



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Tuesday, January 6, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone

Register to

Attend: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2F7L1hDKQjizMY-sn7qtCg

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Dontae Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Yến Huỳnh, Councilmember Dani Madrone, Councilmember Robert Vanderpool, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Kelly Green and Councilmember Paul Berendt

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Present: 7 - Mayor Dontae Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Yến Huỳnh, Councilmember Dani Madrone, Councilmember Robert Vanderpool, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Kelly Green and Councilmember Paul Berendt

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [26-0011](#) Special Recognition - Swearing-In Ceremony of Newly Elected City Councilmembers

Newly elected Councilmembers Clark Gilman, Kelly Green, Robert Vanderpool and Paul Berendt were ceremonially sworn in as City Councilmembers. All newly elected Councilmembers were officially sworn in by Thurston County Auditor Mary Hall on November 25, 2025.

Councilmembers shared their thoughts and welcomed new Councilmember Berendt.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Peter Cook, Grace Fletcher, John Ficker, and Peter Gutchen.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (Optional)**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 4.A** [26-0021](#) Approval of December 16, 2025 Olympia City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** [26-0019](#) Approval of Recommended Updates to the City Council Guidebook

The decision was adopted.

- 4.C** [25-1031](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Renewal and Extension of a Lease Agreement with Great India Cuisine, Inc. for of City Owned Property Located at 116 4th Avenue West

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.D** [26-0003](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Thurston County for Paramedic Services

The decision was adopted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Berendt, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances)**4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - None****PULLED FOR SEPARATE ACTION**

- 4.E** [25-1052](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code 5.82 to Address Tenant Screening Practices

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Gilman, to approve on second reading, an ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code 5.82 addressing tenant screening practices. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool and Councilmember Gilman

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [26-0022](#) Approval of the 2026 City Council Retreat Agenda

City Manager Burney reviewed the draft City Council retreat agenda.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Huynh moved, seconded by Councilmember Madrone, to approve the 2026 City Council Retreat agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

6.B [26-0031](#) Elect a City Councilmember to Serve as Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Payne described the role of Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Green moved, seconded by Councilmember Madrone, to open nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

Mayor Payne opened nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem at 7:32 p.m. Councilmember Madrone nominated current Mayor Pro Tem Yen Huynh. With no further nominations, Mayor Payne closed the nominations at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem shared her thoughts and acceptance of continuing in the role.

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Berendt, to appointment Yen Huynh as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT**8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

8.A [25-1045](#) Consider a Referral Regarding Speed Enforcement Cameras

Councilmember Kelly Green shared an overview of a Referral regarding designing and implementing an effective speed safety camera program to the 2026 Community Livability work plan.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Green moved, seconded by Councilmember Gilman, to add the topic of Speed Enforcement Cameras to the 2026 Community Livability and Public Safety Committee Work Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

8.B [26-0020](#) Consider a Referral Regarding an Olympia Food System Plan

Councilmember Madrone shared an overview of a request for the City Council to engage in a Study Session to review available research and discuss the feasibility and potential scope of developing a comprehensive food system plan for Olympia.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Mayor Payne, to refer the topic of developing of a local food system plan to staff and be added to the City Council 2026 Work Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Burney reported there is a week and a half left that Oly on Ice is open.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.