



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501
Information: 360.753.8441

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

6:00 PM

**Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone**

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YYXUa4RcQLm7M4E7GyCmFQ

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

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [26-0018](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing January 19, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Community Engagement Leader from New Life Baptist Church Dr. Thelma Jackson and Community Design Manager Stephanie Cholmondeley shared words in honor of Dr. King.

The recognition was received.

2.B [26-0007](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing National Day of Racial Healing

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing January 20 as the Day of Racial Healing.

Regional Manager, Olympia and West Olympia Timberland Regional Library Victoria Harmon, Victoria Harmon, NAACP of Thurston County Vice President Talauna Reed, South Sound YMCA Program Director Zoe McRae spoke to the importance of the Day of Racial Healing.

Cultural and Belonging Manager Olivia Salazar de Breaux shared details regarding activities and art exhibits at City Hall and the Olympia Center that is ongoing through February 15. She also shared information regarding an event at the Olympia Center on January 17 featuring speakers and activities.

The recognition was received.

2.C [26-0039](#)

Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day. Washington Immigrant Solidarity Campaign Manager Ernesto Olivia spoke regarding the significance of the proclamation.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Christina McVeigh, Sarah Hawk, Terry Ballard, and Andrelyn Izquierdo.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (Optional)

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [26-0040](#) Approval of January 6, 2026 Olympia City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [26-0045](#) Approval of the 2026 City of Olympia State Legislative Agenda

The decision was adopted.

4.C [26-0034](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement Between the City of Olympia and Vantage Financial, LLC for Mobile Computer Terminals and Protection Warranty

The resolution was adopted.

4.D [26-0038](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Application for the Recreation and Conservation Office Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board Grant for the Ellis Creek Fish Passage Design Project

The resolution was adopted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances) - None

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [26-0015](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code Related to Development Code Updates to Support Urban Agriculture

Associate Planner Casey Schaufler presented an overview of the ordinance to allow urban agriculture as a permissible use in additional zoning districts and clarifies that household pets are not considered as part of agricultural use.

An amendment to the proposed ordinance was made as follows, “No more than six pet animals, ~~and no more than three of any species,~~ are permitted per dwelling unit.”

Councilmember Madrone suggested adding the subject of the amount of pet animals to the Land Use and Environment Committee work plan for future discussion.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Berendt, to approve on first reading, forward to second reading, an ordinance amending OMC Chapters 18.04 and 18.06 to update code on urban agriculture and slight modifications for household pets as recommended by staff and discussed by the City Council. The motion carried

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

8.A [26-0041](#) Consider a Referral Regarding Introduction of a Diverse Family Structure Nondiscrimination Ordinance

Councilmember Vanderpool moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh, to

approve a referral to introduce an ordinance regarding diverse family structure non-discrimination for City Council consideration based on available model legislation, with revisions informed by City Attorney review and public comment during the legislative process. 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 that last Friday was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and thanked City law enforcement for their work.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.