

**City of Stanwood
Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 23, 2026 | 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 Shepro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Deputy City Clerk Barbara Vasquez 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, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Engineer Alan Lytton, Finance Manager Tim Niebruegge, Communications and Marketing Specialist Niki Strachila, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Fire Chief Dave Kraski, Police Chief Glenn DeWitt, Police Sgt. Karl Gilje, Deputy Clerk Barbara Vasquez and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Roberts requested to amend the agenda by adding item 14. Executive Session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

*Motion by Councilmember Bergman, second by Councilmember Wheatley, 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.

- Only 32 school days until graduation and 37 school days left of the school year.
- At the last ASB Council meeting, it was agreed to purchase air hockey tables for the school's common area.
- The Spring Social will be held on May 22nd.
- Graduation Assessments covering English, Science, and Mathematics will be given to students in early May.
- Finishing touches are being made to the video presentation on why students choose to attend Stanwood Lincoln Hill High School. Once completed, the video will be posted to the school's website.

5. Public Comments

The City did not receive any written comments. Written comments must be provided to the Clerk by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Verbal Comments may be provided by attending the meeting in-person.

Verbal Comment

Name

Cathy Wooten, Stanwood

Topic

72nd Street and Hwy 532 Safety

6. Staff/Department Reports

a. Brick Road Project Status Update

Councilmember Robb said PUD pays the cost to relocate/move the transmission line, and the City pays the cost to move the lines underground, would PUD entertain a cost-sharing if the city decided to move the lines underground? Lytton and Love answered they would need to talk with PUD. Love added that the cost to move the lines to underground is very expensive and may double the cost of the entire project.

b. Finance Report - 1st Quarter 2026

7. Council Committee Reports

a. Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes - April 2, 2026

b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2026

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks

b. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes - April 9, 2026

c. Approve Storefront Improvement Program Application for Low Bar LLC

Councilmember Robb made a comment that Council should remember the intent of the program. This request is drifting toward subsidizing private branding instead of public benefit.

Motion by Councilmember Gaumond, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve consent agenda items A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, B. approve April 9, 2026, City Council Meeting minutes, and C. approve Storefront Improvement Program application for Low Bar LLC.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

10. Public Hearing

No public hearing.

11. New Business

a. Adopt Resolution 2026-07 Authorizing Placement of a Public Safety Sales Tax on the August 2026 Primary Ballot

Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Cowan to approve Resolution 2026-07 providing for the submission of a proposition to the voters of the City of Stanwood that would impose a one tenth of one percent sales and use tax to be used to fund public safety services. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Public Closing Comments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Kathy Wooten, Stanwood	Asked Council to speak into their microphones.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

Thanked all staff members who were involved in the conversion to utility monthly billing. The change in the process was challenging, and he appreciated all the hard work to make it happen. Finance staff included Marcy Mathis, Charlee Rowaland, Barb Vasques. Water department staff included Leigh Danielson, Gina Seegert, Ed Avila, Scott Justesen, Nate Towse.

b. City Administrator's Report

- Met with the YMCA Teen Director, looking for a Councilmember to participate in their School Zone Safety group.
- To give council an idea of what a pedestrian overpass would cost, the City of Everett just approved a design contract for three-million dollars for a pedestrian overpass. This item was passed with their agenda consent items. They are assuming \$15 million for construction.
- The low bid for Depot Park came in at \$215,000 under the engineer's estimate.

c. Councilmember's Reports/Questions

- Robb volunteered to sit on the YMCA School Zone Safety group. Commented that tonight's workshop was very productive.
- Hicks shared his appreciation on behalf of the Stanwood Salute to America Foundation for Council's comments, concerns, and feedback regarding the 4th of July - 250th Birthday Celebration.
- Shepro discussed Pedestrian Safety.
- Bergman stated the downtown street striping looks great.

14. Recess to Executive Session

At 7:50 p.m., the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Smith, City Attorney Thompson, Police Chief DeWitt, 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 will be taken. At 8:00 p.m.

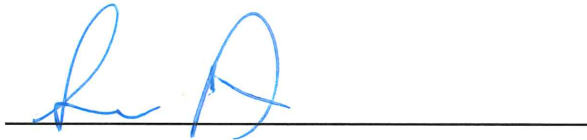
Mayor Roberts extended the executive session for an additional 5 minutes. The Regular City Council meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

15. Adjourn

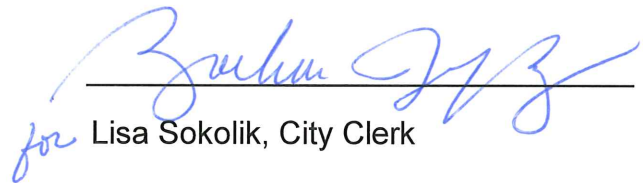
There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

City of Stanwood

Attest:



Sid Roberts, Mayor



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk