CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026
HELD IN PERSON & REMOTELY

6:00 P.M. Regular Session:

Invocation: Given by Mayor Kaminskas.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Kaminskas, City Council and Staff.

Call to Order: Mayor Kaminskas called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call: City officials who physically attended the meeting: Mayor Kaminskas; Mayor Pro Tem Dunne; Councilmembers Severs, Kurtz, Darrow, Klingler, Fisher, and Ball; Mark McAvoy, City Administrator; Sean Boutz, City Attorney; Deputy Chief Darin Morgan; Ben Turner, Public Works Director; Kyle Dixon, Finance Director; Jen Camp, Parks and Recreation Director; Jandy Humble, Library Director; David Goehner, Communications Specialist; Sue Hudson-Rau, Code Enforcement Officer; Chelsea Griffin, Children's Services Associate; Cathy Bakken, Children's Services Librarian; Shane Miller, IT Manager; Michael Vigue, IT Services; and Rochelle Caton, City Clerk.

City officials who remotely attended the meeting via Zoom: Luke Michaels, City Engineer; Chief Damon Simmons; and Derek Kosanke, Parks Superintendent.

Agenda Approval:
Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to remove Item 20.A, Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severs and passed unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem Dunne then moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Severs and passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None.

Appointments:

Announcements / Proclamations / Special Presentations:

Spokane Valley Fire Department: Fire Chief Soto provided a presentation on the 2026 second-quarter report. Questions were asked and answered throughout.

Reports & Inquiries:

City Council:

Mayor Pro Tem Dunne mentioned the upcoming Kiwanis Movie in the Park on July 25, 2026.

Councilmember Ball commented on the Growth, Development and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Councilmember Fisher shared comments related to the HUB.

Mayor: Mayor Kaminskas provided an update on recent and upcoming meetings, including the SRTC Board Meeting, State of the Valley event, GSI Regional Advocacy Meeting, and Farmers Market scheduling.

City Administrator: City Administrator McAvoy provided updates and reminders. He then shared a brief recap of summer event attendance using Placer.ai data. Questions were asked and answered.

City Administrator McAvoy introduced the following staff members, who provided brief presentations and introductions:

- Ben Turner, Public Works Director, provided a briefing on the Neyland Stormwater Project. Questions were asked and answered throughout.
- Jandy Humble, Library Director, introduced new staff member Cathy Bakken, Children's Services Librarian.
- Chelsea Griffin, Children's Services Associate, introduced herself.
- Shane Miller, IT Manager, introduced Michael Vigue, IT Services.

City Administrator McAvoy then shared a brief presentation on the three logo design concepts provided by Visit Spokane. Discussion ensued. Community engagement will follow as the next step.

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District: Bill Gennoway, representing the Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District, provided a brief update and seasonal reminders. Questions were asked and answered.

Parks and Arts Commission: Nancy Hill, representing the Parks and Arts Commission, provided a brief presentation on current and future projects. Questions were asked and answered throughout.

Workshop Discussions:

Pavillion Park Play Structure: Jen Camp, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a joint presentation with Gen Dial of SCJ Alliance regarding the Pavilion Park Playground Renovation. Staff sought Council direction on the scope of the renovation. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion ensued. Council reached consensus to support expanding the playground to serve children ages 2–12, incorporating inclusive equipment for all abilities, swings, and shade.

STA Proposition 1 Ballot Measure: Mayor Kaminskas introduced this item for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Dunne spoke in support of the proposed resolution. Discussion ensued among the Council.

Mayor Kaminskas asked whether any Councilmembers opposed considering Resolution No. 26-289 later in the agenda. No objections were raised.

Weed Control Practices: City Administrator McAvoy introduced this item. A joint presentation was provided by Jen Camp, Parks and Recreation Director; Ben Turner, Public Works Director; and Sue Hudson-Rau, Code Enforcement Officer, regarding weed control practices throughout the City. Questions were asked and answered throughout. City Administrator McAvoy concluded the discussion by outlining next steps related to the upcoming Sidewalk Master Plan.

General Business – Consent Agenda:

Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve Items 11.A through 11.G. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

11.A Approve Meeting Minutes: Approve July 7, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

11.B July 21, 2026, Vouchers: Approve the 7.21.2026 vouchers, Q2 Quarterlies, 6.16.2026-6.30.2026 payroll and benefits in the total amount of $1,114,724.23.

11.C SCJ Alliance — Project Management Task Order: Approve the SCJ Alliance Task Order No. 00, in an amount not to exceed $7,500.

11.D Spokane County Urban Consortium Re-certification: Approve the Cooperation Agreement.

11.E Yunin Artist Agreement - Orchard Park Mural: Approve the Artist Services Agreement with Yelena Yunin, which authorizes the city to spend an amount not to exceed $21,000.

11. F Picken Artist Agreement - Harvard Ripples Park Mural: Approve the Artist Services Agreement with Ellen Picken, which authorizes to city to spend an amount not to exceed $10,000.

11.G Construction Services Contract for Mission Ave Frontage Improvements: Approve the construction services agreement with Selland Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $900,000.

General Business - Action Items:

12.A Donation-LLPD: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to accept the donation. Councilmember Severs seconded the motion. Deputy Chief Morgan provided additional information regarding the donation. Mayor Kaminskas called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Comments:

Public Hearings / Appeals:

Resolutions:

Resolution 26-289, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington in Support of STA Proposition 1.:

City Clerk Rochelle Caton read Resolution No. 26-289 by title only. Councilmember Severs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-289. Mayor Pro Tem Dunne seconded the motion. Questions were asked and answered. No public comments were made. Mayor Kaminskas called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances:

Emergency Ordinances:

Introduction of Upcoming Agenda Items: Councilmember Kurtz inquired about the status of the Governance Manual. Attorney Boutz stated that he anticipates presenting a draft for Council review in September.

Councilmember Darrow suggested adding a brief status report from Council committees to a near future agenda.

Citizen Comments:

Executive Session:

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) Litigation: This item was moved from the agenda.

Adjournment: With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

These minutes were approved August 4, 2026.

Cris Kaminskas

Cris Kaminskas, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake

Rochelle Caton

These minutes were prepared by Rochelle Caton. This meeting was also recorded. Anyone who desires to listen to the recording may visit the city's website or contact the City Clerk.