

**CLE ELUM SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
JUNE 23, 2025  
5:00 PM  
119 W FIRST STREET  
CLE ELUM, WA 98922**

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call**

Cassidy Buechle-Curtis - present  
Ken Ratliff - absent  
Beth Williams - present  
Steven Harper - present  
Jerred Weis - present  
Steven Cook - present  
Audrey Malek - present

Matthew Lundh - Mayor  
Rob Omans - City Administrator  
Curtis Chambers - City Attorney  
Debbie Lee - Clerk

**MOTION: Councilmember Cook made a motion to excuse Councilmember Ratliff; seconded by Councilmember Williams.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 yes 1 no. (Councilmember Harper)**

**2. Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(i) Potential Litigation**

- a. Executive Session under the authority of RCW 42.30.110(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence for the agency.
- b. In addition to potentially other litigation matters, the City Council will discuss the City Heights litigation and potential bankruptcy in the Executive Session. The City Council may take action after the Executive Session on topics discussed in the Executive Session.

The Council went into Executive Session at 5:04 p.m for 40 minutes.

The Mayor came out at 5:45 p.m. and extended the Executive Session for another 10 minutes.

The Council returned at 5:55 p.m.

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Buechle-Curtis made a motion to confirm the Council's support of Resolution 2025-006, which authorizes the Mayor to file Chapter 9 bankruptcy related to the City Heights matters. The motion acknowledges that the City has made good-faith efforts to achieve an agreeable resolution on this matter outside the bankruptcy courts and recognizes that many viable alternatives to bankruptcy were explored to protect the city's interest in the good of the public. The motion reaffirms Resolution 2025-006 as an acknowledgment that authorizes the Mayor to file for Chapter 9 bankruptcy and support our Mayor and City Staff's efforts to resolve this through other avenues; seconded by Councilmember Cook.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6 yes 0 no.

Discussion was had that the City had done an amicable job of trying to come to a resolution and exhausted all efforts. There are no good options, but the Council fully supports this decision.

**3. Adjourn**

The Council continued into the Special Council Meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m.



Matthew Lundh, Mayor



Debbie Lee, Clerk