



City of Longview

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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, April 23, 2026

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was recited.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Halvorson, Mayor Pro Tem Young, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Kendall (on-line), Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Nichols

Staff Present: Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Public Information Officer Angela Abel, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim

4. **WORKSHOP**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**26-00309 APRIL 9, 2026 REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to approve the April 9, 2026 Regular Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**7. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS****8. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)**

Derek Fine provided public comment.

Mike Pederson provided public comment.

Clint Hash provided public comment.

Tiana Moorhead provided public comment.

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

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Angela Day provided public comment.

Dustin Frostad provided public comment.

Susan Mayo provided public comment.

Mike Pederson provided public comment.

Clint Hash provided public comment.

Teresa Purcell provided public comment.

11. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**26-00361 REVENUE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HB 2015**

Police Chief Robert Huhta gave a presentation on HB 2015.

Council discussed the presentation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to direct staff to bring a resolution for the councilmatic 1% sales tax to the May 14 council meeting.

An amendment was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Young, to direct staff to bring information on the grant in combination with the resolution.

The amendment to the motion carried unanimously.

The main motion as amended carried unanimously.

12. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**13. MAYOR'S REPORT****26-00348 RESOLUTION NO. 2618 - ESTABLISHING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, PROVIDING FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS CONDUCT OF CERTAIN ROUTINE MATTERS, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2407**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2618

A motion was made by Mayor Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Bryant, to adopt Resolution No. 2618.

Council discussed

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Halvorson provided a verbal report.

14. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember LaFave provided a verbal report.

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Collins provided information on the organizational chart, HR and Finance positions and funding sources.

Councilmember Nichols provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Young provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Bryant provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Claxton provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Kendall provided a verbal report.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Police Chief Huhta explained the Byrne Justice Assistant Grant.

The motion carried unanimously.

26-00184 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

26-00277 RESOLUTION NO. 2614 - SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2514

26-00310 RESOLUTION NO. 2615 - AMENDMENT TO THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2615

26-00346 RESOLUTION NO. 2616 - 2025 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANT GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2616 - AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COWLITZ COUNTY REGARDING THE 2025 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD

26-00345 RESOLUTION NO. 2617 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STRUCTURED COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR CYBERSECURITY SERVICES TO UPDATE THE CITY INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN AND CONDUCT TWO TABLETOP EXERCISES, FUNDED BY THE 2024 STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO

EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STRUCTURED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.

26-00356 RESOLUTION NO. 2620 - ACCEPTING THE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2620

26-00357 SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CITY'S ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ON MAY 28TH, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 28TH, 2026.

16. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

26-00328 HOPE VILLAGE FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
WHILE NO FORMAL ACTION IS REQUIRED, STAFF ARE SEEKING DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL SHOULD THEY WISH TO PROVIDE IT BASED ON THE INFORMATION PRESENTED

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Collins gave an update on the monthly costs of Hope Village.

Police Chief Robert Huhta gave an update on homelessness and Hope Village. Council discussed.

Attorney Archer commented on legal parameters.

A motion was made by Mayor Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to begin the surplus for the 50 units and any portable equipment on the Hope Village site back at the May 14 meeting.

Information Technology Director provided clarification on the Star Link at the site. Council discussed.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Halvorson, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Young

Nays: Councilmember Nichols, Councilmembers Claxton, Councilmember Kendall

Abstained: Councilmember Bryant

Council concurred to direct staff to bring back additional information at the May 28 council meeting including outreach to community partners to see what they are seeing, the point-in-time count, discussion with lobbyists on impacts in the future, and legal briefing on homelessness from City Attorney Archer.

26-00358 STAFF UPDATE - COWLITZ COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTERING

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
RECEIVE UPDATE ON ANIMAL SHELTERING; PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF TO INITIATE ZONING CODE UPDATE

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Collins gave an update.

Community Development Director Nick Little gave information on the current use. Need council direction to pursue a legislative amendment to the zoning ordinance for access and addressing animal housing. Would go to the Planning Commission June 3 and be brought back to City Council July 14.

Council concurred.

17. **MISCELLANEOUS**

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026 – 6:00 P.M. – FIRE/EMS LEVIES