



City of Longview

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Minutes - Final

City Council

*Mayor Don Jensen
Council Member Ken Botero
Council Member Tom Hutchinson
Council Member Chet Makinster
Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Melink
Council Member Steve Moon
Council Member Michael Wallin*

Thursday, July 23, 2015

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 workshop session in the Longview City Hall Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

The City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the City Executive Offices at 360.442.5004 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was convened at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Don Jensen; Council Member Botero; Council Member Makinster; Mayor Pro Tem Melink; Council Member Moon; and Council Member Wallin

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager David Campbell; Kurt Sacha, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director; John Brickey, Director of Community Development; and Chris Smith, Human Resources Director.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

[15-3939](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR POSITION

COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Strengthen economic conditions & create new opportunities

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Sustaining the past and current economic development efforts has been identified as an important function for the future economic health of our community. The 2015-2016 City budget includes authorization for a staff position to focus on strengthening economic conditions and creating new opportunities by facilitating economic development within our community. At the 2015 Council Retreat, staff was directed to bring forward a proposal to create and fill this position for Council consideration.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to authorize the City Manager to fill the position of Economic Development Coordinator

Attachments: [Economic Development Coordinator position](#)

Community and Economic Development Director John Brickey presented a slideshow which highlighted the history of the City's approach to economic development, the experiences the City has had in this area in terms of successes and failures, and why the addition of an Economic Development Coordinator would benefit the City. Director Brickey also explained some of the alternatives to a full-time employee.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Melink, seconded by Council Member Chet Makinster, that this matter be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.