CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026,
HELD IN PERSON & REMOTELY

6:00 P.M. Regular Session:

Invocation: Given by Mayor Kaminskas.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Kanimskas, City Council and Staff.

Call to Order: Mayor Kaminskas called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Kaminskas; Mayor Pro Tem Dunne; Councilmembers Fisher, Darrow, Kurtz, Klingler, and Ball; Sean Boutz, City Attorney; Kyle Dixon, Finance Director; Ben Turner, Public Works Director; Jen Camp, Parks and Recreation Director; Michael Vigue, IT Systems Engineer; Deputy Chief Darin Morgan; David Goehner, Communications Specialist; and Rochelle Caton, City Clerk.

City officials attending remotely via Zoom: Mark McAvoy, City Administrator; Sue Hudson-Rau, Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Resource Specialist; Jandy Humble, Library Director; and Johnny Finn, Crew Supervisor.

Mayor Pro Tem Dunne moved to excuse Councilmember Severs. Councilmember Darrow seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Agenda Approval: Councilmember Ball made a motion to move Item 11.D to Item 12.D. Mayor Pro Tem Dunne seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Dunne moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Kurtz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None made.

Appointments:

Announcements / Proclamations / Special Presentations:

Mayor's 2027 Budget Message: Mayor Kaminskas delivered the 2027 Budget Message.

Reports & Inquiries:

City Council:
Councilmember Ball commented on attending the art selection meeting for the new City Hall.

Mayor: Mayor Kaminskas provided updates on previously attended and upcoming events, including the Visit Spokane Board meeting and the Transportation Summit meeting. Mayor Kaminskas proposed moving the November 3 City Council meeting to November 4.

City Administrator: City Administrator McAvoy provided reminders about upcoming events and invited Finance Director Kyle Dixon to present a briefing on the 2025 Financial and Accountability Audit and provide an update on TIF/LIFT funding. City Administrator McAvoy then provided an update on the logo work completed to date. Questions were asked and answered.

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District: Kottayam Natarajan of the Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District provided a brief update and seasonal reminders. Questions were asked and answered.

Parks and Art Commission: Nancy Hill, Chair of the Parks and Art Commission, provided a briefing on the proposed 2027 budget. Questions were asked and answered.

Workshop Discussions:

Capital Facilities Plan Funding Options: Kyle Dixon, Finance Director, summarized funding related to the 2027–2032 Capital Facilities Plan projects and discussed capital funding options. Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation.

Sidewalk Master Plan Public Engagement: Mark McAvoy, City Administrator, presented the results of the Sidewalk Master Plan public engagement process. Questions were asked and answered.

Staff were asked to identify any additional data needed. Mayor Pro Tem requested that a dedicated fund be established for this purpose. Councilmember Darrow asked how residents who were willing to pay could contribute.

Mayor Kaminskas asked staff to return with various funding options for consideration. Councilmember Fisher commented on the city-funded approach and emphasized the importance of evaluating the potential challenges of each funding source and any unintended consequences. Councilmembers generally expressed agreement with the community survey's support for a city-led approach to sidewalk repair.

General Business – Consent Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne moved to approve Items 11.A–11. C. Councilmember Kurtz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

11.A October 6, 2026, Meeting Minutes: Approve October 6, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

11.B October 20, 2026, Vouchers: Approve the October 20, 2026, vouchers, 3rd Q. Quarterlies, September 16–30 payroll and benefits in the total amount of $835,320.28.

11.C Molter Road Grind and Overlay Project — Engineering Services Contract: Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Parametrix, Inc. in the amount of $139,820 and any necessary documents consistent with the approved agreement and project scope.

General Business - Action Items:

12.A Sponsorship - ICCU "Home for the Holidays": Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve 12.A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher, passing unanimously.

12.B Sponsorship - STCU "Home for the Holidays": Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve 12.B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kurtz, passing unanimously.

12.C Sponsorship - Pawpular Companions "Home for the Holidays": Mayor Pro Tem Dunne made a motion to approve 12.C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Darrow, passing unanimously.

12.D City Hall Renovation Project — Additional Design Service Request: Mayor Pro Tem Dunne moved to discussion, seconded by Councilmember Ball. Councilmember Ball raised questions regarding the overall budget. Questions were asked then answered. Mayor Kaminskas called for a vote, passing unanimously.

Council Comments: Councilmember Ball reported attending the County Commission meeting, where an extension of the moratorium on decisions regarding a data center in West Plains was approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Dunne moved to reschedule the November 3 City Council meeting to November 4. Councilmember Darrow seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Hearings / Appeals:

Resolutions:

Ordinances:

Ordinance 318: Adopting a New City Logo (2nd Read): Rochelle Caton, City Clerk, read Ordinance 318 by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Dunne moved to discuss Ordinance 318 for its second reading. Councilmember Ball seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the two options. Mayor Kaminskas called for a vote, and the motion passed 5–1, with Councilmember Fisher opposed.

Councilmember Kurtz moved to amend the motion to designate Option 2 as the preferred choice over Option 1. Mayor Pro Tem Dunne seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mayor Kaminskas called for a vote, and the motion passed 5–1, with Councilmember Fisher opposed.

Councilmember Ball called the question to move directly to a vote. Mayor Kaminskas called for a vote. Councilmember Ball voted in favor, while Councilmembers Kurtz, Klingler, Darrow, and Fisher, along with the Mayor Pro Tem, voted in opposition. The motion failed.

Discussion continued. No public comments were received. The Mayor then called for a vote on the amended motion. The motion passed 5–1, with Councilmember Fisher opposed.

Emergency Ordinances:

Introduction of Upcoming Agenda Items: No changes were made to the current schedule.

Citizen Comments:

Executive Session:

Adjournment: With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

These minutes were approved November 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.