



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026,
HELD IN PERSON & REMOTELY**

6:00 P.M. Regular Session:

Invocation: Given by Mayor Kaminkas.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by City Council and staff.

Call to Order: Mayor Kaminkas called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call: City officials who physically attended the meeting: Mayor Kaminkas; Councilmembers Ball, Darrow, Severs, Klingler, and Dunne. Amy Mullerleile, Interim Community Development Director; Mark McAvoy, City Administrator; Kyle Dixon, Finance Director; Jennifer Camp, Parks and Recreation Director; Police Chief Damon Simmons; Officer Nathaniel Davidson; Officer Tyler Jauch; Officer Jill Mahoney; David Goehner, Communications Specialist; Darin Morgan, Deputy Police Chief; Shane Miller, IT Manager; Ben Turner, Public Works Director; Jandy Humble, Library Director; and Rochelle Caton, City Clerk.

City officials who remotely attended the meeting via Zoom: Councilmembers Fisher and Kurtz; Michael Stevens, Recreation Coordinator; Sean Boutz, City Attorney; and Luke Michels, City Engineer.

Agenda Approval: Councilmember Dunne made a motion to move Item 11.C to Item 7.D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severs and passed 7-0.

Councilmember Darrow made a motion to move Item 11.A to follow Citizen Comments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ball and passed 7-0.

Councilmember Dunne made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severs. The Mayor called for a vote, which passed 7-0.

Citizen Comments:

Kathy Olson, a city resident, commented regarding trees on Sprague Avenue.
Glen Payne, a city resident, commented regarding trees on Sprague Avenue.
Margarite Conland, a city resident, commented regarding trees on Sprague Avenue

Written Comments:

Kathy Olson, a city resident, provided written comments regarding trees on Sprague Avenue.

11.A Selection of Mayor Pro Tem:

Mayor Kaminkas provided a brief overview of the nomination and selection process.

- Councilmember Ball nominated Councilmember Kurtz; seconded by Councilmember Severs.
- Councilmember Severs nominated Councilmember Dunne; seconded by Councilmember Dunne.
- Councilmember Darrow nominated Councilmember Severs; seconded by Councilmember Kurtz.

First Vote Results:

- Councilmember Kurtz: Councilmembers Ball, Klingler, and Fisher
- Councilmember Dunne: Councilmembers Severs, Dunne, and Kurtz
- Councilmember Severs: Councilmember Darrow

With a tied vote, the Mayor called for a second vote.

Second Vote Results:

- Councilmember Kurtz: Councilmembers Ball, Klingler, and Fisher
- Councilmember Dunne: Councilmembers Severs; Dunne, Darrow, and Kurtz

Councilmember Dunne received four votes and was selected as Mayor Pro Tem.

Announcements / Proclamations / Special Presentations:

STA Connect 2035: Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer, Spokane Transit Authority, provided a presentation titled *STA Moving Forward and Connect 2035*. Questions were asked and answered throughout.

Community Risk Reduction Proclamation: Rochelle Caton, City Clerk, read the Community Risk Reduction Proclamation. Councilmember Dunne made a motion to support the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severs and passed 7–0.

Ken Johnson, Deputy Fire Marshal with Spokane Valley Fire Department, provided additional information highlighting the importance of Community Risk Reduction Week and how residents can obtain additional information through upcoming social media outreach. Questions were asked and answered throughout.

Camera upgrades at city parks – Verkada:

Chief Simmons introduced Grace Rapaski, representing Verkada, who provided a proposal presentation to upgrade the City of Liberty Lake's park cameras. Questions were asked and answered throughout. A proposal will be brought forward at the February 3, 2026, City Council Meeting for consideration.

11.C Library Board of Trustees - Reappointment of Barb Richardson: Barb Richardson shared comments regarding her interest in continuing to serve on the Board of Trustees. Councilmember Severs made a motion to approve the reappointment of Barb Richardson. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dunne and passed 7–0.

Reports & Inquiries:

City Council: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne commented on the upcoming City Council Retreat (date to be determined) and the possibility of including a facilitator. Councilmember Darrow commented on the upcoming City Action Days. Councilmember Ball inquired whether a date had been identified for the Council Retreat.

Mayor: Mayor Kaminskas reminded the Council and community of the January 24, 2026, memorial service honoring the late Shane Brickner and mentioned a forthcoming proclamation recognizing his service to the City of Liberty Lake. Mayor Kaminskas also recognized Amy Mullerleile, who has accepted the Interim Community Development Director position.

City Administrator: City Administrator McAvoy updated the Council and community on upcoming events and reminders, including the 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey to be mailed to Liberty Lake households.

The following reports were provided:

- Chief Simmons introduced new LLPD staff: Officer Nathaniel Davidson, Officer Tyler Jauch, and Officer Jill Mahoney.
- Rochelle Caton, City Clerk, provided the 4th Quarter 2025 Donation Report.
- Ben Turner, Public Works Director, provided a City Hall Project Update.
- Jennifer Camp, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a Pavilion Park Damage Update.
- Kyle Dixon, Finance Director, provided a presentation on the Public Safety Sales Tax.

Questions were asked and answered throughout. Councilmember Kurtz left the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Spokane Valley Fire Department: Ken Johnson, Deputy Fire Marshal, provided the 4th Quarter report. Questions were asked and answered.

Parks and Arts Commission: Nancy Hill, Parks and Arts Commission member, provided a presentation on the Parks Plan—Phase Two. Questions were asked and answered.

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District: Kottayam Natarajan Board President of the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, provided an update. No questions were asked.

Workshop Discussions:

Spokane Riverkeeper: Katelyn Scott, Regional Coordinator of Riverkeeper provided a presentation. Questions were asked and answered throughout.

General Business – Consent Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 10.A, 10.B, and 10.C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severs and passed 6–0.

The following items were approved:

10.A. January 6, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

10.B. December 23, 2025, January 20, 2026, vouchers, the December 16-31 payroll and benefits.

10.C Approve Annual Payment for Washington Anytime Digital Library Subscription.

General Business - Action Items:

Appointment of an Elected Official to Serve on the Spokane Transit Authority Board of Directors: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne opened discussion on Item 11.B. Councilmember Severs made a motion to reappoint Mayor Pro Tem Dunne, seconded by Councilmember Fisher. The motion passed 6–0.

Liberty Lake Police Vehicle Purchase: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve item 11.D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severs and passed 6-0.

Purchase of 5 new Patrol Rifles: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve 11.E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severs. Questions asked and answered. The Mayor called for a vote, passing 6-0.

Council Comments: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne expressed gratitude for the confidence shown in the appointment as Mayor Pro Tem and the reappointment to the Spokane Transit Authority Board.

Public Hearings / Appeals:

Resolutions:

Ordinances:

Emergency Ordinances:

Introduction of Upcoming Agenda Items: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to extend the meeting to 9:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Darrow and passed 6–0.

The City Council Retreat was discussed, and a new poll with alternative dates will be distributed.

Councilmember Ball commented on upcoming CERT training.

Citizen Comments: No comments were given.

Executive Session:

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) Regarding Personnel Matters: The executive session began at 8:59 p.m. and returned at 9:10 p.m.

Adjournment: With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10. p.m.

These minutes were approved on February 3, 2026.



Cris Kaminskas, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake



These minutes were prepared by Rochelle Caton. This meeting was also recorded. Anyone who desires to listen to the recording may visit the city's website or contact the City Clerk.