



# City of Longview

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## Minutes - Final

### City Council

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

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Thursday, August 13, 2015

6:20 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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**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, August 13, at 6:20 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*The workshop was convened at 6:18 p.m.*

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Don Jensen, Council Member Botero, Council Member Makinster, Mayor Pro Tem Melink, Council Member Moon, Council Member Wallin and Council Member Vydra

**STAFF PRESENT**

*City Manager David Campbell and City Attorney Jim McNamara.*

*Also present: Kurt Sacha, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director; Manuel Abarca, Engineering Coordinator; Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director; Craig Bozarth, Engineering Manager; Mary Chennault, Police Administrative Manager; Deborah Johnson, Police Captain; and Chris Smith, Human Resources Director.*

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

[15-3952](#)**SCHOOL ZONE UPGRADES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS****Attachments:**     [School Zone and Pedestrian Safety - 08.13WS](#)

*Engineering Coordinator Manuel Abarca presented a power point entitled "School Zone Upgrades and Pedestrian Safety Improvements." Mayor Jensen requested that the school zone safety improvements at St. Rose school be reviewed by Council. Council Member Mike Wallin commented on the cost of the recommended improvements, that the overhead lights are less costly and less maintenance. The cost of replacing the existing improvements is \$60,000. There was a Council consensus to concur with the recommended action.*

*In regards to the Washington Way and Commerce Intersection, the cost to improve all four corners of Washington Way and Commerce is projected to be between \$80,000 and \$120,000. There is a grant for this project in the amount of \$300,000 and the total cost of the project is \$370,000. Council was not in favor of reducing the southbound left turn lanes from two to one. Engineering Coordinator Manuel Abarca recommended dog-house phasing with a sign left turn lane. The single left turn lane is also longer than the current double left turn lane. Staff proposed both mini and maxi bulb-outs at the corners of the intersection. The current configuration resolves several concerns that now exist. The general agreement was to move forward with the recommendation. There were some Council concerns with the use of the Public Safety Fund to pay for the portion of the project not funded by the grant.*

*In regards to the Broadway School, Council expressed some concern with removing the school zone designation from the Broadway Learning Center. Council Member Moon commented that he would prefer consistency - Broadway School should have the same signage and be kept as a school zone with flashing lights with speed indicators on 7th avenue and no speed indicators on Broadway. Council Member Makinster agreed with Council Member Moon that there should be consistency, no feedback signs on Broadway. There was a Council consensus.*

*Council adjourned for the 7:00 p.m. regular Council meeting. The workshop resumed at 7:52 p.m.*

*Mayor Jensen asked about signage at St. Rose school on 26th avenue and flashing lights only on 26th avenue. Council concurred with staff's recommendation.*

*Council Member Moon asked about Three Rivers Christian School at Ocean Beach and Pacific Way. This intersection is okay to leave as is.*

*In regards to 15th avenue at Mark Morris Court, this crossing was identified by a Kittelson report. The grant became a funding option for the proposed project because of the students and transit access. A traffic signal is the highest level of crossing control at an at-grade intersection. If a signal were installed, the school zone designation could be removed. Ken Botero stated that this discussion was about safety for children; the students at Mark Morris are young adults, not little kids, and if, as a society, we are really concerned for the safety of the students, the City should work with the School District to close the Mark Morris Campus at lunch. However, closing the campus would create significant logistical problems for the School District. \$25,000 is spent annually on school crossing guards. Council Member Makinster, Council Member Melink and Council Member Botero stated their opposition to the signal. Council Member Vydra stated that he could not support the signal at this time. It was unanimously decided to oppose the signal at this time. The school zone would be left as is and upgraded with new flashers and speed feedback signs.*

*In regards to safe routes to school, the Council questioned how much effort should be spent on the subject by the City. Safe routes were a part of the Kittelson review. Some areas could be improved, according to the Longview school district. These areas should be reviewed. Council Member Moon suggested that structure and safety be improved in some areas. City staff will work with the school district to improve safe routes to school.*

*Rick, a transportation manager with the school district, advised Council that the school district believes the traffic signal at Mark Morris Court is critical for improved safety. Council Member Wallin proposed that the decision be delayed for thirty days. The Council agreed to delay a decision.*

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.*