

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting - By Remote Participation via Zoom & in Person at The Mill Building

CALL TO ORDER:	6:00 p.m. Mayor Brett Gailey
ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:	Kurt Hilt, Gary Petershagen, Kim Daughtry, Steve Ewing, Ryan Donoghue, and Kymm Shipman.
ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:	Anji Jorstad

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Brett Gailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Brett Gailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

All Councilmembers were present except Councilmember Jorstad.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Ewing made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Donoghue, to excuse Councilmember Jorstad. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION.** Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hilt, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

**Guest Business**

**Compensation Connections**

Compensation Connections returned to the council to provide additional information about the proposed staff compensation study. Discussion occurred and it was agreed that the compensation study would be conducted using the comparable cities listed in the presentation.

**Citizen Comments**

Ray Welk, Lake Stevens- Spoke about the 116<sup>th</sup>/117<sup>th</sup> couplet.

**City Department Report**

**Mid-Year Capital Projects Update Including 116<sup>th</sup>/117<sup>th</sup>**

Capital Projects Manager Erik Mangold provided an update on 2025 capital projects including but not limited to 131<sup>st</sup> Ave NE improvements, Main Street improvements, 91<sup>st</sup> SE Phase 2 and the 116<sup>th</sup>/117<sup>th</sup> couplet pilot project. He stated the couplet would not be advancing forward as a permanent project. Discussion followed.

Lake Stevens Water Quality

Environmental Programs Manager Shannon Farrant presented findings from a 2024 EPA study on fireworks' impact on lake water quality. Lake Stevens collected samples from three parks before and after July 4, showing perchlorate levels spiked to 1.04 ppb—above the 1.0 ppb threshold harmful to aquatic life. Council expressed interest in the ongoing 2025 study results. Discussion followed.

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION.** Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Donoghue, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

The consent agenda items were as follows:

- 2025 Vouchers
- City Council Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2025
- City Council Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2025
- Contract for Public Works/Parks Building Roof Replacement
- State Owned Aquatic Lands Lease at North Cove
- Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Cancel Council Meetings for Summer Recess
- Amendment to Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Snohomish County for Frontier Heights Park
- Seattle City Light Agreement
- Acceptance of 2025-2026 Wellness Grant from WA Criminal Justice Training Commission

**Public Hearing****Automated Traffic Safety Cameras Ordinance**

**MOTION.** Councilmember Ewing made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shipman, to take the automated traffic safety camera ordinance off the table and continue the public hearing. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

Environmental Programs Manager Shannon Farrant presented the updates made to the automated traffic camera ordinance including correcting clerical errors.

Mayor Gailey continued the public hearing allowing for comments.

Public Hearing Public Comment:

Tosha Edwards, Lake Stevens-Spoke about traffic cameras.

Mayor Gailey closed the public hearing.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ewing, to pass Ordinance 1200, adding Chapter 7.06 to the Lake Stevens Municipal Code regarding automated traffic safety cameras. The motion passed 5-0-1-1 with Councilmember Hilt opposed.

### **Action Items**

#### **Cavalero Park Acquisition**

Parks Director Garceau presented the opportunity to accept the donation of Cavelero Park from Snohomish County to the City of Lake Stevens. If approved, the next step would be to have Snohomish County Council approve the transfer at their August meeting. If approved, the park would transfer ownership shortly after and would be accepted into the city's park system. Discussion followed.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Donoghue made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hilt, to accept the donation of Cavelero Park from Snohomish County. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

#### **Memorandum of Understanding with Arts and Parks Foundation**

Planning and Community Development Director Russ Wright presented a memorandum of understanding between the Arts and Parks Foundation and City of Lake Stevens allowing the City to participate in the funding of an art mural located on the wall near SR-9 and Market Place. Discussion followed.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Ewing made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shipman, to approve the memorandum of understanding with the Arts and Parks Foundation allowing the City to participate in the funding of an art mural located on the wall near SR-9 and Market Place. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

#### **City Buildings Update**

Community Development and Planning Director Russ Wright presented the final scope and budget for the Municipal Campus and Museum projects. The Campus includes site upgrades and renovation of three buildings. The finance team confirmed \$7 million is available from existing funds, with no new revenue needed. Completion is expected between summer and fall 2026. Discussion followed.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Ewing made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to approve the budget and scope for the municipal campus as described, not to exceed \$7 million without prior approval from the Council. The motion passed 5-1-0-1 with Councilmember Donoghue opposed.

As part of the Downtown Subarea Plan, the City committed to rebuilding the museum as a regional attraction. The consulting architect estimates the project will cost \$3.9 million, and the finance team confirmed \$4 million is available from existing funds. Discussion followed.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Petershagen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shipman, to approve the budget and scope for the museum as described not to exceed \$4 million without prior approval from the Council. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

**Discussion Item**

**Boat Launch Pass Types**

Parks and Recreation Director Sarah Garceau summarized current boat launch passes. On October 15, 2024, Council voted to discontinue both the Snohomish County Annual Pass and the WA State Discover Pass, with a 2-month phase-out for the Discover Pass due to lack of city revenue. Councilmember Shipman requested extending its acceptance through November 2025.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Shipman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ewing, to accept the Discover Pass through November 30, 2025. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

**MOTION VOIDED. NOTE – SEE CORRECTION BELOW:** The motion was voided after executive session, as the item was listed for discussion only and not as an action item on the special meeting notice. It will return for a formal vote on August 26, 2025. Meanwhile, Mayor Gailey will direct staff to accept the WA State Discover Pass.

**Introduction to Proposed Development Agreement for KNA Property (LUA2025-0090)**

Senior Planner David Levitan presented a development agreement application (LUA2025-0090) submitted on June 6, 2025, proposing to transfer development rights from 9.1 acres on 99th Ave SE (“KNA property”) to a 2.84-acre site at 1622 S Lake Stevens Rd (“SLR property”), both owned by the applicant. A public hearing is scheduled for the August 26th council meeting. Discussion followed.

**Motion To Extend**

**MOTION.** Councilmember Petershagen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shipman, to extend the meeting no later than 9:00 p.m. The motion passed 4-2-0-1 with Councilmember Ewing and Councilmember Daughtry opposed.

**Executive Session**

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss litigation and potential litigation for approximately 30 minutes, returning at 8:50 p.m. with action to follow.

The Council reconvened the regular session at 8:50 p.m.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Donoghue made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to authorize the City Attorney to file an appeal of the adverse judgement in the sewer district litigation. Discussion occurred. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

**CORRECTION:**


City Attorney Rubstello clarified that the earlier motion to extend acceptance of the WA State Discover Pass was invalid, as the boat launch pass item was not listed as an

action item on the special meeting notice. Mayor Gailey stated it would return for a formal vote on the August 26, 2025, consent agenda, but staff would proceed in the meantime with accepting the WA State Discover Pass.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION.** Councilmember Donoghue made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hilt, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0-0-1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

  
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Brett Gailey, Mayor  
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Caitlin Weaver, Deputy City Clerk