



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Joint Special Meeting

February 9, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers 501 N Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

1. City/County Economic Development Strategic Plan

Mayor Lillquist called the meeting to order.

Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Rich Elliott, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Monica Miller, Adam Winn, Commissioner Wachsmith, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Osiadacz, Deputy Prosecutor Caulkins, Kittitas County Public Works Director Cook, City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, Stormwater Manager Morrow, Public Works and Utilities Director Lyyski, Parks and Recreation Director Case, Assistant City Attorney Reiman, Deputy City Clerk Davison

Present via zoom: Jeff Marcell, Victoria Wilson, Alex Cooke

Also present: Central Washington University(CWU) President Wohlpart, CWU Executive Office and Project Manager Cochran, Executive Director of CenterFuse Reich, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer McGuffin and roughly 6 members of the public

Mayor Lillquist and Commissioner Wright opened the meeting. Jeff Marcell, Alex Cooke and Victoria Wilson from TIP Strategies presented the Economic Development Strategic Plan. CWU President Wohlpart gave the University's perspective on the plan. Mayor Lillquist recognized former Mayor Tabb's efforts in moving the plan forward. City Manager Cerniwey detailed a rollout date of March 7th, to be hosted by the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Wright commented on tax base ratios in Kittitas County.

2. Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness Update

City Manager Behrends Cerniwey presented an overview of the proposed sleep center and a March 28 open house event to inform the community.

3. Affordable Housing Project Update

City Manager Behrends Cerniwey gave an update on the affordable housing projects in the City of Ellensburg. Commissioner Osiadacz gave an update on Kittitas County's affordable housing projects.

4. Public Facilities Discussion

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Mayor Lillquist opened the discussion on future public facilities.

4.A Community Center

City Manager Behrends Cerniwey detailed the City's goals for a community center.

4.B Fieldhouse

City Manager Behrends Cerniwey explained the loss of the racquet center and the proposed fieldhouse at Rotary Park.

4.C Event Center/Rodeo Grounds

Commissioner Wachsmith presented the status of the Fairgrounds and Rodeo Arena.

4.D Airport

Mayor Lillquist detailed the status of the Airport facilities and proposed an interlocal agreement regarding improvement costs. Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Osiadacz commented on future investments in Bowers park.

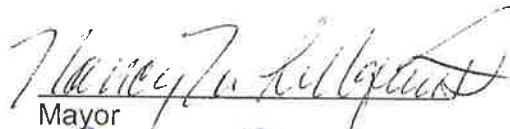
5. Interlocal Agreement Update

City Manager Behrends Cerniwey gave an update on the state of the interlocal agreement.

6. Floodplain Mapping Update

City Manager Behrends Cerniwey provided information on the City's goals for better data on floodplain mapping. Commissioner Wright provided the County's perspective.

Mayor Lillquist adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk


Cory Wright
Chairman


Brett Wachsmith
Vice Chair


Laura Osiadacz
Commissioner