

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Pastor Jay, from the Reign Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Veryl Anderson led the flag salute. Councilmembers in attendance were Jim Hill, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, Mike Karnofski, Brian Wood, Jackie Collins, and Veryl Anderson.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Amenda the agenda, removing item 6.1.' Discussion followed. Councilmember Karnofski, Hill, Anderson and Wood voted no. Councilmembers Harvey, Alexander and Collins voted yes. Motion failed 4 to 3.

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Wood, 'Approve the Agenda as presented.' Councilmembers Karnofski, Hill, Anderson, Collins and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Harvey and Alexander voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2026 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Contract Award – 552302 Public Works Yard Improvements: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the council. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Hill. 'Approve the contract as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Contract Award – 582101 Systemic Safety Improvements 2020: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the council. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Harvey. 'Approve the contract as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Contract Award – Inter-Agency Agreement-City of Kelso and Washington State Department of Enterprise Services: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the council. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander. 'Authorize the City Manager to execute the inter-agency agreement with Washington State Department of Enterprise Services.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 26-1323 – 2027-2032 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolutions by title only. 'A
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON,

ADOPTING THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS.' Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Authorize the City Manager to adopt the 2027-2032 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.'

Councilmember Harvey then moved, 'To amend the 2027-2032 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program with the removal of project T01,' seconded by Councilmember Alexander. Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers Harvey, Collins, Alexander and Anderson voted yes. Councilmembers Karnofski, Wood and Hill voted no. Motion carried 4 to 3.

Following approval of the amendment, the council voted on the main motion as amended. 'Authorize the City Manager to adopt the 2027-2032 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, with the removal of project T01, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements to 4th, 5th, and Allen Street.' Councilmembers Harvey, Collins, Alexander and Anderson voted yes. Councilmembers Karnofski, Wood and Hill voted no. Motion carried 4 to 3.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Reported on various meetings and local events he attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Announced that the annual audit had been completed. The city has received 17 consecutive years of clean audits.

City Attorney Stewart Feil: No report

Community Development/City Engineer Mike Kardas: No report.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided an update on current projects being performed by staff.

Chief of Police Rich Fletcher: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Lisa Alexander: Reported on the conference she attended in Spokane as a representative of the City of Kelso

Mike Karnofski: Reported on various meetings he attended.

Brian Wood: Reported he recently attended the airport operation board.

Jackie Collins: Reported on various meetings she attended

Veryl Anderson: Reported on various meetings she attended.

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK