



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, March 13,
2025

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

25-001224 MARK SCHMUTZ, NORTHLAKE CHURCH

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

3. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager Jen Wills, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer (Zoom), Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Police Captain Branden McNew, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Parks and Urban Forestry Manager Joanna Martin, Fire Chief Brad Hannig, Public Information Officer Angela Abel, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, Finance Director Lisa Wolff, Finance Office Supervisor Katie Ribelin, Community Development Planner Irene Rutikanga, Deputy City Clerk Sam Van Laer

Mayor Boudreau called a 10-minute recess at 6:07 p.m. due to technical issues with the Council Chamber sound system. Mayor Boudreau extended the recess by another 10 minutes at 6:17 p.m. The Council returned to session at 6:27 p.m.

4. **WORKSHOP**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Wallis, to approve the February 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 6, 2025 Special Workshop Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

25-00183 FEBRUARY 27, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

25-00184 MARCH 6, 2025 SPECIAL WORKSHOP

6. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Boudreau moved the agenda item Recognition of Volunteers Serving on Boards and Commissions for Terms Completed in 2024 from under the Mayor's Report to Presentations and Awards.

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to move the agenda item Neighborhood Park Grant Program - 2025 Funding Recommendations to immediately follow Constituent Comments. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Boudreau moved the first Executive Session to the end of the agenda.

Due to procedural error, Mayor Boudreau canceled the public hearing for Annexation and High Density Residential Comprehensive Plan R-4 Zoning Designation of 4511 Ocean Beach Hwy and Associated Parcels.

7. **PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

25-00224 PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH; RECIPIENT: MICHELLE PROSSER, AMERICAN RED CROSS BOARD MEMBER, SW WA CHAPTER

Mayor Boudreau presented the proclamation to Michelle Prosser, who accepted on behalf of the American Red Cross.

25-00210 RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS SERVING ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR TERMS COMPLETED IN 2024

Mayor Boudreau recognized the following individuals who completed their terms on the various boards and commissions:

Accessibility Advisory Committee - Ashley Wagner

Complete Streets Advisory Committee - Elizabeth Roberts

Downtown Advisory Committee - Pat Palmer

Mint Valley Golf Course Advisory Board - David Knoyle, Ken Botero
 Historic Preservation Commission - Nathaniel Light, Darin Molnar
 Homeless Housing Taskforce - Connie Lantz, Rob Painter-Johnson, Lauren Princehouse, Shannon McLain, Tim Watson, Steven Boyer, Dian Cooper, Gena James
 Housing Opportunities of SW Washington - Micheal O'Neil
 Library Board - Claire Pang
 Planning Commission - Joanna Lee, Amy Norquist
 Sister City Commission - Eileen Bergeson, Frances Hearn

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

Jason Still provided public comment.
 Jennifer Leorch provided public comment.
 Mary Lyons provided public comment.
 Micheal O'Neil provided public comment.
 Randy Knox provided public comment.
 Rick Dahl provided public comment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to allow Michael O'Neil the remaining one minute of his public comment allowance. The motion carried unanimously.

Michael O'Neil provided public comment.
 Cassie Katie provided public comment.
 Derek Fine provided public comment.
 Dean Takko provided public comment.
 A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

25-00207 **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK GRANT PROGRAM – 2025 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

City Manager Jen Wills shared a presentation on the recommended grant projects for the Archie Anderson Park Storage & Shade Sail, the Longview Youth Baseball Facility Improvements, and the Lions Island Totem Pole Maintenance.

A motion was made by Councilmember LaFave, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to approve the Park and Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation for the 2025 Neighborhood Park Grant Program.

Mayor Boudreau declared he is a member of the Longview Pioneer Lions and will abstain from the vote.

Council discussed the recommended grant projects.
 Mike, last name unstated, provided public comment.
 Council discussed the recommended grant projects.
 Roger Oldermar provided public comment.
 Jason Still provided public comment.
 Michael O'Neil provided public comment.
 Council discussed the recommended grant projects.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Kendell, Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember Wallis

Abstains: Mayor Boudreau

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

25-00180 **PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT FOR LMC TITLE 19 – ZONING AND ORDINANCE 3554**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
HOLD PUBLIC HEARING AND;

**MOTION TO APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND LMC CHAPTER 19.58 USE TABLE REGARDING USES FOR DATA CENTERS AND CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING FACILITIES AND AMENDMENT TO LMC 19.09 DEFINITIONS CHAPTER TO DEFINE CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING AND DATA CENTERS AND;
APPROVE ORDINANCE 3554.**

*Community Development Planner Irene Rutikanga shared a presentation.
Council discussed the presentation.*

*Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.
Michael O'Neil spoke on cryptocurrency facilities.
Jason Still spoke on cryptocurrency facilities.
Mike Claxton spoke on data center facilities.
Cassie Katie spoke on cryptocurrency facilities.
Council discussed the presentation.
Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallis, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve ordinance 3554.

An amendment to the motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to strike item number three of the proposed LMC 19.58.085 as well as amend the proposed LMC 19.58.020 to include cryptocurrency mining facilities in the zoning table.

*Council discussed the amendment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Ann Bennett provided public comment.
Council discussed the amendment.*

An amendment to the amendment to the motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Halvorson, to change the use for data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities to special use in the zoning table.

*Council discussed the amendment to the amendment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Shawn Higgins provided public comment.*

The amendment to the amendment to the motion failed by the following vote:

***Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Halvorson
Nays: Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall, Mayor Boudreau***

The amendment to the motion carried by the following vote:

***Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Halvorson, Mayor Boudreau
Nays: Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall***

The main motion, as amended, is to approve ordinance 3554 with the amendments to strike item number three of the proposed LMC 19.58.085 and include cryptocurrency mining facilities in the zoning table of the proposed LMC 19.58.020. An amendment to the main motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Halvorson, to change the use for data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities to special use in the zoning table.

Council discussed the amendment

The amendment to the main motion carried by the following vote:

***Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Halvorson, Mayor Boudreau, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall
Nays: Councilmember Wean***

The main motion, as amended, to approve ordinance 3554 with the amendments to strike item number three of the proposed LMC 19.58.085, include cryptocurrency mining facilities in the zoning table of the proposed LMC 19.58.020, and change the use for data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities to special use in the zoning table carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Halvorson, Mayor

Boudreau

Nays: Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendell

- 25-00181 PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO MULTIPLE SECTIONS WITHIN CHAPTERS 16, 17, 18, AND 19 OF LMC TO REMOVE SPECIFIC FEE REFERENCES (ORDINANCE 3555) AND TRANSFER TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MASTER FEE SCHEDULE (RESOLUTION 2548)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

HOLD PUBLIC HEARING AND;

APPROVE ORDINANCE 3555 AND;

MOTION TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AND;

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2548.

Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little shared a presentation.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing at 8:28 p.m.

Jason Still spoke in support.

Council discussed the presentation.

Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing at 8:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember Halvorson, to approve adoption of Community and Economic Development Master Fee Schedule and approve Resolution No. 2548 and Ordinance No. 3555. The motion carried unanimously.

- 25-00182 PUBLIC HEARING – ANNEXATION AND HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN R-4 ZONING DESIGNATION OF 4511 OCEAN BEACH HWY AND ASSOCIATED PARCELS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE COMMENTS ON R-4 ZONING DESIGNATION ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 4511 OCEAN BEACH AND ASSOCIATED PARCELS AND

SET FINAL ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 10TH

11. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

12. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

- 25-00208 RESOLUTION NO. 2549 - MINT VALLEY GOLF COURSE RATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2549

City Manager Jen Wills shared a presentation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to approve Resolution No. 2549. The motion carried unanimously.

- 25-00239 ORDINANCE NO. 3556 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 3.66 TO THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE TO LIMIT ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASES TO ONE PERCENT (1%), IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3556

Councilmember Halvorson and Councilmember Young brought proposed Ordinance No. 3556 to the Council for consideration.

Council discussed the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve Ordinance 3556. The motion died for lack of a second.

Council discussed the proposed ordinance.

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boudreau stated that he cut the ribbon last week for the Mint Valley Racquet Complex USTA Pacific NW new facility and thanked the Council and City staff in attendance.

Mayor Boudreau recognized the R.A. Long and Mark Morris high schools 2A boys basketball teams. The R.A. Long High School Boys Basketball Team tied their all-time school record for third place in the State and the Mark Morris High School Boys Basketball Team finished in sixth place.

14. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Halvorson provided a report.

Councilmember Wallis provided a report.

Councilmember Wean provided a report.

Councilmember LaFave provided a report.

Councilmember Young provided a report.

Councilmember Wean provided a report.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

25-001177 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

16. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Jen Wills reported that ten senior leadership team members attended the Great Leadership Challenge in Portland, OR last week.

City Manager Jen Wills announced the Citizens Summit on March 19 and March 22, the Electrifying Shamrock Run on May 14, and the hundred-year celebration of the Columbia Theater on April 4.

City Manager Jen Wills responded to a previous constituent comment and reported that neither Longview Police nor the Behavioral Health Unit provide clean needles.

Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little responded to a previous constituent comment on the Highlands code compliance.

Council discussed the report.

Council discussed the upcoming AWC annual conference and Legislative Dinner.

25-00225 LANDLORD/TENANT UTILITY BILLING & UTILITY BILLING

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LMC TO ALLOW FOR LANDLORD ONLY ACCOUNTS FOR COUNCIL REVIEW.

Finance Office Supervisor Katie Ribelin shared a presentation.

Council discussed the presentation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendell, seconded by Councilmember Young, to draft an ordinance amending the LMC to allow for landlord only accounts for Council review.

Council discussed the presentation.

The motion carried unanimously.

25-00223 PROPOSED UPDATES TO CHAPTER 19.12 OF LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE, APPEAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DIRECTION TO FINALIZE PROPOSED UPDATES AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 10, 2025

Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little shared a presentation. Council discussed the presentation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendell, seconded by Councilmember LaFave to direct staff to finalize proposed updates and set a public hearing for April 10, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

25-0033 RESOLUTION NO. TBD25-01 - REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. TBD24-01 SETTING REGULAR MEETING DATES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. TBD25-01

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins discussed the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallis, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to adopt Resolution No. TBD25-01. The motion carried unanimously.

25-0032 APPROVAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT FEBRUARY 22, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to approve the Transportation Benefit District February 22, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

25-0031 2024 TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins shared a presentation. Council discussed the presentation.

25-00222 2024 COMPLETE STREETS ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DISCUSSION ONLY

Council discussed the 2024 Complete Streets Annual Report.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Boudreau announced two Executive Sessions were to run concurrent for an estimated duration of 15 minutes.

The City Council, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, City Manager Jen Wills, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, and Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins entered Executive Session at 10:02 p.m. At 10:17 p.m. Executive Session was continued for 10 minutes, until 10:27 p.m. At 10:27 p.m. all parties came out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

25-00240 LEGAL RISK OF CURRENT OR PROPOSED ACTION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii)

25-00209 LEGAL RISK OF CURRENT OR PROPOSED ACTION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii)

18. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Kendell requested to be excused from the March 27, 2025, Workshop and Regular Meeting as well as the March 19, 2025, Citizen Summit due to being out of town.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

*Samantha Van Laer
Deputy City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 – 6:00 P.M. - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON DOWNTOWN PARKING
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. – DOWNTOWN PARKING - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITIZEN SUMMIT:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 – 6:00 P.M. – WOMAN'S CLUB, 835 21ST AVE.
SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025 - 10:00 A.M. - WOMAN'S CLUB, 835 21ST AVE.