



City of Longview

1525 Broadway
Longview, WA 98632
www.ci.longview.wa.us

Minutes

City Council

*Mayor Erik Halvorson
Mayor Pro Tem Keith Young
Council Member Chris Bryant
Council Member Mike Claxton
Council Member Ruth Kendall
Council Member Kalei LaFave
Council Member Wayne Nichols*

Thursday, January 8,
2026

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

The City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the City Executive Office at 360.442.5004 at least 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting.

If you are participating virtually, you may submit written comments to the City Clerk's Office with the subject line "Public Comment for Disbursement to City Council."

Virtual attendees may comment verbally during public hearings only and is only permitted for registered attendees. To participate, please contact the Clerk's Office in advance. Use the "raise hand" feature during the hearing, and the Clerk will unmute participants in the order received. If calling in by phone, dial star - 9 to raise your hand.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82394132374>

Telephone options (dial any of the following numbers):

1-253-215-8782 or 1-346-248-7799 or 1-408-638-0968 or 1-669-900-6833

Webinar ID: 823 9413 2374

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem LaFave called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

26-001145 NICK SIZEMORE, PROMISE CHURCH

After the invocation provided by Nick Sizemore of Promise Church, the flag salute was recited.

Mayor Pro Tem LaFave turned the meeting over to City Clerk Ostreim.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem LaFave, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Young

Staff Present: City Manager Jennifer Wills, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Parks & Recreation Director Justin Brown, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Human Resources Director Sabrina

Fraidenburg, Fire Chief Brad Hannig, Public Information Officer Angela Abel, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim

26-001146 CEREMONY - SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS BY JUDGE IMBODEN, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Municipal Court Judge Imboden administered the oaths of office to newly elected Council Members Bryant, Claxton and Nichols.

Council recessed at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m. with all members present.

26-001147 ELECTION OF MAYOR (CONDUCTED BY CITY CLERK)

City Clerk Ostreim called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Halverson, and Councilmember Bryant were nominated to serve as Mayor for the 2026-2027 term. Upon a vote duly held, Councilmember Halverson received the required majority of votes and elected to serve as Mayor.

26-001148 ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM (CONDUCTED BY MAYOR)

Mayor Halverson called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Young and Councilmember Kendall were nominated to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the 2026-2027 term. Councilmember LaFave declined. Upon a vote duly held, Councilmember Young received the required majority of votes and elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

4. WORKSHOP

26-001149 CFM FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE AND PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ARE REQUESTED TO GUIDE REFINEMENT OF THE PROPOSED FEDERAL AGENDA, WHICH WILL BE BROUGHT BACK FOR FORMAL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AT THE JANUARY 22 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Federal Lobbyists Joel Rubin and Page Strickler, with CFM Advocates, presented. Council discussed the presentation.

The proposed federal agenda will be brought back for formal consideration and approval at the January 22 City Council meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

26-001150 DECEMBER 18, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to approve the December 18, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

7. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

26-003 EMS AND PROPERTY LID LIFT EDUCATION PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Fire Chief Brad Hannig presented. Andreaus Mantilla, Partner, and Noel Frame, Managing Partner, with Uncommon Bridges presented. Erin Schultz, Co-Founder of Rise Consulting was on-line. Council discussed the presentations.

*Council recessed at 7:15 p.m. for audio issues and reconvened at 7:20 p.m. with all members present.
Council continued discussion.*

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

*Mike Pederson provided public comment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Derek Fine provided public comment.*

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)

*Dave Lamb provided public comment in support of the Agreement with Uncommon Bridges.
Jon Dunaway provided public comment in support of the Agreement with Uncommon Bridges.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment in support of the Agreement with Uncommon Bridges.
Jason Still provided public comment on CFM and Uncommon Bridges.*

11. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

12. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Halvorson provided a verbal report.

14. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

*Councilmember Young provided a verbal report.
Councilmember LaFave provided a verbal report.
Councilmember Bryant provided a verbal report.*

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

26-001151 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

16. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Wills provided a verbal report. Convened a workshop with community and faith-based partners as part of the Resolution 2561 Task Force. Council will hold a workshop January 15 on utility rates and strategic planning. The council summit will be held March 13-14.

26-001163 BID REVIEW - CLONEY PARK PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND AWARD TO BARCOTT CONSTRUCTION LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,022,014.10

*Parks and Recreation Director Justin Brown introduced Parks and Recreation Community Outreach Specialist Alissa Manno who presented.
Council discussed the presentation.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to accept the low bid and award to Barcott Construction LLC in the amount of \$3,022,014.10. The motion carried unanimously.

26-001153 CONSULTANT SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MIG FOR CLONEY PARK PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH MIG**

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins explained the supplement agreement with MIG.

Council discussed the supplement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Bryant, to authorize the City Manager to execute the Consultant Supplement Agreement with MIG. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Nichols, Mayor Halvorson

Nays: Councilmember Young

26-001160 RESOLUTION NO. 2583 – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH UNCOMMON BRIDGES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN - EMS LEVY AND PROPERTY LID LIFT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2583**

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to adopt Resolution No. 2583.

Council discussed the motion.

Noel Frame, Managing Partner with Uncommon Bridges, provided clarification on outreach.

The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Wills requested nominations for Boards. Will have permanent 2-year liaison conversation at the retreat in March.

Library Board - Councilmember Nichols

HNA - Councilmember Kendall

CTA - Mayor Halvorson and Councilmember LaFave

Sister City - Councilmember Young

CTPA - Councilmember LaFave

Chamber - Councilmember LaFave

COG - Councilmember LaFave

HOSWAA - Councilmember Kendall

Parks & Rec - Councilmember Nichols

CAP - Councilmember Claxton

LEOFF - Mayor Halvorson and Councilmember LaFave

17. MISCELLANEOUS

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

26-001164 LEGAL RISK PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

The City Council, City Manager Jennifer Wills, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Collins entered Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Legal Risk for a period of 10 minutes. At 8:58 p.m. Executive Session was continued for 10 minutes. At 9:08 p.m. all parties came out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Tiffany Ostreim

City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026 - 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL TRAINING ROOM - UTILITY RATES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING