

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, September 3, 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 in the Longview City Hall Council Chamber, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

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Webinar ID: 823 9413 2374

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Staff Present: City Manager Jennifer Wills, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Human Resources

Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan (on-line), Finance Director Aaron Hill (on-line), City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim

4. **WORKSHOP**

26-00737 BASELINE BUDGET

Finance Director Hill presented on-line.

Council reviewed and discussed the General Fund FY26 projection, base budgets, fund balance, and 5-year projection.

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Collins gave a primer on Ad Valorem.

Council gave direction to factor in Ad Valorem and new construction, but be agile based on the November general election.

Future discussion will include utility rates and a public hearing for a tax cut in the Transportation Benefit District.

The September 17 workshop will cover Capital Improvement Projects as well as Enterprise and Internal Funds.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

Approved: _____
Mayor

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 – 6:00 P.M. – CIP BUDGET, TRAINING ROOM