



City of Bellingham

City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

November 4, 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 testimony at a public hearing 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, 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. ***The City may provide accommodation for individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in a City Council public hearing, 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. Please note that the public comment period during meetings has been suspended through the end of the year while the City evaluates measures to improve security in City Hall.***

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.

Roll Call

Public Hearing

24306	1. Public Hearing and Resolution on the Proposed Relinquishment of a Surplus Utility Easement Encumbering 701 and 705 N State Street	p. 6
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24307	2. Second Public Hearing on the 2025 Budget	p. 18
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Mayor's Report

Standing time for briefings, updates, and reports to Council by the Mayor.

24308	1. Mayor's Reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission (Approval)	p. 32
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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 10:30 AM

Daniel Hammill, Chair

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

- 24309 1. Budget Work Session – Note: this item will take place in the Mayor’s Boardroom. All other open session items will take place in Council Chambers. p. 34**

Executive Session 11:30 AM

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

- 1. Litigation: City of Bellingham v. Fang (Good, approx. 10 min) – ITEM ADDED 11/4/2024**

Committee Of The Whole (Resumed) 1:00 PM

Daniel Hammill, Chair

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

- 24310 2. Annual Report from the Hearing Examiner p. 37**
- 24311 3. An Ordinance of the City of Bellingham, Washington Relating to the Levy of Taxes and Establishing the Amount to be Raised in 2025 on the Assessed Valuation of the Property within the City p. 49**
- 24312 4. A Resolution Supporting Increased Funding for the Bellingham Food Bank in the Mayor’s 2025 Budget p. 53**
- 24313 5. A Resolution Setting the Dates and Times of the 2025 City Council Meetings p. 56**
- 6. Old/New Business**

Public Works and Natural Resources 1:55 PM

Hannah Stone, Chair

Lisa Anderson, Michael Lilliquist

- 24295 1. Recycling and Single-Use Plastics Update p. 60**
- 24315 2. Eldridge Avenue Non-Motorized Pilot Project Update p. 81**

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.

24316	1.	Authorization of A/P Transactions Issued October 11, 2024 through October 17, 2024	p. 98
24317	2.	Authorization of A/P Transactions Issued October 18, 2024 through October 24, 2024	p. 99
24318	3.	Authorization of Payroll Labor Cost Payments Dated October 1, 2024 to October 15, 2024	p. 100
24319	4.	Community Tree Partnerships Program Interlocal Grant Agreement with the Whatcom Conservation District to Increase Citywide Tree Canopy Cover	p. 101
24320	5.	Agreement Authorizing the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Temporary Access to City Owned Stormwater Ponds	p. 113
24321	6.	Approval of the 10/7/24 City Council Committee and Regular Meeting Minutes	p. 116
24322	7.	Approval of the 10/14/24 City Council Special Meeting Minutes	p. 126
24323	8.	Approval of the 10/21/24 City Council Committee and Regular Meeting Minutes	p. 130

Final Consideration of Ordinances

24282	1.	An Ordinance Relating to the Preservation of Landmark Trees and Extending the Interim Development Regulations with Respect to Landmark Trees throughout the City	p. 150
24289	2.	An Ordinance Amending the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget - Amendment No. 15	p. 165

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, November 18, 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.