



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, September 19,
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, September 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

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Webinar ID: 823 9413 2374

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was recited.

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Jim Duscha, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Parks & Recreation Manager Justin Brown, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Library Administrative Assistant James Newkirk, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Fire Marshall Jon Dunaway, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, Finance Director Consultant Jeff Swanson, Finance Fiscal Manager Lisa Wolff, Urban Forestry Manager Joanna Martin, City Engineer Sam Barham (on-line), Parks and Recreation Director Jen Wills (on-line), Fleet and Facilities Maintenance Manager Keith Walling

4. **WORKSHOP**

24-00851 BALANCING THE BUDGET (TIME ESTIMATE: 2 HOURS)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

REVIEW BALANCING THE BUDGET PRESENTATION AND PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION FOR BALANCING THE 2025 AND 2026 BUDGET.

Interim Finance Director Jeff Swanson started the presentation on the city's budget. Currently the city is facing a general fund preliminary funding deficit of 8 million dollars in 2025 and 11.3 million dollars in 2026. This situation has been building for decades. Many public agencies are facing the same situation.

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins led the presentation with Finance Fiscal Manager Lisa Wolff detailing the financial outlook for the 2025 and 2026 preliminary baseline budget, revenue options and budget balancing plan. Staff recommendations: increase B & O to \$100k threshold; increase B & O rate to .002 for all sections, add a Finance Director, move ARPA and lessen Police reductions/reduce the deficit in the General Fund, seek additional funding sourced based on established plan and recover credit card fees. With council concurrence, the recommendations will be on the council's September 26 agenda and request to form a committee to work on long-term funding strategies.

The Council discussed the presentation.

The council recessed at 7:12 p.m. for a period of 5 minutes and reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

Interim Finance Director Jeff Swanson stated the recommendations include reductions, one-time revenue sources and increases in revenue. Budget cuts affect quality of life and level of services.

The Council continued to discuss the presentation.

Council was in favor 5-2 of the staff recommendations. The recommendations will be on the council's September 26 agenda.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Anne Bennett provided public comment.

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins gave a brief update on the Mint Valley Golf Course. Have \$2 million allocated to the project. Working with the Department of Commerce and continuing to move forward. This is an enterprise fund and not part of the reductions.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

***Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk***

Approved: _____
Mayor

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.