



City of Longview

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Agenda

City Council

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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, June 5, 2025

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 in the Longview City Hall Council Chambers, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. FLAG SALUTE
3. ROLL CALL

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

25-00530 POTENTIAL LITIGATION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

25-00529 RESOLUTION NO. 2561 - RECLAIM - RESTORING ENFORCEMENT, CLEANING LAWLESSNESS AND IMPROVING MUNICIPAL SPACES, DECLARING A PUBLIC NUISANCE IN CITY PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES AND DIRECTING IMMEDIATE, FULL ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW TO RESTORE ORDER, SAFETY, AND CIVILITY THROUGHOUT CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2561

6. ADJOURNMENT

*** Any invocation that may be offered at the Council meeting shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Council. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker.**

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SUMMIT:

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 - 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



City of Longview Agenda Summary Sheet

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Introduced by: Erik Halvorson, Council Member
Supported by: Spencer Boudreau, Mayor

Date: May 28th, 2025
For Agenda of: June 5th 2025

SUBJECT TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, KNOWN AS THE "RECLAIM" RESOLUTION (RESTORING ENFORCEMENT, CLEANING LAWLESSNESS, AND IMPROVING MUNICIPAL SPACES), DECLARING A PUBLIC NUISANCE IN CITY PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES AND DIRECTING IMMEDIATE, FULL ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW TO RESTORE ORDER, SAFETY, AND CIVILITY THROUGHOUT CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The "RECLAIM" Resolution empowers the City Manager of the City of Longview to aggressively enforce all applicable laws against unlawful camping, drug use, littering, and other public nuisances in city parks, rights-of-way adjacent to parks, city-owned parking lots, and facilities. With a zero-tolerance policy, this resolution directs the City Manager to deploy necessary resources, including law enforcement overtime and budget authority, to restore safety, order, and cleanliness throughout municipal spaces, ensuring these public areas remain safe and accessible for all residents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve Res RECLAIM

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Erik Halvorson

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Spencer Boudreau

RESOLUTION NO. 2561

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, KNOWN AS THE “RECLAIM” RESOLUTION (RESTORING ENFORCEMENT, CLEANING LAWLESSNESS, AND IMPROVING MUNICIPAL SPACES), DECLARING A PUBLIC NUISANCE IN CITY PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES AND DIRECTING IMMEDIATE, FULL ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW TO RESTORE ORDER, SAFETY, AND CIVILITY THROUGHOUT CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the residents of Longview are justifiably outraged by the persistent, unlawful occupation of public parks and city property by individuals engaging in unauthorized camping, open drug use, public intoxication, littering, and other unlawful and dangerous behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the deterioration of public parks, sidewalks, parking lots, and city-owned facilities due to unchecked violations has created unsafe, unsanitary, and unwelcoming conditions for families, workers, and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, prior efforts to address these issues have proven insufficient, and community service organizations are overburdened and unable to resolve the scope of the problem alone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Longview has both the legal authority and the moral duty to enforce its laws, restore public safety, and reclaim municipal spaces for their intended use by the broader community,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON:

1. The City Council declares a zero-tolerance policy for unlawful behavior and unauthorized occupation of public parks, rights-of-way adjacent to parks, city-owned parking lots, and city-owned facilities. These spaces are for the lawful use and enjoyment of the public - not for encampments, criminal activity, or unsafe habitation. The ongoing misuse of these areas poses an immediate threat to public safety, health, and quality of life, and the City will no longer tolerate any violations of the law in these locations.
2. The City Manager is hereby directed to fully and aggressively enforce all applicable laws and provisions of the Longview Municipal Code and the Revised Code of Washington relating to unauthorized camping, possession of camping paraphernalia, drug possession and use, indecent exposure, alcohol and tobacco violations, public intoxication, use of tarps, tents, and temporary shelters, littering, hoarding of personal property, and abandonment of carts or debris. Enforcement shall be immediate, direct, and sustained. The City Manager is further authorized to deploy all necessary resources -law enforcement, code enforcement, and public works— and to approve any overtime or jail-related budget expenditures required to secure full compliance and restore order across all affected public areas.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Longview, Washington, and signed by its Mayor this 5th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST :

Mayor

City Clerk

City Attorney