

*April 20, 2026*

**T**HE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met for a Special Work Session in the Back Conference Room of City Hall at 1134 F Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Mayor Dan Johnson; Council President Jim Kleeburg (4:05 p.m.); Councilor Kasee Forsmann (3:03 p.m. via Zoom); Councilor Jessica Klein; Councilor Bryan Moree; Councilor John Spickelmire; Councilor Matt Wright.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Nicole Umiker, a Lewiston resident, requested that Stewart Avenue be removed from the East Lewiston Transportation Network Analysis map.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Please note that identifying an item as an "Action Item" does not require the City Council to vote on that item.

**A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Annual program review and update provided by Emergency Management Coordinator James Wooderchak - Action Item**

Emergency Management Coordinator James Wooderchak provided an update to Councilors on trainings, exercises and updated plans. Mr. Wooderchak also noted that the Nez Perce County and Asotin County are working together to create a committee that will meet quarterly to discuss plans, as well as other emergency management related issues.

**B. EAST LEWISTON TRANSPORTATION NETWORK ANALYSIS: Update and discussion on the proposed East Lewiston Transportation Network Analysis plan - Discussion**

City Engineer Luke Antonich provided a brief background of the East Lewiston Transportation Network Analysis (ELTNA) and introduced the design team from Kittelson & Associates.

Karen Nuxoll, Senior Engineer with Kittelson & Associates, noted that changes were made to the ELTNA related to Ms. Umiker's request, and explained that the draft plan is scheduled to be completed in May, along with an open house being held May 12th at Lewiston High School, with the final plan scheduled to go on Council's agenda in June.

- C. **CITY OF LEWISTON STANDARD DRAWINGS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE IDAHO STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION:** Introduction and review of the updated City of Lewiston Standard Drawings and Modifications to the Idaho Standards for Public Works Construction (ISPWC) - Action Item

City Engineer Antonich shared the new standards and where to find the information on the city website, explaining the goal is to get the rules into city code, so there's a solid foundation for working with developers. The updates bring everything up to speed with federal guidelines and modern building practices. The focus was on making things clearer and, by laying out the expectations upfront, it would make it easier for contractors and developers. The first reading of the ordinance is scheduled for the April 27, 2026 City Council meeting.

Council President Kleeburg joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

- D. **UNUSED CITY PROPERTIES:** Continued discussion of unused City property, as requested by Councilor Spickelmire at the January 26, 2026 and March 2, 2026 City Council meetings - Action Item

Councilor Spickelmire asked whether any properties had been identified as surplus following discussions at the January 26 and March 2, 2026 City Council meetings. Mayor Johnson reported that three parcels on 17th Street between 10th and 11th Avenue were initially identified but were determined to be right-of-way.

The Council also discussed Trevitt Park, land near the Veterans Home and Modie Park, and a parcel near the Northwest Children's Home. While the Council discussed having staff assess the risks to surplus areas, no formal action was taken, and the council moved on to the next agenda item.

- E. **UPCOMING BUDGET:** Discussion about potential budget cuts, as requested by Councilor Forsmann at the April 13, 2026 City Council meeting - Action Item

Councilor Forsmann and Councilor Spickelmire explained they are working to make the budget process more proactive, emphasizing the need for earlier Council input and clearer communication of expectations to the Mayor and departments. Discussion focused on maintaining ongoing budget conversations, with a preference to avoid tax increases while recognizing potential financial pressures.

Councilors discussed priorities and expectations, including public transit efficiency and identifying key projects to focus on. They noted the importance of evaluating budget impacts and expressed a shared interest in limiting taxes and spending, maintaining service value, and exploring alternative revenue options.

V. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:** Comments shall not be related to an item currently before the City Council or an item that may come before the City Council in the foreseeable future, and shall be limited to comments, not discussion.

Councilor Wright announced that the Cemetery and Urban Forestry Commission would be planting a tree in observance of Arbor Day on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 4 p.m. at the Cemetery.

Councilor Forsmann apologized for not being able to attend the meeting in person due to illness.

B. **CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilors Wright, Spickelmire, and Kleeburg shared updates regarding their assigned Boards and Commissions.

C. **MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Johnson noted that applications for the City's representative on the Airport Authority Board are open until May 20th. Additionally, the City Library currently provides fax services, and is finalizing plans to offer notary services.

D. **AGENDA TOPICS:** - Action Item

VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code; and (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

At 4:59 p.m., Council President Kleeburg and Councilor Wright moved and seconded, respectively, to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1 title 74, Idaho Code; and (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Klein; Wright; Spickelmire; Moree; Forsmann.***

Councilors returned to Open Session at 5:45 p.m.


- A. **RESOLUTION 2026-22:** Considering approving a Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Lewiston - Nez Perce County

Airport Authority - Action Item

Councilor Wright and Council President Kleeburg moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2026-22. **ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Klein; Wright; Spickelmire; Moree; Forsmann.**


**VII. ADJOURNMENT** - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Council President Kleeburg and Councilor Klein moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the April 20, 2026 Special Meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



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Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor



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Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk

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