



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501

Information: 360.753.8244

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

6:00 PM

**Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone**

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-oPSeu_KR8Sn9k9VNnRN6g

1. ROLL CALL

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

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Payne shared a statement of condolence for the loss of Joy Ezindu and Carla Gonzales in a tragic crash that occurred on July 9th.

He also noted that the City Council will be holding a special Study Session on Thursday, July 17 to be briefed on the Workers Bill of Rights petition.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [25-0614](#) Special Recognition - Honoring the Outgoing and Incoming Poet Laureate

Arts Program Manager Stephanie Johnson shared recognition of Poet Laureate Kathleen Byrd, who served from 2023 - 2025 and welcomed the incoming Poet Laureate Ocean who will serve from 2025 - 2027.

Councilmembers shared their thanks for the service of Kathleen Byrd and welcomed Ocean into their new role.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke Chuck Bolland and Sharon Case.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A** [25-0618](#) Approval of July 8, 2025 Olympia City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances) - None

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 6.A** [25-0613](#) Approval of Recommended 2025 Traffic Box Wrap Designs

Ms. Johnson and Arts Commission Chair Kathy Dorgan presented the 2025 traffic box wraps.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Huynh moved, seconded by Councilmember Vanderpool, to approve the top ten designs for the 2025 Traffic Box Wrap Public Art Project as recommended by the Arts Commission and determined by public vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6.B** [25-0625](#) State Legislative Update

Contract Lobbyist Nick Federici provided an update on state lobbying activities.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The information was received.

- 6.C** [25-0626](#) Federal Legislative Update

Federal Contract Lobbyists Rick Desimone and Liz Fortunato provided an update on Federal legislative activities.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The information was received.

6.D [25-0627](#) State of LOTT Clean Water Alliance Briefing

LOTT Executive Director Matt Kennelly provided an update on the state of LOTT.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The information was received.

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

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

Acting City Manager Debbie Sullivan had no reports.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.