



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, June 11, 2026

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE**

26-00450 COLE PRUITT, VALLEY VIEW CHURCH

After the invocation provided by Cole Pruitt, of Valley View Church, 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: City Manager Jennifer Wills, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer (on-line), 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, Finance Director Aaron Hill, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim

4. **CHANGES/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

Derek Fine provided public comment.

Darryl VanDinter provided public comment.

7. PRESENTATIONS**26-00505 LONGVIEW 101 COHORT GRADUATION**

Nineteen graduates of Longview 101 were recognized. Residents attended at least six of the eight-session civic education program focused on explaining how local government operates in Longview. Graduate member Marc Roland spoke about the program.

26-00494 CITY OF LONGVIEW BRAND UPLIFT

Public Information Officer Angela Abel presented.

Council discussed and concurred to move forward on the brand uplift.

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

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Daryl VanDinter provided public comment.

10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS****26-00503 RESOLUTION NO. 2624 - PROPERTY TAX LEVY LID LIFT FOR FIRE AND EMS****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2624**

Fire Chief Brad Hannig presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nichols, seconded by Councilmember Young, to adopt Resolution No. 2624.

Council discussed.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember LaFave

Nays: Councilmember Halvorson

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Young, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

26-00449 APPROVAL OF MAY 28, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**26-00365 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

26-00504 BID REVIEW – COLUMBIA THEATER PARKING LOT PAVING**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND AWARD TO TMC CONTRACTORS LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$340,231.65

26-00507 SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 1 WITH WSP USA FOR 4014 OAK (S11) PUMP STATION UPGRADE**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 1 WITH WSP USA

26-00508 SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 1 WITH GIBBS & OLSON, INC. FOR DEDICATED FILL LINE PROJECT**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 1 WITH GIBBS & OLSON, INC.

26-00509 SET PUBLIC HEARING – 2026-2031 SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND RIVERCITIES TRANSIT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP)**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

MOTION TO SET THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 14, 2026, AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026-2031 SIX-YEAR TIP/POP AMENDMENT III

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Halvorson provided a verbal report.

A motion was made by Mayor Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to increase the City Council training and travel budget from \$10,000 to \$16,000 this year.

Council discussed.

The motion carried unanimously.

14. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Young provided a verbal report.

Councilmember LaFave provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Claxton provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Bryant provided a verbal report.

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Wills provided a verbal report.

26-00492 HOPE VILLAGE REPORT**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

REVIEW THE INFORMATION AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF IF DESIRED

A motion was made by Councilmember Claxton, seconded by Councilmember Young, to proceed with surplussing the properties at Hope Village and give local non-profits and religious organizations first opportunity and any proceeds be used for aiding our homeless population.

Council discussed.

**An Amendment to the motion was made by Mayor Halvorson striking the 2 caveats; replacing with suplusing the properties at Hope Village and have staff come up with best use case within legal parameters and for sale/proceeds to go into the General Fund earmarked for a purpose the Council has final approval of.
The amendment failed for lack of a second.**

An amendment to the motion was made by Councilmember Nichols, seconded by Councilmember Kendall to divide the question – direct staff to bring back a resolution to surplus the properties at Hope Village with caveat that it goes to certain entities and that the sale/proceeds are earmarked for homelessness.

The amendment to divide the question into two carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember LaFave.

Nays: Councilmember Young, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Bryant.

Council discussed the two parts of the amendment.

The first question – proceeds of any surplus from the sale of Hope Village to be earmarked by this council to assist the unhoused community.

The motion carried unanimously.

The second question – the surplus process would prioritize the transfer of the surplus goods to a local agency or community organization of a religious or social nature who assists the unhoused community in the City of Longview. If unable to do that step, would revert to the commercially reasonable standard subject to legal review.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Nichols

Nays: Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Kendall, Mayor Halvorson

The main motion as amended is to direct staff to bring back a resolution that surpluses the Hope Village units with first opportunity, within legal limits, to local non-profits and religious organizations, with the proceeds being earmarked by council to homeless-related funding sources.

The main motion as amended carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Kendall.

Nays: Councilmember LaFave, Mayor Halvorson.

Council took a 10-minute recess until 8:45 p.m. At 8:47 p.m. council reconvened with all members present.

26-00493 LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUND DISTRIBUTION POLICY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE CITY OF LONGVIEW LODGING TAX FUNDING POLICY

City Manager Jennifer Wills presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to approve City of Longview Lodging Tax Funding Policy.

Council discussed.

The motion carried unanimously.

26-00495 PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND DETERMINE WHICH THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Manager Jennifer Wills explained the request.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Young, to move forward with the Economic Development Committee. The motion carried unanimously. Council concurred on three members: Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Young

26-00502 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX UPDATE

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:
COUNCIL CONCURRENCE WITH PROPOSED PLAN**

*Police Chief Robert Huhta presented.
Council discussed.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to concur with the proposed plan. The motion carried unanimously.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY JULY 14, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP:

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026 – 6:00 P.M. - 2027-2028 BASELINE BUDGET