



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*

Tuesday, July 14, 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**

26-00456 BRIAN CUMMINGS, EVANGEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

After the invocation provided by Brian Cummings of Evangel Christian Fellowship, the flag salute was recited.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Halvorson, Mayor Pro Tem Young, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Kendall, 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, Senior Assistant City Attorney James Goodman, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim

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

Mayor Halvorson added an Executive Session regarding Risk of Proposed Action to follow agenda item #9.

5. **AWARDS**

26-00497 PROCLAMATION - PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH JULY 2026; RECIPIENT PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JUSTIN BROWN & PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CHAIRPERSON OLIVER BLACK

Mayor Halvorson presented the proclamation to Parks and Recreation Director Justin Brown and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson Oliver Black.

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

Kaye Clinch provided public comment.

Alice Kerby provided public comment.

Jeff Wilson provided public comment.

Mike Pederson provided public comment.

Clint Hash provided public comment.

Debra Coleman provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Spencer Boudreau provided public comment.

Darryl VanDinter provided public comment.

Tom Spain provided public comment.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

26-00539 DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO LMC CHAPTER 11 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGARDING PARKING - DOWNTOWN AND CITYWIDE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE REPORT ON PROPOSED LMC CHAPTER 11 CHANGES REGARDING PARKING; PROVIDE DIRECTION ON PATH FORWARD

Community Development Director Nick Little presented.

Council discussed and gave direction for broader updates to LMC regarding parking regulations city-wide.

26-00540 IT STANDARDS, CAPACITY, AND RESILIENCE BRIEFING

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

COUNCIL DIRECTION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF COSTED REMEDIATION STRATEGY THAT EVALUATES A MIX OF STAFFING, CONTRACTORS, MANAGED SERVICES, REPRIORITIZATION, AND REDUCED SCOPE

Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan presented.

Council discussed.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

26-00560 PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 – 2031 SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP) AND RIVERCITIES TRANSIT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2632.**

Mayor Halvorson opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins explained the TIP amendment is to update the Columbia Heights project to put on the new funding sources.

Mayor Halvorson opened and closed the public comment portion as no one present spoke for or against the subject and closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to adopt Resolution No. 2632. The motion carried unanimously.

- 26-00557 ORDINANCE NO. 3579 - PERTAINING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE; ADOPTING SECTION 9.26.110 TO THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING THE OFFENSE OF RECKLESS EXPOSURE OF A CHILD TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; CLASSIFYING THE OFFENSE; REFERENCING APPLICABLE GENERAL PENALTY AND CULPABILITY PROVISIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Halvorson opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Senior Assistant City Attorney James Goodman explained the proposed ordinance and answered clarifying questions.

Mayor Halvorson opened the public comment portion of the hearing.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Kristy, last name unstated, provided public comment.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.

Steve Ferrell provided public comment.

Mayor Halvorson closed the public comment portion and the hearing at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Halvorson seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to adopt Ordinance No. 3579.

Council discussed.

An amendment was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Mayor Halvorson, to include "in utero" language and bring back a second ordinance at the next regular council meeting.

The amendment carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Young, Mayor Halvorson, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Nichols

Nays: Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Claxton

The main motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

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

George Robertson provided public comment.

Shannon McClain provided public comment.

Jason Still provided public comment.

Michael O'Neill provided public comment.

Darryl VanDinter provided public comment.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council, City Manager Jennifer Wills, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins entered Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii) Risk of

Proposed Action for a period of 15 minutes. At 8:17 p.m. all parties came out of Executive Session. Council will take action afterwards.

11. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

12. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

26-00566 RESOLUTION NO. 2629 - UPDATE TO PUBLIC WORKS FEE SCHEDULE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2629

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Collins explained the fee schedule.

Community Development Director Nick Little explained the fill and grade.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to adopt Resolution No. 2629. The motion carried unanimously.

26-00541 RESOLUTION NO. 2630 – DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2630

A motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to adopt Resolution No. 2630.

*An amendment was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Young, that any proceeds from the disposition of the units would be utilized by the city in any fashion for the benefit of our impoverished constituents at the discretion of the council.
The amendment passed unanimously.*

The main motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

26-00558 RESOLUTION NO. 2631 – DECLARING FIFTY (50) PORTABLE AIR CONDITIONING UNITS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THEIR TRANSFER TO FISH OF COWLITZ COUNTY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2631

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to adopt Resolution No. 2631.

Council discussed.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstained: Councilmember Claxton

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

26-00454 APPROVAL OF JUNE 25, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND JULY 7, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

26-00455 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

- 26-00567 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 19.22.025 RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND REPEALING CHAPTER 19.12.055 RELATING TO APPEAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REVIEW AUTHORITY FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 11, 2026

- 26-00565 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 19.40, COUNTY EVENT CENTER ZONING DISTRICT, TO ALLOW FOR ANIMAL SHELTERING AS AN ALLOWED USE AND REDUCING ACCESS RESTRICTIONS TO PEARDALE LANE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 11, 2026

- 26-00570 SET PUBLIC HEARING – 2027-2032 SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND RIVERCITIES TRANSIT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 25, 2026, AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2027-2032 SIX-YEAR POP AMENDMENT I

- 26-00585 RESOLUTION NO. 2634 - AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF UPDATED OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION GRANT AND EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2634

14. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Halvorson provided an oral report.

15. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember LaFave provided an oral report.

Councilmember Claxton provided an oral report.

16. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- 26-00584 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WALLIN V. CITY OF LONGVIEW, ET AL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IN THE WALLIN V. CITY OF LONGVIEW, ET AL. MATTER AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER, WITH LEGAL COUNSEL'S ASSISTANCE, TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND A MUTUAL RELEASE OF CLAIMS, WITH NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY, PROVIDING THAT (1) THE CITY WILL PAY PLAINTIFFS \$80,000 IN ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS; (2) THE CITY WILL CONSIDER REVIEWING ITS PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (PRA) POLICY; AND (3) THE CITY WILL DEVELOP A CELL PHONE ISSUANCE POLICY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer read the settlement agreement terms.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to approve

the proposed settlement agreement.

Council discussed.

The council recessed for 5 minutes at 8:45 p.m. until 8:50 p.m. At 8:52 p.m. all members of the council returned to the chambers.

Attorney Archer explained the settlement agreement has not been signed by all the parties pending council approval and approval by the other parties. Statements about the litigation should be curtailed. Council discussed.

The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Wills provided a verbal report.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

26-00542 RISK OF PROPOSED ACTION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii)

The City Council, City Manager Jennifer Wills, Interim City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan entered Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii) Risk of Proposed Action for a period of 30 minutes. At 9:30 p.m. Executive Session was continued for 10 minutes. At 9:40 p.m. Executive Session was continued for 10 minutes. At 9:53 p.m. all parties came out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

***Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk***

***Approved: _____
Mayor***

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, JULY 28 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026 – 6:00 P.M. – WASTE MANAGEMENT