



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, December 12,
2024

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

24-00878 CHRISTIAN SCHMUTZ, NORTHLAKE CHURCH

After the invocation provided by Christian Schmutz of Northlake Church, the flag salute was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Jim Duscha, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Fire Chief Brad Hannig, Public Information Officer Angela Abel, Finance Director Consultant Jeff Swanson

Councilmember Halvorson moved to go into **Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Legal Risk of a proposed action.**

The City Council, Interim City Manager Jim Duscha, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, and Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins entered Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. for a period of 10 minutes, until 6:20 p.m. At 6:20 p.m. Executive Session continued for 10 minutes, until 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. all parties came out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

4. **WORKSHOP**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

24-001018 DECEMBER 5, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Halvorson, to approve the December 5, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Kendall requested the 2025 State Legislative Agenda be moved forward from City Manager's Report to after Constituents' Comments. Council concurred.

7. **PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

8. **CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)**

Jason Still provided public comment
Derek Fine provided public comment

24-001091 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Josh Weiss and Amina Abdalla, State Lobbyists for Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations, spoke on the state capital budget, operating budget and transportation budget. Costs to maintain current services and program levels have increased significantly and revenues have declined. City of Longview legislative priorities - Fire Department security and response efficiency project, emergency generator for Fire Station 82, Longview Library elevator repairs, Hope Village operational funding, Columbia Heights Road reconstruction project, Oregon Way reconstruction, and Glenwood Drive/Virginia Way repaving.

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember LaFave to approve the 2025 Legislative Priorities - Capital, Operational and Transportation Needs but without the language, "The City of Longview Supports the efforts of the Association of Washington Cities". The motion carried unanimously.

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS****24-001065 ORDINANCE NO. 3548 - AMENDING THE 2023-2024 BIENNIAL BUDGET.****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3548**

Finance Director Consultant Jeff Swanson explained the amendment recognizes unanticipated revenues and expenses greater or less than the forecaster plan.

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins presented the budget amendment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt Ordinance No. 3548. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wean excused herself from the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

24-001099 RESOLUTION 2531 - 2025 ANIMAL CONTROL FEES**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2531**

Police Chief Robert Huhta explained the proposed fees.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Young, to adopt Resolution No. 2531.

Councilmember Halvorson would like to remove the pet licensing fee in 2026.

Shaun Higgins provided public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

24-001146 RESOLUTION NO. 2532 - AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ARTERIAL STREET, TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS UNTIL GRANT FUNDS ARE RECEIVED.**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2532**

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins provided a report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Halvorson, to adopt Resolution No. 2532. The motion carried unanimously.

24-001147 RESOLUTION NO. 2529 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTROCK COMPANY AND COWLITZ 2 FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT FOR CONTRACTED FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2529**

Fire Chief Brad Hannig explained the agreement. There is an increase in revenues and no changes to the services.

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt Resolution No. 2529. The motion carried unanimously.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boudreau provided a report.

13. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

*Councilmember Young provided a report.
Councilmember LaFave provided a report.
Councilmember Kendall provided a report.
Councilmember Halvorson provided a report.
Councilmember Wallis provided a report.*

24-001132 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****APPROVE RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS**

*Interim City Manager Jim Duscha recommended appointments to the Appeal Board of Adjustment, Golf Advisory Committee, Accessibility Advisory Committee and Library Board.
Council concurred.*

*A committee of three councilmembers recommended appointments to the Complete Streets Advisory Committee, Downtown Advisory Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Commission and Sister City Commission. Sister City Commission still has two openings. Complete Streets Advisory Committee bylaws are being updated to increase voting members to 11.
Council concurred*

Interim City Manager Jim Duscha made appointments to Stormwater Advisory Committee and Visual Arts Commission which do not require council concurrence.

Mayor Boudreau made appointments to the Civil Service Commission and Housing Opportunities of SW Washington which do not require council concurrence.

24-001113 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING AMENDMENT AT 2262 46TH AVE**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 23RD, 2025**

*Councilmember Halvorson requested to pull the Zoning Amendment at 2262 46th Avenue from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.
Council concurred.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Young, to set a public hearing January 23, 2025 for the Zoning Amendment at 2262 46th Avenue.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: Councilmember Wallis

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

24-00877 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**24-001093 RESOLUTION NO. 2525 – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY FOR PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF WOODEN POLES FOR ROY MORSE PARK LIGHTING UPGRADES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2525

24-001092 PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING SYSTEM WITH MUSCO FOR ROY MORSE PARK LIGHTING UPGRADES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION AGREEMENT WITH MUSCO FOR ROY MORSE PARK LIGHT SYSTEM

24-001096 LONGVIEW POLICE GUILD COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, JANUARY 1, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2027

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO APPROVE THE LONGVIEW POLICE GUILD COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR 2025-2027

24-001114 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR INTERIM ZONING REGULATION EXTENSION- HIGHLANDS AREA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 23, 2025

24-001115 PROJECT COMPLETION – 46TH AVENUE, OCEAN BEACH HIGHWAY (SR 4) TO OLYMPIA WAY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETE 46TH AVENUE, OCEAN BEACH HIGHWAY (SR 4) TO OLYMPIA WAY

24-001116 PROJECT COMPLETION – 2650 MAPLEWOOD SLIDE REPAIR

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE 2650 MAPLEWOOD SLIDE REPAIR

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

24-001098 DOWNTOWN PARKING MORATORIUM EXTENSION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
EXTEND CURRENT MORATORIUM UNTIL JULY 1, 2025

Police Chief Robert Huhta explained the need for an extension.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Young, to extend the current moratorium until July 1, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

24-001130 CITY MANAGER INTERVIEW DISCUSSION AND GUIDANCE

Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg stated the application period for City Manager is now closed and 20 applications were received. January 16-17 are scheduled to interview finalists, reception and candidate forums/presentations. Requested council direction on process.

Council concurred: They want to review all 20 applications. January 16, casual reception, open to the public at 6 p.m. at the Longview Public Library. (If windows are not installed at the Library, the reception will take place in the City Hall atrium. January 17 Special Council Meeting at 1 p.m. in the Council Chambers for public interviews, followed by an Executive Session. The Council may make a decision in open session after the executive session.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

24-001094 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PER RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)

The City Council (all as present at roll call), Interim City Manager Jim Duscha, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, and Police Chief Robert Huhta entered Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) Collective Bargaining for a period of 20 minutes, until 8:15 p.m.

At 8:12 p.m. Mayor Boudreau announced they were starting the second Executive Session for a period of 10 minutes, until 8:25 p.m.

24-001095 POTENTIAL LITIGATION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

The City Council (all as present at roll call), Interim City Manager Jim Duscha, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins and Police Chief Robert Huhta entered Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Potential Litigation for a period of 10 minutes, until 8:25 p.m. At 8:27 p.m. all parties came out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025 – 6:00 P.M. – FLUORIDE IN CITY WATER