscha, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim, Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills, Assistant Public Works Director Chris Collins, Police Chief Robert Huhta

4. **WORKSHOP**

24-00441 POLICE STAFFING & PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY

Police Chief Robert Huhta presented a powerpoint presentation. Reviewed call load/workload, annexations, population increase with no police staffing increase, changes in police workload, crisis calls for service workload, officer per 1,000 staffing in Longview versus national average, current patrol staffing, need for additional patrol staffing, and costs of increasing patrol minimum staffing levels.

Council discussed the presentation.

Deadline for the November general election ballot is in July.

Captain McNew explained staffing.

Bill Youngren provided public comment.

Jason Still provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Larry Crosby provided public comment.

The council was supportive of police staffing and public safety levy. Would like to see different funding options and more details.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

***Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk***

**Approved: _____
Mayor**