



City of Bellingham

City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

September 30, 2024, 7:00 PM

Mayor: Kimberley Lund
Council Members: Hannah Stone, Hollie Huthman,
Daniel Hammill, Edwin H. "Skip" Williams, Lisa Anderson,
Michael Lilliquist and Jace Cotton
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The City Council Regular meetings are conducted in a hybrid setting: both in-person and online.

In Person:

All meetings are held in Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, unless otherwise noted. The doors unlock at 6:30 PM for the 7:00 PM meeting.

Live on YouTube and Comcast:

Council meetings are streamed live via the City's website at <https://cob.org/meetings> and on the City's YouTube channel at <https://cob.org/btv>. Meetings are also broadcast on BTV: Comcast channels 321 and 10.

Via Telephone:

Members of the public who do not have cable or internet access may listen to the meeting via telephone by calling (253) 215-8782 and entering Meeting ID: **820 8245 2733** and Password: **9**

Language Access:

Spanish interpretation will be available at the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM. In-person attendees will have interpretation headsets available to them. Remote attendees can navigate to www.cob.org/cczoom to login via Zoom, then select the interpretation channel at the bottom of the screen. Those wishing to offer public comment in Spanish will be able to do so and their comments will be interpreted into English.

Provide your Input

During a Meeting:

To speak during a Public Hearing or Public Comment Session, advance registration is required. Sign-up sheets will be available outside the Council Chamber doors starting at 6:30 PM the evening of the meeting.

Registration closes when the meeting begins at 7:00 PM. *Please note: Public comment is currently available only to in-person attendees. In light of recent hate speech incidents across the state, the Bellingham City Council will not be offering public comment via Zoom until further notice. **The City may provide accommodation for individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in City Council's public comment period, including virtual participation options. Please contact the Council Office at (360) 778-8200 or ccmail@cob.org to request an accommodation no later than 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting. Public comment is always welcome via e-mail, phone, or mail.***

Before or After a Meeting:

Advance written Public Hearing testimony and general written Public Comment can be presented:

- By mail addressed to: City Council, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225
- Electronically:
 - For a public hearing: <https://cob.org/publichearing>
 - For general public comment: E-mail all Council Members at ccmail@cob.org.

Regular Meeting

The following items are heard in the Regular Meeting only:

Call to Order

Announcements & Upcoming Meetings:

Bellingham City Council meets all requirements of the State of Washington Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Before we begin, we acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional and unceded territory of the Lummi, Nooksack, Samish and Semiahmoo People who have cared for and tended this land since time immemorial. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We pay respect to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public events.

2. Language Access

The Bellingham City Council provides Spanish interpretation at all regular evening meetings. Interpretation can be accessed by in-person attendees by utilizing the headsets located at the front of the room. Remote viewers can log on to cob.org/cczoom and click on the "Language" icon at the bottom of the screen to listen in Spanish.

3. Public Hearing for a Bellingham Police Department Grant Application

The Bellingham City Council will hold a public hearing on October 7, 2024 to take public comment on the Bellingham Police Department's application for a grant through the Department of Justice, BJA FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant (JAG). The Police Department would like to purchase six WRAP Restraint Systems and add four new team members and equipment to the Bike Response Team (BRT).

4. Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget

The Bellingham City Council will hold a Public Hearing on October 7, 2024 to take public comment on the Proposed 2025 Budget. The Proposed 2025 Budget has been filed with the City Clerk and is available to view online at: <https://www.cob.org/gov/budget>. Hard copies are available to view in the Finance Department at City Hall

Roll Call

Mayor's Report

Standing time for briefings, updates and reports to Council by the Mayor, if needed. Information only.

- 24247 1. Mayor's Reappointment to the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission (Information)**

Regular Meeting and Committee Sessions

The following are heard in both Committee sessions and Regular Meeting in order below:

Council Standing Committee Meetings:

Open to the public to attend. Note: there is generally no public comment period for Committee sessions. Standing Committee Members receive reports and information, ask questions and, when appropriate, vote on a recommended action for consideration by the full Council at the Regular Meeting. The Committee Meetings identified below also serves as notice for Special Meetings of the City Council as Council Members routinely attend and participate in Committees they are not a member of. Committee Chairs give a report of the Committee Meeting at the Regular Meeting in the evening prior to deliberation and formal vote in the order shown below:

Committee of the Whole - Executive Session 8:50 AM

Closed to the public. Report in the Regular Meeting only:

- 1. Potential Property Acquisition (Kraham, approx. 10 min.)**
- 2. Potential Property Acquisition (Marriner, approx. 10 min.)**
- 3. Labor Relations: Discuss Collective Bargaining Strategy (Sullivan, approx. 10 min.)**
- 4. Potential Property Acquisition (Stamps, approx. 5 min.)**
- 5. Potential Property Acquisition (Stamps, approx. 5 min.)**

Public Works and Natural Resources 9:30 AM

Hannah Stone, Chair

Lisa Anderson, Michael Lilliquist

24249 1. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County for Lake Whatcom Forest Management Plan Partnership **p. 12**

24250 2. A Resolution Adopting Elements of the 2024 Fiber Network Comprehensive Plan in Order to Improve Fiber Network Redundancy and Resiliency and to Support the City's Needs in the Future **p. 19**

Community and Economic Development 10:20 AM

Jace Cotton, Chair

Hannah Stone, Hollie Huthman

24251 1. Old Town Base Camp Presentation by Lighthouse Mission Ministries **p. 190**

Committee Of The Whole 1:00 PM

Daniel Hammill, Chair

Hannah Stone, Hollie Huthman, Edwin H. "Skip" Williams, Lisa Anderson, Michael Lilliquist, Jace Cotton

24252	1.	Presentation of the 2025 Proposed Budget	p. 221
24253	2.	An Ordinance of the City of Bellingham Relating to Landlord Tenant Relations, Adopting a New Chapter in Title 6 of the Bellingham Municipal Code Prohibiting Landlords from Charging Tenants Unfair or Excessive Fees in Residential Rental Agreements and Leases	p. 225
24254	3.	An Ordinance Related to Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Relations, Adopting a New Chapter in Title 6 of the Bellingham Municipal Code Prohibiting Landlords from Charging Unfair or Excessive Fees in Manufactured/Mobile Home Lease Agreements	p. 270
24267	4.	Renewal of Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing at South Correctional Entity (SCORE)	p. 291
24255	5.	Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) Program Evaluation	p. 310
24256	6.	A Resolution Directing the Administration to Create a Limited Term Keep Washington Working Act (KWW) Advisory Work Group to Study the Act, Advise the City on Compliance, and Recommend Related Policy Considerations	p. 373
24257	7.	An Ordinance of the City of Bellingham, Washington, Dissolving the Immigration Advisory Board and Repealing Bellingham Municipal Code Chapter 2.26	p. 406
24258	8.	All-City Climate Workplan 2025	p. 410
	9.	Old/New Business	

Consent Agenda

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial items and may be approved in a single motion. A member of the Council may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

24259	1.	Authorization of Payroll Labor Cost Payments Dated August 16, 2024 to August 31, 2024	p. 422
24260	2.	Authorization of A/P Transactions Issued September 06, 2024 through September 12, 2024	p. 423
24261	3.	Authorization of A/P Transactions Issued September 13, 2024 through September 19, 2024	p. 424

24262	4.	Contract Award for 2024 Crack Seal Program, Bid No. 36B-2024	p. 425
24263	5.	The Bellingham Police Department's Intent to Apply for the BJA FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	p. 436
24265	6.	Inter-Agency Agreements with Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) to Sponsor Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) Members for Restoration and Conservation Work	p. 487
24266	7.	An Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to Provide Parking for the Bellingham Senior Activity Center	p. 505
24264	8.	Approval of the 9/16/2024 City Council Committee and Regular Meeting Minutes	p. 510

Final Consideration of Ordinances

24235	1.	An Ordinance Establishing a Shelter Protection Area Immediately Adjacent to the Way Station Located at 1500 N State Street within which Certain Activities that Adversely Affect the Operations and Residents of the Way Station and the Adjacent Area are Prohibited in Public Spaces	p. 522
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Public Comment Period

Advance sign-up is required for participation. Sign-up sheets will be available starting at 6:30 PM the evening of the meeting. Registration closes when the meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Each speaker will have three minutes. Oral public comment is currently only available to in-person attendees. Remote public comment via Zoom has been suspended until further notice. Exceptions for those requiring an accommodation for disability may be made. Please see the first page of the agenda for further details. Video of the public comment session will be available by visiting, <https://cob.org/commentrecordings>.

Adjournment

Agenda Information

Council Committee and Regular Meeting agendas and agenda packets, which contain the supporting documentation for agenda items, are available to the public Wednesday afternoon prior to the meeting. They are posted at <https://cob.org/meetings>. A hard copy of the agenda packet is available for review from the reference desk at the Finance Office at City Hall.

Meeting Live Broadcasts and Recordings

The Bellingham City Council Committee Meetings are broadcast live on BTV Bellingham at the times listed on the agenda. Committee session start times between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM are estimated. A specific Committee may start later than the time published but will not begin earlier than its published time.

Television:

BTV can be found on cable systems as follows: Comcast channels 10 (standard) and 321 (high definition), and CenturyLink channels 40 (standard) and 1040 (high definition). Meetings are rebroadcast on the following schedule:

- Tues. 12 PM: Repeat broadcast of Monday afternoon Committee meetings
- Tues. 7 PM: Repeat broadcast of Monday night regular meeting
- Wed. 8 AM: Repeat broadcast of Monday night regular meeting
- Sat. 12 PM: Repeat broadcast of Monday afternoon Committee meetings
- Sat. 7 PM: Repeat broadcast of Monday night regular meeting

Online Streaming:

The meetings are streamed live at <https://cob.org/btv>. Online viewers will see exactly what cable customers would see.

Video:

Video recordings of each meeting are available on the Internet at <https://cob.org/meetings> within five business days following each meeting.

Accessibility

The Council Chambers is fully accessible. Elevator access to the second floor is available at City Hall's west entrance. Hearing assistance is available, and a receiver may be checked out through the Deputy City Clerk prior to the evening session. For additional accommodations, contact the Council Office at (360) 778-8200 in advance of the meeting.

**Next City Council Meeting
Monday, October 7, 2024**

Deadline to submit material for any public hearing for inclusion in the published agenda packet is 10:00 AM. on Wednesday prior to the meeting.