



City of Longview

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Minutes - Final

City Council

Mayor Don Jensen
Council Member Ken Botero
Council Member Chet Makinster
Council Member Steve Moon
Council Member Scott Vydra
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wallin
Council Member MaryAlice Wallis

Thursday, October 11, 2018

7:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE**

After a moment of silent reflection, the flag salute was recited.

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

STAFF PRESENT

HR Director & Acting City Manager Chris Smith; Deputy City Clerk Maureen Wingler; Assistant City Attorney Stephen Shuman; Public Works Director Jeff Cameron; Police Chief Jim Duscha; Interim Fire Chief Jim Kambeitz; Library Director Chris Skaugset; IT Director Todd Dodgin; Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills; and Planner Adam Trimble.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion duly made and passed, the reading of the minutes of the workshop held September 20th and the regular meeting held September 27th, copies of which had been submitted to the Mayor and members of the City Council, was waived and the minutes were approved with the following correction:

September 27, 2018 regular meeting minutes Councilmembers' Reports corrected to

say that Council Member Vydra provided a report on the Cowlitz County Homeless-Housing Task Force, not Housing Opportunities of Southwest Washington.

[18-5613](#)

**COUNCIL MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 WORKSHOP
COUNCIL MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

Attachments: [9.20.18 Workshop Minutes for Approval](#)
 [9.27.2018 Regular Meeting Minutes for Approval](#)

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

With no objection, item 18-5612 (Alley Vacation Reconsideration) was moved to the November 1st regular meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

[18-5572](#)

**PROCLAMATION: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH -
OCTOBER 2018**

RECIPIENT: JILL MATHEWS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE & CASE
MANAGER

STAFF CONTACT: Maureen Wingler, Executive Office

Attachments: [Domestic Violence Action Month - October 2018.pdf](#)

Mayor Jensen presented the proclamation to Jill Matthews and Angie Curl, Domestic Violence Advocates with the Emergency Support Shelter.

[18-5616](#)

PROCLAMATION: LONGVIEW-WAKO SISTER CITY FRIENDSHIP 2018

RECIPIENT: EILEEN BERGESON, CHAIR

STAFF CONTACT: Maureen Wingler, Executive Office

Attachments: [Longview - Wako Friendship 2018.pdf](#)

Council Member Moon presented the proclamation to Sister City Commission members and a delegation of students visiting from Wako.

[18-5615](#)

PARKS & RECREATION: COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AWARD

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Longview Parks & Recreation Department goal of the Community Advocate Award is to recognize community members who support the mission of Longview Parks and Recreation to build a healthy Longview community. To be considered for the Award, the department created the following criteria:

- May be involved in Longview Parks & Recreation but must be involved

in additional activities outside of the department

- Majority of advocacy must benefit City of Longview Residents.
- Recipients work must align with our mission
- Priority for award goes to those that deal with a vulnerable population
- Advocate must volunteer. Award may be given to a person based on their paid job position, but they must also volunteer in some capacity.

This Fall, the City of Longview Parks and Recreation Department decided to recognize, Erika Quiroz, Cary Bellows & Juice Quiroz of Radical Love. These individuals have been chosen because they enhance the quality of life for residents and inspire us every day with their passion and commitment to make Longview a better place to live, work, and play. Erika and Juice came to Washington in 2012 looking for a positive community to call home. During this time the Longview/Kelso area was already in the midst of its housing and homeless crisis. With the closure of Love Overwhelming coinciding with dropping temperatures, Erika knew there would be a spike of homeless individuals on the streets unprepared for freezing weather, and felt moved to do something to help those in need. Erika, being a life-long hobby chef, and her son Juice, took it upon themselves to make a large pot of chili to help warm those on that cold night. Through the support of many organizations and individuals in our community, that outreach turned into a regular meal which welcomed all who needed to be fed, body and soul. Erika quickly recognized that many of those attending the regular meals depended on heavily processed, nutrient-deficient foods to survive, and as a result had many health complications because of or worsened by poor nutrition. Erika focused on providing nutrient-rich meals, utilizing the bounty of local gardeners, donors, and the school gardens to serve nourishing food in a loving, welcoming family-style meal. Through the efforts of Erika, her partner Cary Bellows, Juice and countless volunteers and supporters, Radical Love continues to thrive. They now serve two meals each week and it's not uncommon for some of the regular guests to call out, "Love you!" when leaving, as one does when leaving the home of a friend or family member. Erika Says: "We, as a human family, are all a part of one living body. If one part of the body is unwell, we are all unwell. When we nourish the whole, we uplift the whole. And, as love grows, we grow, too." We all would like to thank Erica, Cary, and Juice for their dedication to improving the health and wellbeing of so many Cowlitz County residents!

Recreation Specialist Lya Trammel presented.

7. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)

Dawn Smith of Longview addressed Council regarding homelessness.

Susan Lee Schwartz of Longview addressed Council in support of Initiative No. 1631

Larry Wilhelmsen of Longview addressed Council in support of Initiative No. 1631.

Bill Josh of Longview addressed Council regarding an upcoming food drive.

Ron Knori of Longview addressed Council in support of Initiative No. 1631.

Roger Merrill of Longview addressed Council regarding the library program Storytime with Goddess.

Lisa Gaynor of Longview addressed Council in support of the library program Storytime with Goddess.

Beck of Longview addressed Council regarding Del Ray II Mobile Home Park.

Kalei LaFave addressed Council in opposition to Initiative No. 1631.

8. **FOLLOW-UP TO PAST CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS**

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

10. **BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

11. **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

[18-5609](#)

RESOLUTION 2278: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION - STATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY, AS SIGNED BY THE CITY MANAGER ON OCTOBER 2, 2018, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10.60 LMC

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Address quality of place issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City Manager has determined that there are conditions that threaten to result in the destruction of, or damage to, property. LMC 10.60.010 authorizes the City Manager to declare a civil emergency under such conditions. He did so on October 2nd. LMC 10.60.015 requires that this declaration of emergency be ratified by the Council or it will have no further force or effect. The proposed resolution is the instrument by which the Council can take action to ratify the City Manager's declaration of an emergency.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2278.

Attachments: [Resolution 2278 ratifying Homelessness Emergency Declaration](#)
[Proclamation of Emergency - Homelessness](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Scott Vydra, seconded by Council Member MaryAlice Wallis, to adopt Resolution No. 2278. The motion passed unanimously.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT**13. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**[18-5610](#)

**CONCERNING INITIATIVE MEASURE NO 1631, FILED MARCH 13, 2018
AN ACT RELATING TO REDUCING POLLUTION BY INVESTING IN
CLEAN AIR, CLEAN ENERGY, CLEAN WATER, HEALTHY FORESTS,
AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES BY IMPOSING A FEE ON LARGE
EMITTERS BASED ON THEIR POLLUTION; AND ADDING A NEW
CHAPTER TO TITLE 70 RCW.**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Mary Alice Wallis

SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Wallin

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Continue effective financial management, strengthen economic conditions & create new opportunities, address quality of place issues, preserve and enhance neighborhoods and more.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Initiative 1631 would impose a carbon tax of \$15 per metric ton of CO₂ emitted in Washington State, increasing by \$2 per year plus inflation, to over \$40 per metric ton in about ten years. Taxpayers would see the cost of the initiative primarily at the gas pump, in home heating costs, and on their electricity bills. This translates to between \$234 and \$305 for the average household in the first year, increasing to \$672 and \$877 per year after ten years. The largest portion of the cost would come from a 14-cent-per-gallon gas tax that would increase by about two cents per gallon each year. The initiative calls the tax a "pollution fee," but it would use existing laws on gas taxes and other energy taxes for enforcement, so the effect on taxpayers would be a tax. Spending of the more than \$600 million generated annually by the carbon tax would be dictated by a 15-member board, all but one of whom would be unelected and would have few restrictions on how to spend the money. The initiative would limit the impact on manufacturing jobs by exempting "energy-intensive, trade-exposed" industries, as well as agricultural, aircraft, and maritime fuels. Claims that the initiative would create jobs make several errors, including the claim that buying less fuel would keep money in Washington State, even as supporters argue we should buy more foreign-built wind turbines and electric vehicles. Although the initiative sets CO₂ reduction targets, there is no accountability for board members or the state if targets are not met. Ironically, if the board failed to meet CO₂ reduction targets, taxes would be increased, and board members would be given control over more money, providing an incentive to miss the targets. The initiative would limit and then prohibit third-party CO₂ reduction projects, which are often the most effective and efficient. Among the suggestions for expenditure is that funding be used to increase tolling on state roads, called in the initiative, "traffic demand management."

Consistent with RCW 42.17A.555(1), members of the council and members of the public will be afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

A City Council motion expressing to the Voters of the City of Longview the City Council's opinion that Initiative 1631, AN ACT Relating to reducing pollution by investing in clean air, clean energy, clean water, healthy forests, and healthy communities by imposing a fee on large emitters based on their pollution; and adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW, should not be approved by the voters.

Attachments: [Initiative 1631 for the agenda of 10-11-18](#)

Bill Josh of Longview spoke in opposition to Initiative No. 1631.

Dawn Smith of Longview spoke in opposition to Initiative No. 1631.

Lisa Gaynor of Longview spoke in opposition to Initiative No. 1631.

Jeff, surname unknown, of Longview spoke in opposition to Initiative No. 1631.

Sandra Boord addressed Council regarding Initiative No. 1631.

A motion was made by Council Member MaryAlice Wallis, seconded by Council Member Scott Vydra, expressing to the Voters of the City of Longview the City Council's opinion that Initiative 1631, an act relating to reducing pollution by investing in clean air, clean energy, clean water, healthy forests, and healthy communities by imposing a fee on large emitters based on their pollution; and adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW, should not be approved by the voters. The motion passed unanimously.

[18-5611](#)

**HARLIE'S HOOPS BASKETBALL COURT PROJECT AT ELKS
MEMORIAL PARK AT LAKE SACAJAWEA PARK AND ALLOCATION OF
REMAINING FUNDS FROM THE NIEGHBORHOOD PARK GRANT**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember MaryAlice Wallis

SUPPORTED BY: Councilmember Steve Moon

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Preserve and enhance neighborhoods and address quality of place issues.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Harlie's Angels is a non-profit organization based on equipping and empowering teens to grow into loving, responsible, caring, young adults through sports, service and fellowship. (www.harliesangels.com [<http://www.harliesangels.com>](http://www.harliesangels.com)) Jennifer DesArmo of Harlie's Angels and her dedicated volunteers have been working hard to improve the lives of the

community and specifically the lives of the teens at the Longview Teen Center located at the Elks Memorial Teen Center at Lake Sacajawea.

Since October of 2017, Jennifer has addressed Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Historic Preservations Board and met with the Longview City Council at a workshop on February 2018 and at the City Council meeting on May 2018 to present the project and the details of what has been accomplished thus far for the project of a covered basketball court next to the Elk's Memorial Building at Lake Sacajawea Park.

Council unanimously voted in support of the concept of Harlie's Hoops at the workshop in February 2018. Harlie's Angels has worked with Ecological Land Services to undergo a Critical Areas Determination and Impact Analysis for the proposal of the Harlie's Hoops Basketball Court. All studies have shown no impact. Studies completed so far include: SEPA checklist and Critical Areas Determination and Impact Analysis. Other studies still to be completed are Certificate of Appropriateness that will occur on October 22, as well as the public outreach, shoreline permit, height variance request, building/electrical permits and approval of engineered drawings.

On May 24, 2018 Council approved the motion to have the City Manager sign the Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application allowing Harlie's Angels to move onto the next phase of the project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve the allocation of the remaining 17k of the Neighborhood Park Grant to Harlie's Hoops for the Harlie's Hoops project at the location of Elks Memorial Park at Lake Sacajawea.

Attachments: [Harlie's Hoops summary statement for the agenda of 10-11-18](#)

Kalei LaFave of Longview addressed Council in support of Harlie's Hoops.

Dawn Smith of Longview addressed Council in support of Harlie's Hoops.

Jennifer DesArmo of Castle Rock addressed Council in support of Harlie's Hoops.

Sandra Boord of Longview addressed Council in support of Harlie's Hoops.

Bill Josh of Longview addressed Council in support of Harlie's Hoops.

Peggy Hoffman of Longview addressed Council in support of Harlie's Hoops.

A motion was made by Council Member Steve Moon, seconded by Council Member MaryAlice Wallis, to approve the allocation of the remaining 17k of the Neighborhood Park Grant to Harlie's Hoops for the Harlie's Hoops project at the location of Elks Memorial Park at Lake Sacajawea. The motion passed unanimously.

[18-5612](#)

ALLEY VACATION RECONSIDERATION

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Ken Botero

SUPPORTED BY: Councilmember Chet Makinster

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Preserve and enhance neighborhoods

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

At the 07/12/18 council meeting, council approved Resolution No. 2272 setting a public hearing to vacate the northerly 290 feet of alley right-of-way in Block #12, Plat of Longview #7, located between 7th & 8th Avenues, south of Hudson Street, as requested by property owner Vince Penta. At the 8/9/18 meeting, council held the public hearing and subsequently approved the alley vacation request. The approval had conditions set, as can be reviewed on the attached minute excerpt from that meeting.

Recently Mr. Penta had a conversation with City of Longview staff concerning that approval. We would like to revisit this issue after Mr. Penta expressed a different view of what our intent was. It seems that city staff and the State of Washington are not on the same page on the funding issue. The City of Longview, following tradition, has the option to collect the payment for the vacations. Mr. Penta is asking to earmark the funds being paid into a fund, separate from general fund monies, and be set aside for the required relocation and other infrastructure that may be required through building permits. It was noted that "housing can only be affordable to rent, if the cost to build be affordable".

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Revisit council intent regarding the alley vacation approval as mentioned above.

Attachments: [Alley Vacation Reconsideration for agenda of 10-11-18 SIGNED](#)

This item was moved to November 1st (see Changes to the Agenda). No action was taken.

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

There being no items the Council wished removed from the Consent Calendar, a motion was duly made and passed approving the items on the Consent Calendar as though acted on individually.

[18-5614](#)

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Based upon the authentication and certification of claims and demands against the city, prepared and signed by the City's auditing officer, and in full reliance thereon, it is moved and seconded as shown in the minutes of this meeting that the following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment:

FIRST HALF OCTOBER 2018 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$1,188,939.39**SECOND HALF SEPTEMBER 2018 PAYROLL:**

\$83,520.53, checks no. 23-44

\$710,275.80, direct deposits

\$964,667.38, wire transfers

\$1,758,463.71 Total

STAFF CONTACT:

Kaylee Cody, City Clerk

John Baldwin, Fiscal Analyst

Chresta Larson, Human Resources Specialist

Final accounts payable: \$1,511,487.06; checks 8430-8712.

[PROJ #105](#)**PROJECT COMPLETION - COLUMBIA HEIGHTS ROAD SLIDE REPAIR****COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Improve transportation systems

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

The Columbia Heights Road Slide Repair project has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications under Contract No. 17-2653-R entered into between the City of Longview and P.C.R., Inc. The City Council must accept the project as complete before final contract closeout can be accomplished.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to accept as complete the Columbia Heights Road Slide Repair project.

STAFF CONTACT:

Craig Bozarth, City Engineer

[18-5617](#)**LONGVIEW POLICE GUILD, JANUARY 1, 2019 - DECEMBER 31, 2021****COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Continue effective financial management

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

On September 10, 2018 the Longview Police Guild and the City reached Tentative Agreement on a 2019-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Multiple articles in the contract were opened for review and some language changes to clarify/improve the contract were made.

The Longview Police Guild notified the City of its 58 member ratification on October 2, 2018. The contract provides for a wage increase as follows:

Effective January 1, 2019: A general wage increase of 3.0%.

For year 2020: A general wage increase of 3.0%%.

For year 2021: A general wage increase of 3.0%

Additionally, all Guild members will remain on either the AWC/Regence or Kaiser Permanente High Deductible Healthcare Plans with a 5% employee contribution of the premium. Members who opt-out of City paid medical insurance will receive \$750 per month to a personal VEBA account. Dental plans remain at 100% employer paid.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the Longview Police Guild Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2019-2021.

STAFF CONTACT:

Chris Smith, Human Resources Director

Attachments: [Longview Police Guild 2019-21 CBA](#)

15. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

16. **MISCELLANEOUS**

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. The next scheduled regular meeting of the Council is October 25, 2018.

*Maureen Wingler
Deputy City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018 - 7:00 P.M. (SPECIAL MEETING)

NEXT COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 - 8:30 A.M. BUDGET WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017 - 6:00 P.M. LIBRARY MODERNIZATION PLAN