



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*

Tuesday, August 12,
2025

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE**

25-00608 MARK SCHMUTZ, NORTHLAKE CHURCH

After the invocation provided by 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, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Halvorson

Staff Present: City Manager Jennifer Wills (on-line), Interim City Attorney Dawn Reitan (on-line), City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Parks & Recreation Director Justin Brown, Police Captain Branden McNew, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, Finance Director Lisa Wolff

4. WORKSHOP**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES****25-00609 JULY 22, 2025 REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallis, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve the July 22, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**7. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS****25-00677 WORKFORCE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON - WORKFORCE AS ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE: WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE CITY OF LONGVIEW; ALYSSA JOYNER - SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER-MANUFACTURING AND MARNIE FARNES - DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS**

Senior Project Manager-Manufacturing Alyssa Joyner and Director of Programs Marnie Farness with Workforce Southwest Washington presented.

25-00650 2026 SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT BUDGET; CRAIG STOMMEL, AIRPORT MANAGER**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT**

*Airport Manager Craig Stommel presented.
Council discussed the presentation.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember Wallis, to adopt the 2026 Operating Budget for the Southwest Washington Regional Airport. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)

*David Mikeals provided public comment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Loretta Richards provided public comment.
Derek Fine provided public comment and handouts.*

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**10. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)**

*Kristin Smokey provided public comment opposed to solid waste and recycling rate increase.
Karen Clark provided public comment opposed to solid waste and recycling rate increase.
Jennifer Leach provided public comment in support of the Interlocal Agreement with Longview School District No. 122*

11. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**25-00712 FUNDING AUTHORIZATION FOR ADA CURB RAMP UPGRADES RECOMMENDED BY THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$50,000 OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOWARD THE UPGRADED CURB RAMPS AT 28TH AVENUE AND DOUGLAS STREET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Safety and Risk Manager Rashelle Douglas presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember Wallis, to authorize the allocation of up to \$50,000 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee ADA Capital Improvement Fund toward the upgraded curb ramps at 28th Avenue and Douglas Street as recommended by the Accessibility Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

12. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**25-00714 RESOLUTION NO. 2564 - SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING RATE INCREASE FOR 2025****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2564**

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Collins gave a summary of revenue growth and expenditures. Fund balance can't sustain and will go in the negative. This is an enterprise fund paid by the customers. Still very much below our comparables. Have been very fortunate to have good working partners who were advocates for our community. Will also be looking at a new solid waste contract in 2027 and can't go into negotiations with a negative fund balance. If rates aren't increased, they would have to subsidize the enterprise fund with the general fund which is looking at a heavy deficit coming into the next budget cycle.

City Manager Jennifer Wills explained they explored opportunity of removing curbside recycling and doing drop off sites, but curbside recycling will be required in 2030 so putting in that infrastructure investment was weighed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Halvorson, seconded by Mayor Boudreau, to adopt Resolution 2564 but with a 7.5% increase instead of 15%.

Ast. Manger Manager/Public Works Director Chris Collins stated that 15% keeps them solvent, but not where they should be. Will still be looking for another rate increase next year.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Boudreau

Nays: Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Halvorson.

A motion was made Wean, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt Resolution No. 2564 as presented.

Council discussed the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Wallis, Councilmember Kendall

Nays: Councilmember Halvorson, Mayor Boudreau

25-00745 RESOLUTION NO. 2570 AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS IN OPIOID MANUFACTURER MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION WITH PURDUE PHARMA AND THE SACKLER FAMILY, AND THE GENERIC MANUFACTURERS ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, AND ZYDUS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE PARTICIPATION FORMS AND ALLOCATION AGREEMENT IV.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2570

Asst. City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Collins explained this allows the city to opt into additional opioid settlements. Once the settlement agreements are signed, the city starts receiving those funds. A couple more settlement agreements will be coming forward later this year. Have several agreements in place currently that the city is currently receiving funds for. The intention is for a workshop to go through the cumulative totals and bring a plan about what we recommend using those funds for. There are timelines to submit acceptance, but it is hard to have a plan without knowing what the amount of the settlements will be.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Young, to adopt Resolution No. 2570.

Council discussed the motion.

Asst. City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Collins explained the city has received and collected some structured settlements that come to the city with restricted uses and are sitting in a fund until the city decides how to spend. The settlements grow interest in the fund. They will go through building a plan and a budget.

Council discussed.

Finance Director Lisa Wolff explained the funds are currently sitting in the General Fund until the council decides where to put the funds; very limited, structured items that we can use the funds for. Will put into a special revenue and interest gets distributed by fund.

City Manager Jennifer Wills stated at the workshop hoping to know what things are available, what things aren't, and what the whole amount will be. This council may want to see the funds grow and use down the line for something larger.

The motion carried unanimously.

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boudreau provided a verbal report.

14. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember LaFave provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Wean provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Wallis provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Kendall provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Halvorson requested splitting Presentations and Awards on the Consent Agenda and place Presentations after Citizens Comments.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallis, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Asst. City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Collins explained the Interlocal Agreement with Cowlitz County for after hours animal control services.

The motion carried unanimously.

25-00610 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

25-00721 PROJECT COMPLETION - NICHOLS BLVD AND OLYMPIA WAY PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE NICHOLS BLVD AND OLYMPIA WAY PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

25-00726 BID REVIEW - MT. SOLO RESERVOIR FILL LINE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND AWARD TO DEWITT CONSTRUCTION INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,208,854.73

- 25-00724 RESOLUTION NO. 2572 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LONGVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122 FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICES SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2572

- 25-00725 RESOLUTION NO. 2573 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COWLITZ COUNTY FOR AFTER HOURS ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2573

16. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

25-00713 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DESIGNEES

City Manager Jennifer Wills requested council concurrence on the appointment of three council members to serve on the Council Legislative Committee.

Council concurred on the appointment of Mayor Boudreau, Councilmember Kendall and Councilmember Halvorson to serve on the Council Legislative Committee.

25-00730 CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH GRIMM LAW FOR PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH GRIMM LAW

City Manager Jennifer Wills explained Washington Supreme Court Order No. 25700-A-1644, which updates the Standards for Indigent Defense mandating a phased reduction in public defender caseloads, beginning in 2026, with a cap of 350 case credits per year and a gradual reduction to 120 cases per year by 2036.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wallis, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to approve the contract amendment with Grimm Law.

Asst. City Manager Chris Collins stated meeting state requirements will cost approximately \$1.2 million. The Revenue Committee will make recommendation to offset this.

City Manager Jennifer Wills added there has to be a weighted system for how a caseload is managed. Will keep looking at opportunities to work with other local jurisdictions.

The motion carried unanimously.

17. **MISCELLANEOUS**

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 – 6:00 P.M. – DUTCH ELM DISEASE

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. – LEGISLATORS AND LOBBYIST