



# Meeting Minutes

## City Council

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**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Online and Via  
Phone**

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### Register to Attend:

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## 1. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Dontae Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Y  n Hu  nh, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Kelly Green, Councilmember Dani Madrone and Councilmember Robert Vanderpool

## 1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Payne shared that Dr. Stacy Hicks, long time advocate for Olympia, who served on both the Arts Commission and Heritage Committee recently passed away, and expressed condolences.

## 1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to remove item 10.A - Closed Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b) - Labor Negotiations to move the item to the November 25, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda.

**The agenda was approved.**

## 2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - None

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Chris Lewis, Leslie Cushman, Kathy Baros Friedt, Grace Fletcher, Father Jaime Case, Emily Christianson, David Webb, Brian Ganster, Mike Pelly, Logan Brummett, Jacob Greenwalt, Justin Stang, Lou MacMillan, Jerry Inman, Jason Tippner, Kevin Pestinger, Desiree Toliver, Ribbon Beagle, L. Huston, Janae Huber, Caleb Gieger, Calvin Parker, Robert Dandy, Dakota King, Andy Barendsberg, Julian Mountjoy, Mairi Donahue, Courtney Cecale, William Cotter, Kyle Kimball, Paige Wright, Fox Frear, Jesse Bowes, and Mireya Uribe.

## COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (Optional)

## 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A [25-0985](#) Approval of November 10, 2025 Olympia City Council Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were approved.**

- 4.B [25-0942](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between Thurston County, City of Lacey, City of Olympia, and City of Tumwater to Support Regionally Coordinated Implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan

**The decision was approved.**

- 4.C [25-0945](#) Approval of the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

**The decision was approved.**

- 4.D [25-0975](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Interagency Agreement with Department of Enterprise Services (DES) and Funding Authorization for the Armory Phase 1 Renovations

**The resolution was approved.**

- 4.E [25-0984](#) Approval of a Resolution Adopting the 2025 Thurston County Hazardous Waste Management Plan

**The resolution was approved.**

#### **4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances)**

- 4.F [25-0939](#) Approval of an Ordinance Imposing the Councilmanic Public Safety Sales and Use Tax authorized by HB-2015 of One-Tenth of One Percent (0.1%)

**The ordinance was approved on second reading.**

- 4.G [25-0961](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapters 5.04 and 5.05 of the Olympia Municipal Code and the City's B&O Tax Program

**The ordinance was approved on second reading.**

#### **4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances)**

- 4.H [25-0970](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code Section 5.04.040 Relating to Business & Occupations Tax Definitions

**The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to second reading to the City Council due back on 11/25/2025.**

- 4.I [25-0982](#) Approval of an Ordinance setting 2026 Regular Ad Valorem Tax - First and Final Reading

**The ordinance was approved on first and final reading.**

- 4.J [25-0983](#) Approval of an Ordinance setting 2026 Excess Ad Valorem Tax - First and Final Reading

**The ordinance was approved on first and final reading.**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

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

## **5. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 5.A [25-0783](#) Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Declaring a Continuing State of Public Health Emergency Related to Houselessness - First and Final Reading

Community Planning and Economic Development Director Susan McLaughlin presented information on the continuing state of public health emergency related to houselessness.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

No one spoke.

The public hearing closed at 7:23 p.m.

**The public hearing was held and closed. Councilmember Madrone, seconded by Councilmember Cooper moved to approve an ordinance declaring a continuing state of public health emergency related to houselessness. The motion passed with the following vote:**

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

- 5.B [25-0981](#) Public Hearing on the 2026 Preliminary Operating Budget, Utility Rates, General Facility Charges, Parking Rates and Impact Fees

Finance Director Michael Githens presented information on the 2026 preliminary operating budget, utility rates, general facility charges, parking rates and impact fees.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

The following people spoke: Justin Stang

The public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

**The public hearing was held and closed.**

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.A [25-0995](#) City of Olympia 2026 Draft Legislative Agenda Items Discussion

Legislative Liaison Susan Grisham along with Capitol Path Consultants Kyla Shkerich Blair and Daniel Pailthorp presented the Olympia 2026 draft Legislative agenda items.

The Councilmembers discussed and asked clarifying questions.

**The discussion was completed.**

### 6.B [25-0938](#) Approval of a Resolution Accepting the Updated Draft Housing Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan

Associate Planner Casey Schaufler presented the updated draft Housing Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

The Councilmembers discussed and asked clarifying questions.

**Councilmember Madrone, seconded by Councilmember Cooper moved to approve a Resolution accepting the updated Housing Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed with the following vote:**

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

### 6.C [25-0932](#) Approval of an Ordinance Adopting Missing Middle Housing Code Amendments

Planning Manager Joyce Phillips presented information on the Missing Middle Housing code amendments.

The Councilmembers discussed and asked clarifying questions.

**Councilmember Vanderpool, seconded by Councilmember Madrone moved to approve on first reading, and forward to second reading, an ordinance adopting middle housing code amendments. The motion passed with the following vote:**

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

### 6.D [25-0978](#) Approval of a Resolution Accepting the Climate Action and Resilience Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan

Director of Climate Programs Dr. Pamela Braff, PhD and Climate Resilience Coordinator Natalie Weiss presented the Climate Action and Resilience chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

The Councilmembers discussed and asked clarifying questions.

**Councilmember Madrone, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, moved to approve a Resolution accepting the Climate Action and Resilience Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed with the following vote:**

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

**7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

**8.A [25-0994](#) Consider a Referral Regarding Allocating Funds in Support of the Thurston County Food Bank**

Assistant City Manager Stacey Ray provided information about the Thurston County Food Bank and their current needs.

Councilmembers discussed and asked clarifying questions.

**Councilmember Cooper, seconded by Mayor Payne, moved to approve \$30,000 in funding support for the Thurston County Food Bank. The motion passed with the following vote:**

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

**9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS**

City Manager Burney reported that Thursday is the annual Adopt-a-Family silent auction and soup fundraiser. City Manager Burney also expressed his condolences to the families of Steven Nelson and Roland Ireland, former City of Olympia employees who passed away this past week.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

**10.A [25-0993](#) Closed Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b) - Labor Negotiations**

The closed session was postponed.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.