

City of Stanwood
Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 13, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Gaumond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Lisa Sokolik called the roll with the following Councilmembers Present: Dani Gaumond, Marcus Metz, Darren Robb, Robert Hicks, Andreena Bergman, and Tim Schmitt. The meeting was quorate.

Councilmember Steve Shepro was absent.

*Motion by Councilmember Bergman, second by Councilmember Robb, to excuse Councilmember Shepro. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Human Resource Manager Pat Adams, City Engineer Alan Lytton, Finance Manager Tim Niebruegge, Communications & Marketing Specialist Niki Strachila, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Fire Chief Dave Kraski, Police Chief Jason Toner, Police Sgt. Karl Gilje, Utilities Supervisor Leigh Danielson, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Roberts removed item 4.a Lincoln Hill High School Update and added item 14.b to discuss pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), no action.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Metz to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentations

a. Lincoln Hill High School Update - Patrick Rogers

Item removed from agenda.

b. 2025 Wastewater Outstanding Performance Award

Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen presented Council with the Wastewater Outstanding Performance Award. The City has received this award for 10 years in a row. He introduced the sewer crew and thanked them for their dedication and hard work; Utility Supervisor Leigh Danielson has been with the city for 20 years, Lead Operator Michael Evans and Cole Ferguson.

5. Public Comments

Name	City	Topic
David Casseu	Camano Island	Requesting lights on baseball fields.

6. Staff/Department Reports

- a. **Police Compstat Report - October 2025**

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. **Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes — October 17, 2025**

8. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approve Vouchers and Payroll**
- b. **Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - October 23, 2025**
- c. **Approve City Council Workshop Minutes - October 23, 2025**
- d. **Approve Second Reading and Adoption of Resolution 2025-05 Capital Improvement Plan 2026-2031**

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve consent agenda items A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, B. approve City Council Regular Meeting minutes for October 23, 2025, C. approve City Council Workshop minutes for October 23, 2025, and D. approve second reading and adoption of Resolution 2025-05 Capital Improvement Plan 2026-2031. **Motion carried unanimously.***

9. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business on agenda.

10. Public Hearing

- a. **Approve First Reading of Ordinance 1554 2026 Revenue Sources Property Tax Levy**

Finance Director David Hammond presented the first reading of Ordinance 1554 2026 Revenue Sources Property Tax Levy. Hammond gave an update on the key revenue streams for the operating funds. Property tax is one of the building blocks of the City's budget.

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

With no public comments, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Councilmembers made comments.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Gaumond, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1554 Levying Taxes Upon All Property Subject to Taxation within the Corporate Limits of the City of Stanwood, Washington for 2026, with one percent levy increase from 2025. **Motion carried unanimously.***

b. Approve First Reading of Ordinance 1553 Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustment

Hammond presented the first reading of Ordinance 1553 Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustment in detail.

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

With no public comments, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Council discussed, asked questions, and made comments.

Motion by Councilmember Hicks, second by Councilmember Metz to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1553 Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustment.

Motion carried with 4 yeas (Gaumond, Metz, Hicks, Schmitt) and 2 nays (Robb, Bergman).

11. New Business

a. Adoption of 2026 Salary and Benefits Schedule and Authorization of Union Agreements (2026-2028)

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Hicks to pass Resolution 2025-07, adopting the 2026 Salary and Benefits Schedule for the city employees. **Motion carried unanimously.***

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Metz to authorize the Mayor to execute the three-year collective bargaining agreements with Teamsters Local 231, representing the Administrative and Public Works bargaining units, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028. **Motion carried unanimously.***

b. Approve First Reading Ordinance 1555 Chapter 12—Utilities Re-write, System Development Charge and Rate Updates

Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Robb to accept the first reading of Ordinance 1555 as set forth in attachment A.

A roll call of votes was taken. Motion carried 5 yea (Bergman, Schmitt, Gaumond, Metz, Robb) to 1 nay (Hicks)

12. Public Closing Comments

Name	City	Topic
Les Anderson	Stanwood	Thanked Councilmembers Robb, Hicks and Schmitt for being good stewards of city funds.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

No Mayor's report.

b. City Administrator's Report

No City Administrator Report.

c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

Councilmember Hicks thanked Chief Kraski for taking his 7-year-old grandson for a ride and to get donuts; it made his day. This was the prize for bringing in \$500 for the Cedarhome Elementary PTO.

Councilmember Robb said the wreaths and trees on 92nd look great. The pavers on 88th and 271st look much better than the stamped concrete. After hearing comments from business owners at the workshop, can council do something to expedite putting up weight limit signs on the brick road on 271st Street? City Attorney Thompson said that something can be put together and be brought back for council approval.

Councilmember Schmitt read in the paper that the (Snohomish County) under Sheriff is dealing with a \$50 million budget hold for too much overtime. Will this affect Stanwood's operation? Chief Toner said no, Stanwood has its own contract with Snohomish County. Will the fire department do the annual Santa Claus run this year? Chief Karski answered yes, they are doing 12 nights.

14. Recess to Executive Session

a. To Discuss Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), with potential action to follow.

At 9:30 p.m., the Mayor, Council, Smith, Love, and City Attorney Thompson recessed to Executive Session for a 15-minute discussion on two matters:

- discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), with potential action to follow, and
- discuss pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), with no action.

The regular city council meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Hicks to accept the terms of the settlement agreement, in the amount of \$190,000, between the City of Stanwood and Chevron with regard to the Raplee Property and to authorize the Mayor to execute the final settlement agreement upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. **Motion carried unanimously.***

15. Adjourn

City of Stanwood



Sid Roberts, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk