



City of Longview

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Minutes - Final

City Council

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

Thursday, May 26, 2016

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, May 26, 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

Mayor Jensen convened the workshop at 6:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager David Campbell; Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Kurt Sacha; City Attorney Jim McNamara; City Clerk Kaylee Cody; Human Resources Director Chris Smith; Community & Economic Development Director John Brickey; and Risk & Safety Manager Brian Loos.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

[16-4306](#)

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CWCOCG)

SERVICES**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A****SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

During the process of amending the 2015-2016 biennial budget last December, the City Council voted to authorize payment of the first half of the City's 2016 annual dues to the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, but not to make the second six months' payment until conducting a review of the organization's services to the City. CWCOG staff will make a presentation during the Council's April 21 Workshop outlining the services they provide for the association of general and special purpose member governments and agencies in the Lower Columbia region. The primary focus will be on the direct and indirect benefits to the City of Longview as a general member participant.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action is required during the workshop, but staff will need Council direction within the next month whether or not to make dues payments to the CWCOG for the second half of 2016.

STAFF CONTACT:

John Brickey, Director of Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [Member Report - City of Longview 4-20-2016](#)

Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) Executive Director Bill Fashing presented a slideshow of the current services provided by CWCOG. After discussion, the council directed staff to bring a proposed budget amendment forward for a decision at a regular council meeting in June; at that time, the council will decide whether or not to pay the second half 2016 membership dues to CWCOG. City Manager Campbell emphasized to council that historically, Longview has received much more in value in various different types of grant and other funding than our basic dues have represented. Additionally, the City would not be eligible for many types of grants if it were not a member of CWCOG.

Mayor Jensen invited constituents to speak on the topic of Longview's relationship with the CWCOG.

Michael Greene, Superintendent of the Woodland School District, spoke in favor of Longview's continued membership with CWCOG. Mr. Green explained that many of the schools maintain a membership with CWCOG because the districts recognize that economic development of the region and transportation infrastructure benefit families and promote working wages that benefit kids in the school district.

Jeff Wilson of Longview addressed COG Director Fashing regarding the COG's auditing agency and employees.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jensen adjourned the workshop at 6:57 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016

NEXT COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016