

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*

Monday, August 17, 2026**6:00 PM****2nd Floor, City Hall**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a special meeting/workshop in the Longview City Hall Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

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

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was recited.

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent/Excused: Mayor Halvorson

Staff Present: City Manager Jennifer Wills, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Finance Director Aaron Hill, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Parks & Recreation

Director Justin Brown, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Fire Chief Brad Hannig, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, Library Director Jacob Cole, Senior Assistant City Attorney James Goodman, Police Administrative Manager Mary Chennault, Recreation Manager Erin Cranston, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim

4. WORKSHOP

26-00666 BUDGET ENHANCEMENTS & BUDGET PROJECTIONS

City Manager Wills and Finance Director Hill led the presentation. Topics included: Outside Agency requests, Tourism Fund direction, Budget Projection - YTD June, Position Budgeting and Budget Enhancement requests.

Council consensus: Outside Agency requests will be funded for 2027 only and at the 2026 funding rates. Agreements will be drafted. Will open for 2028 funding requests.

Council consensus: Tourism Fund for 2027 will be budgeted at \$65,000. Will look at cost recovery and offsetting recovery.

Council reviewed the 2026 Actual Expenses per department and the 2026 actual revenues grouped by taxes, charges for services, intergovernmental, licenses and permits, fines and forfeits, and non-revenues.

Council reviewed budget line item requests for non-personnel, additional personnel, and personnel adjustments.

Council discussed enhancements with offsetting revenue and a Foundation Specialist.

Next Budget Workshops will be Thursday, September 3 and 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Training Room.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.