



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, May 14, 2026

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was recited.

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Staff Present: City Manager Jennifer Wills, Interim City Attorney Designee Jennifer Robertson, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Fire Chief Brad Hannig, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Public Information Officer Angela Abel, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, Parks and Recreation Director Justin Brown, Finance Director Aaron Hill, Program Coordination Specialist Kenny Robinson, Deputy City Clerk Sam Van Laer

4. **CHANGES/REVISIONS TO AGENDA**

5. **AWARDS**

- 26-00327 **PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL POPPY DAY - MAY 16, 2026; RECIPIENT SANDIE ST. ONGE, LONGVIEW AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 155 POPPY CHAIR**
Mayor Pro Tem Young presented the proclamation to Sandie St. Onge, who accepted on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, Longview Unit 155.
- 26-00380 **PROCLAMATION - HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH - MAY 2026; RECIPIENT HPC CHAIR ANGELA STEPHENSON**
Mayor Pro Tem Young presented the proclamation to Angela Stephenson, who accepted on behalf of the Longview Historic Preservation Commission.
- 26-00376 **RA LONG AWARD RECIPIENT AND NOMINEE RECOGNITION BY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
 2026 AWARD RECIPIENT — ANGELA STEPHENSON BY JACOB COLE, LONGVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY
 FRED BAXTER NOMINATED BY BRAD WHITE
 SUSAN PIPER & HAL CALBOM OF COLUMBIA RIVER OF COLUMBIA RIVER READER
 NOMINATED BY TIFFANY DICKINSON/ GRUMBLEBUG PRESS
 SANDBAGGERS NOMINATED BY SANDY B NUTT, LONGVIEW SANDBAGGERS**
Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little presented the award to Angela Stephenson.

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

*A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
 Derek Fine provided public comment.
 Jason Still provided public comment.
 Stephanie Clark-McNally provided public comment (on-line).*

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

26-00329 **DOWNTOWN SUMMIT REPORT AND REVIEW PATH FORWARD**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE REPORT ON DOWNTOWN SUMMIT HELD JANUARY 20th; PROVIDE DIRECTION ON FUTURE ACTION ITEMS INCLUDING SCHNEITER LOT

*Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little presented.
 City Council discussed and came to concurrence on directing Little to move forward with the RFP, amending the zoning, and the loan program.*

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

26-00382 **FISCAL YEAR 2026 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**1) HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2026 HOME PROGRAM GRANT ALLOCATIONS.
 2) MOTION TO ALLOCATE \$100,000 OF HOME FUNDS TO FOUNDATION FOR THE CHALLENGED FOR REMODEL OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOME FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND \$14,321 TO LOWER COLUMBIA CAP FOR OPERATING FUNDS.**

*Program Coordination Specialist Kenny Robinson presented.
 Council asked clarifying questions.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Young opened the public comment for the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.
 Mayor Pro Tem Young closed the public comment for the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.*

A motion was made by Mayor Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to allocate \$28,643 for grant administration, \$100,000 to FFC for FFC XV, and \$14,321 to Lower Columbia CAP for CHDO operating funds. The motion carried unanimously.

26-00383 FISCAL YEAR 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2026 CDBG PROGRAM GRANT ALLOCATIONS.**
- 2) MOTION TO ALLOCATE FY2026 CDBG FUNDING AS FOLLOWS:**
 - \$100,448.76 TO LONGVIEW FIRE FOR THE STATION 81 ALERT SYSTEM.**
 - \$90,000 TO THE CAMPUS TOWERS FOR WATER HEATER REPLACEMENT.**
 - \$12,062.24 TO LONGVIEW FIRE FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT.**
 - \$26,609.50 TO HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FOR RENT WELL TENANT EDUCATION.**
 - \$20,000 TO LONGVIEW PARKS AND REC FOR 2027 SUPER SUMMERS.**
 - \$15,000 TO THE LONGVIEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT FOR A DOWNTOWN LIGHTING STUDY.**

*Program Coordination Specialist Kenny Robinson presented.
Council asked clarifying questions.*

Mayor Pro Tem Young opened the public comment for the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Rochelle Burch with HOSWWA Rent Well provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

A representative with Campus Towers, name unstated, provided public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Young closed the public comment for the public hearing comment at 7:27 p.m.

Council discussed.

A motion was made by Councilmember LaFave to approve the Longview Fire and Campus Towers, and to reallocate the HOSWWA funds of \$10,000 to Community House on Broadway and \$16,609 to Super Summers. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to approve the CDBG grants as proposed by staff.

An amendment to the motion was made by Mayor Halvorson to reduce the grant administration amount by \$23,904.94, making the grant administration amount \$22,704.56, fully fund the Longview Fire Safety at \$97,576.68, strike the HOSWWA Rent Well Program for \$26,609.24, strike the Longview Parks and Rec for \$20,000, and strike the Downtown Lighting for \$15,000. The amendment to the motion failed for lack of a second.

An amendment to the motion was made by Mayor Halvorson to strike the grant administration for \$46,000 and use that balance towards the Fire Safety. The amendment to the motion failed for lack of a second.

Council discussed.

The main motion, made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to approve the CDBG grants as proposed by staff, was taken to a vote.

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Young, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Nichols

Nays: Mayor Halvorson, Councilmember LaFave

The motion carried.

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

Jason Still provided public comment.

10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS****26-00406 RESOLUTION NO. 2619 – ADOPTION OF 0.1% SALES AND USE TAX FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNDING****RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2619 AND DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION RELATED TO HB 2015.

*Police Chief Robert Huhta presented.
Council discussed.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve Resolution No. 2619 as presented.

Council discussed.

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Young, Councilmember Kendell, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember LaFave

Nays: Mayor Halvorson

The motion carried.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

The IAFF 828 Collective Bargaining Agreement was pulled separate from the Consent Calendar.

26-00398 IAFF 828 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, JANUARY 1, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2028**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

APPROVAL OF THE IAFF LOCAL 828 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR 2026-2028.

A motion was made by Councilmember Claxton, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve the IAFF Local 828 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Ayes: Mayor Halvorson, Mayor Pro Tem Young, Councilmember Kendell, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember LaFave

Abstains: Councilmember Nichols

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nichols, seconded by Councilmember Bryant, to approve the remainder of the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

26-00378 APPROVAL OF APRIL 23, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**26-00326 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS****26-00372 CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF A HEARING EXAMINER PURSUANT TO LMC 1.32**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF HEARING EXAMINER

- 26-00377 RESOLUTION NO. 2621 — APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. ONE TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTERING AND ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES (ADDING CITY OF KELSO)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. ONE TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTERING AND ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES TO ADD THE CITY OF KELSO AS A BENEFITTED MUNICIPALITY.

- 26-00399 RESOLUTION NO. 2622 — A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH STRUCTURED COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR MANAGED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2622 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH STRUCTURED COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR MANAGED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$445,419.00, PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES, FEES, AND AUTHORIZED EXPENSES, FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF THIRTY-SIX MONTHS.

- 26-00400 RESOLUTION NO. 2623 — A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE SERVER HOSTS TO REPLACE EXISTING VIRTUAL MACHINE HOST SERVERS IN THE CITY'S MAIN DATACENTER

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2623 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE, TO SIGN THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THREE NEW SERVERS TO REPLACE THE CITY'S EXISTING VIRTUAL MACHINE HOST SERVERS IN THE MAIN DATACENTER WITH FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT RESERVE (OER) BUDGET.

13. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pro Tem provided a report.

14. **COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

*Councilmember LaFave provided a report.
 Councilmember Nichols provided a report.
 Councilmember Bryant provided a report.
 Councilmember Claxton provided a report.
 Councilmember Kendall provided a report.*

15. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Jennifer Wills provided a report.

- 26-00405 RENEWAL OF THERAPEUTIC COURT GRANT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO COLLABORATE WITH COWLITZ COUNTY DISTRICT

COURT TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.

Police Chief Robert Huhta presented.

Council provided concurrence for staff to collaborate with Cowlitz County to submit the grant application.

26-00407 FUTURE SOLID WASTE CONTRACT PRIORITY ALIGNMENT

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:
PROVIDE PRIORITY ALIGNMENT FOR FUTURE SOLID WASTE CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS**

*Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little presented.
Council discussed.*

Council asked for more information on the 4.5 FTEs and a pros and cons list for moving billing and customer services to Waste Control.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

*Sam Van Laer
Deputy City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

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