

AGENDA
CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL MEETING
November 21, 2024
6:00 PM, City Hall and Remote

Call-in numbers 253-215-8782, 669-900-6833, 346-248-7799, 312-626-6799, 929-205-6099 or 301-715-8592, Meeting ID 889 7550 7011, Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88975507011> or via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4k9bA0IEEvsF6PSoDwjJvA/>

Items with an asterisk (*) have been added or modified after the initial draft publication of the Agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PRESENTATION TO THE FLAG: Mayor to call the meeting to order, lead the group in reciting the pledge of allegiance and conduct roll call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *[This is an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Council. If you wish to address the Council, please sign in to be recognized by the Mayor. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The Mayor may extend or further limit these time periods at his discretion. The Mayor may allow citizens to comment on individual agenda items outside of the public comment period at his discretion. Please submit written comments to City Hall in person at 7121 E. Loop Rd, via mail to PO Box 371, Stevenson, WA 98648 or via email to anders@ci.stevenson.wa.us by noon the day of the meeting for inclusion in the council packet.]*

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: *[The Mayor may add agenda items or take agenda items out of order with the concurrence of the majority of the Council].*

a) * Edited item 10c with Ben Shumaker as Interim City Administrator

4. CONSENT AGENDA: The following items are presented for Council approval. *[Consent agenda items are intended to be passed by a single motion to approve all listed actions. If discussion of an individual item is requested by a Council member, that item should be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately after approval of the remaining consent agenda items.]*

a) **Approve 2025 Tourism Funding Awards in the amount of \$XXX,XXX** - Clerk/Treasurer will present the Tourism Advisory Committee's 2025 funding recommendations for council approval in the total amount of \$XXX,XXX.

b) **Christmas Eve Office Closure Request** - Clerk/Treasurer Anders Sorestad will present a request from City staff to close City Hall on Tuesday, December 24th prior to the December 25th holiday. Staff taking the day off would use vacation time, comp time, personal time or leave without pay.

- c) **Minutes** of October 17th 2024 Regular Council Meeting and November 13th 2024 Special Council Meeting.

MOTION: To approve consent agenda items a-c.

5. SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT:

- a) **Sheriff's Report** - The Skamania County Sheriff's report for activity within Stevenson city limits for the prior month is presented for council review.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) **Public Hearing 2025 Proposed Property Tax Levy** - Clerk/Treasurer Anders Sorestad presents resolution 2024-445 and ordinance 2024-1222 proposing the maximum 1% property tax increase for public comment and council consideration. These are both time sensitive and must be approved by November 30th to take effect in 2024.

MOTION: To approve resolution 2024-445 authorizing an increase in property taxes for fiscal year 2025.

MOTION: To approve ordinance 2024-1222 fixing the amount to be raised by ad valorem taxes and levied for fiscal year 2025.

- b) **Second Hearing 2025 Proposed Budget** - Clerk/Treasurer will present the 2025 proposed budget and associated documents. Major changes include updating Tourism Fund for approved grant awards. The 2025 budget needs to be approved by the end of 2024.

MOTION: To approve ordinance 2024-1223 adopting the 2025 budget as presented.

7. SITUATION UPDATES:

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

9. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a) **Financial Report** - The Treasurer's Report and year-to-date revenues and expenses through the prior month is presented for council review.
- b) **Planning Commission Minutes** - Minutes are attached from the Planning Commission meeting for the prior month.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS:

- a) Ben Shumaker, Community Development Director
- b) Carolyn Sourek, Public Works Director

c) * Ben Shumaker, Interim City Administrator

11. VOUCHER APPROVAL: Vouchers will be presented prior to the meeting for council review.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

13. ISSUES FOR THE NEXT MEETING: *[This provides Council Members an opportunity to focus the Mayor and Staff's attention on issues they would like to have addressed at the next council meeting.]*

14. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: *[This is an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Council for items discussed at the meeting.]*

15. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor will adjourn the meeting.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- Monday, December 9th, 6pm, Regular Planning Commission Meeting
- Tuesday, December 10th, 6pm, Special Joint City Council and Fire District 2 Meeting
- Tuesday, December 19th, 6pm, Regular City Council Meeting