

**City of Stanwood
Regular Meeting of the City Council
March 26, 2026 | 7:00 PM**

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Robb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Lisa Sokolik called the roll with the following Councilmembers Present: Dani Gaumond, Earl Cowan, Darren Robb, Robert Hicks, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Jeff Wheatley. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, City Engineer Alan Lytton, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Police Sgt. Karl Gilje, Police Sgt. Kori Oyetuga, Deputy City Clerk Barbara Vasquez and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Roberts requested to amend the agenda by adding item 13. Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

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

4. Presentations

a. Lincoln Hill High School Update - Student Representative Patrick Rogers

Patrick Rogers updated Council on student events at Lincoln Hill High School:

- Rogers attended the second annual Educational Service District 189 Student School Board Retreat.
- Several students volunteered to help serve breakfast at the Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation Philanthropy Awards Breakfast on Friday, March 20th.
- The third annual pancake breakfast was held on March 26, 2026.
- A school-wide field trip to the Museum of Pop Culture is scheduled for March 31st.
- The Student Round-Table Conference is scheduled for April 1st and 2nd.
- The Leadership Team finished production of a video focusing on why students choose to attend Lincoln Hill High School.

b. Washington State Auditor's Office Exit Briefing

Kirk Gadbois and Heidi Shelton presented the Washington State Auditor's Office Exit Briefing. Stanwood's fiscal year 2024 financial statements were the focus of this year's audit. The two-part audit included accuracy of the numbers and internal controls behind how those financial statements are prepared. The auditor did not find any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses on the internal controls to report. The independent auditor's opinion on the prepared financial statements is a good, clean, unmodified opinion.

c. Waste Management 2025 Annual Report

Chris Clark and Karissa Miller presented the 2025 Waste Management Annual Report via Zoom. Due to a delayed voice coming through speakers, it was hard to hear the presentation.

5. Public Comments

Name	City of Origin	Topic
Carrie Richardson	Stanwood	Rotating outdoor art.
Tim Schmitt	Stanwood	I.C.E. programs.

6. Staff/Department Reports

a. Downtown District Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

7. Council Committee Reports

a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2026

b. Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2026

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks

b. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2026

Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve consent agenda items A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, and B. approve city council regular meeting minutes for March 12, 2026.
Motion carried unanimously.

9. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

10. Public Hearing

No public meeting.

11. New Business

a. Adopt Resolution 2026-05 Indigent Defense Services Standards

*Motion by Councilmember Wheatley, second by Councilmember Shepro to adopt Resolution 2026-05 Adopting Updated Indigent Defense Services Standards. **Motion carried unanimously.***

b. Accept Department of Commerce Grant for Twin City Plaza Site Clean Up and Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Task Order with Maul Foster Alongi for the Grant Contract Management of the Cleanup Action

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Bergman to accept the Department of Commerce Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grant in the amount of \$250,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract agreement upon review and approval by the city attorney. **Motion carried unanimously.***

and

Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Bergman to authorize the Mayor to sign the Task Order with Maul Foster & Alongi in the amount of \$135,371 for contract management of the cleanup action.

c. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Pace Engineers for the IS4 Phase 2 Stormwater Lift Station Final Design

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Robb to authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Service Agreement with Pace Engineers for final design of the IS4 Phase 2 Stormwater Lift Station project in the amount of \$107,896.50. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

No public comments.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- Participated in the Shortest Saint Paddy's Day Parade, which was a lot of fun and a huge success.
- Had the honor of presenting the Hometown Hero Award to Taryn Daly at the Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation awards breakfast.

b. City Administrator's Report

- Followed up on a few Councilmember's past comments:
 - Agree with Councilmember Shepro's comment about our sidewalks looking better than other cities. The 4-man street crew also takes care of our drainage system and facilities, they do a great job.

- Councilmember Hicks made a comment that Stanwood is the best run city in the State. Although there are a lot of metrics, budget wise and level of service, Stanwood is hard to beat. A shout out to the hard-working staff, supervisors and directors to make that happen.
- Clarified the letter Councilmembers received regarding the cost of a 1" meter. This cost is not for a single family home but for an adult family home, which is a commercial type application that requires sprinklers and a 1" meter.
- An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st to start discussion on the sign code.
- Stanwood's first ever Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4th at Heritage Park. There's 10,000 eggs so lots of opportunity for everyone to get goodies.

c. Councilmember's Reports/Questions

- Wheatley and Cowan echoed Robb's earlier comment regarding the city receiving grants and for staff to keep up the great work on applying for and receiving grants. Grant funds significantly help the city's finances and allow us to do so much more.
- Bergman said the new downtown parking signs are bigger and brighter; she noticed them right away.
- Cowan thanked city staff for fixing the Port Susan Trail so quickly.

14. Recess to Executive Session

At 8:20 p.m., the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Smith, Finance Director Hammond, City Attorney Thompson, Sgt. Gilje, and Sgt. Oyetuga recessed to Executive Session for a 10-minute discussion on pending city litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i), no action was taken. The regular city council meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

City of Stanwood



Sid Roberts, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk