



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026,
HELD IN PERSON & REMOTELY**

6:00 P.M. Regular Session:

Invocation: Given by Mayor Kaminskas.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by City Council and staff.

Call to Order: Mayor Kaminskas called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call: City officials who physically attended the meeting: Mayor Kaminskas; Councilmembers Ball, Darrow, Klingler, Kurtz, Fisher, and Mayor Pro Tem Dunne; Mark McAvoy, City Administrator; Kyle Dixon, Finance Director; Police Chief Damon Simmons; Sean Boutz, City Attorney; David Goehner, Communications Specialist; Darin Morgan, Deputy Police Chief; Shane Miller, IT Manager; and Rochelle Caton, City Clerk.

City officials who remotely attended the meeting via Zoom: Amy Mullerleile, Interim Community Development Director; Ben Turner, Public Works Director; Jennifer Camp, Parks and Recreation Director; Jandy Humble, Library Director; Michael Stevens, Recreation Coordinator; Derek Kosanke, Parks Superintendent; Dan Maus, Horticulture Division Supervisor; and Luke Michels, City Engineer.

Councilmember Kurtz made a motion to excuse Councilmember Severs. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunne and passed 6–0.

Agenda Approval: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to move Items 11.A and 11.B to a position before Announcements, Proclamations, and Special Presentations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kurtz and passed 6–0.

Mayor Pro Tem Dunne then made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Darrow. The Mayor called for a vote, and the motion passed 6–0.

Citizen Comments: Mark Saba, a city resident, made comments regarding the new City Councilmembers.

11.A Appointment of Lori Merkel to the Community Engagement Commission: Lori Merkel shared comments regarding her interest in serving on the Community Engagement Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve the appointment of Lori Merkel. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Darrow and passed 6–0.

11.B Appointment of Abigail Sprague to the Planning Commission: Abigail (Abby) Sprague shared comments regarding her interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve the appointment of Abigail Sprague. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kurtz and passed 6–0.

Announcements / Proclamations / Special Presentations:

2025 Year-End Financial Report: Kyle Dixon, Finance Director, provided a brief presentation on the 2025 Year-End Financial Report. Questions were asked and answered throughout.

2025 Year-End Police Department Report: Chief Simmons presented the 2025 Year-End Police Department Report. Questions were asked and answered throughout.

Reports & Inquiries:

City Council: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne commented on STA double-deck buses returning to regular service. Mayor Pro Tem Dunne also commented on meeting with residents regarding trees on Sprague Avenue.

Mayor: Mayor Kaminskas provided information regarding recently attended and upcoming meetings, including, but not limited to, the Visit Spokane Annual Meeting, the GSI Regional Economic Development Forum, and the Women Lead Spring Conference at Gonzaga University.

Mayor Kaminskas also recognized an award the City received for participation in the Commute Smart Program.

City Administrator: City Administrator McAvoy updated the Council and community on upcoming events and reminders, including the House of Origin cutoff date in the Legislature, the Hazard Mitigation Plan comment period, the 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey, and the forthcoming City Council Retreat.

City Administrator McAvoy then invited Ben Turner, Public Works Director, who recognized employee Dan Maus, Horticulture Division Supervisor, for passing the Master Certified Arborist Exam. This certification is a distinguished professional accomplishment.

Finally, City Administrator McAvoy provided a legislative priority update based on current standings. Questions were asked and answered throughout. A future update will be provided as bills continue to be monitored.

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District: No report given.

Parks & Arts Commission: Nancy Hill, Parks and Arts Commission Chair, provided a brief presentation on Parks and Arts project updates. Questions were asked and answered throughout.

Community Engagement Commission: Bill Norman and Leah Stussy, Community Engagement Commission members, provided an overview of their current scope of work and suggested revisions to Ordinance 277. Questions were asked and answered throughout. A future workshop will be scheduled to further consider revisions.

Workshop Discussions:

Transportation Resiliency Plan: Amy Mullerleile, Interim Community Development Director, introduced Beth Miller with Parametrix, who provided a presentation on the Transportation Resiliency Plan. Questions were asked and answered throughout.

New City Logo: City Administrator McAvoy introduced the item for discussion to gauge Council interest in pursuing a new logo. Mayor Kaminskis clarified that the scope of work would be a logo “refresh” rather than a “rebranding.” Discussion ensued. Consensus was reached for staff to begin the process.

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

10.A Approve the February 3, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

10.B Approve the February 17, 2026, vouchers, and January 16–31 payroll and benefits in the amount of \$731,356.98

10.C Approve the annual payment for the Zencity Engage subscription, services, and support in an amount not to exceed \$13,080

10.D Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Spokane County and the City of Liberty Lake regarding Commute Trip Reduction implementation

10.E Approve Task Order 2026-03 with Parametrix for Kramer Road Pedestrian Crossing Design in an amount not to exceed \$14,235.00

10.F Approve the purchase of two (2) new patrol vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$163,000.00

General Business - Action Items:

11.C Police Department Security Door Installation Project: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve Item 11.C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Darrow. The Mayor called for a vote, and the motion passed 6–0.

11.D Donation-Police Evidence Refrigerator: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve Item 11.D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Klingler. The Mayor called for a vote, and the motion passed 6–0.

Council Comments: No comments were made.

Public Hearings / Appeals-No items currently:

Resolutions:

Resolution 20-280A Adopting the Updated Network Analysis: Rochelle Caton, City Clerk, read Resolution 20-280A by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher. There were no citizen comments. The Mayor called for a vote, and the motion passed 6–0.

Ordinances:

Ordinance 316 - An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, WA establishing the PD Evidence Custodial Fund: Rochelle Caton, City Clerk, read Ordinance 316 by title only (second reading). Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ball.

No public comments were made. The Mayor called for a vote, and the motion passed 6–0

Emergency Ordinances-No items currently:

Introduction of Upcoming Agenda Items: Workshop matrix was reviewed

Citizen Comments: Mark Saba, a city resident, made comments regarding the city logo.

Executive Session-No items currently:

Adjournment: With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12. p.m.

These minutes were approved March 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.