



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

City Hall
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Tuesday, February 24, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ycksHnNAQh-yTTuHzCPAWQ

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

Mayor Payne shared a statement regarding the City of Olympia and the use of APLR cameras. He noted that the City has suspended the Flock program, removed all equipment, permanently deleted data in accordance with policy, will not renew the contract, and has no plans to restart the program, while committing to transparency and community engagement for any future public safety technology considerations.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [26-0121](#) Special Recognition - Poetry Reading from City of Olympia Poet Laureate Ocean

Arts Program Manager Stephanie Johnson introduced Poet Laureate, Ocean who read a poem as is tradition in the beginning of each year. Ocean also shared events where the community can interact with the Poet Laureate program.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Kristina Townsend, Edythe Hulet, Rick Bird, Jessa David, Roslyn Erlewins, Jeff Davis, Brian Faller, Tyson Holman, David Carlson, Debbie Carter, Tom Colhane, Ribbon Beagle, Andrew Peterson, Franklin Wilson, Eika Petermann, Betty Bailey and Heather Burgess.

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

- 4.A [26-0154](#) Approval of February 3, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B [26-0124](#) Approval of February 10, 2026 Olympia City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C [26-0106](#) Approval of Bills (December 11, 2025 - February 4, 2026) and Payroll (December 15, 2025 - January 31, 2026) Certification

Payroll periods December 15, 2025 through January 31, 2026 and Direct Deposit transmissions: Total: \$9,270,615.94; Claim expenditures December 11, 2025 through February 4, 2026: Total: \$25,691,081.54.

The decision was adopted.

- 4.D [26-0153](#) Approval of the Reappointment of Chris Leicht to the Capital Area Regional Public Facilities District Board

The decision was adopted.

- 4.E [26-0115](#) Approval of a Resolution Adjusting Petty Cash and Change Funds

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.F [26-0129](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County, City of Lacey, City of Tumwater, and Thurston Conservation District's South Sound GREEN Stormwater Education

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.G [26-0133](#) Approval of a Resolution Calling for an End to Dangerous Immigration Enforcement Tactics by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Urging Protection of Constitutional Rights, and Requiring Meaningful Guardrails on Department of Homeland Security Funding

The resolution was adopted.

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

- 4.H** [26-0137](#) Approval of an Ordinance Enacting Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 12.75 Prohibiting Use of City Owned or Controlled Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities or Operations by Federal Agents; Declaring an Emergency and Establishing an Effective Date - FIRST AND FINAL READING

The ordinance was approved on first and final reading.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Berendt moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, 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

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A** [26-0131](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Olympia Municipal Code Related to Development Standards for Urban Villages

Senior Planner Jackson Ewing reviewed the proposed code amendments related to the Urban Village zone (Briggs Village). He shared that the applicant seeks zoning and Master Plan amendments, as well as termination of the Development Agreement capping units at 810, to allow additional residential development and revised commercial standards.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Berendt moved, seconded by Councilmember Vanderpool, to amend the ordinance to clarify that required commercial square footage is calculated per acre of the entire village to read as follows; minimum 500 square feet per acre of the entire village, maximum 1,300 square feet per acre of the entire village. 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

Councilmember Berendt moved, seconded by Councilmember Vanderpool, to amend the Ordinance to require a minimum grocery store size of 12,000 square feet (instead of 9,200 square feet), with a maximum of 50,000 square feet. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman and Councilmember Berendt

Nay: 4 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, Councilmember Madrone and Councilmember Green

Councilmember Green moved, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, to amend the ordinance to allow the 9,200 square foot grocery requirement to be satisfied through multiple tenant spaces meeting the “food store” definition. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huynh and Councilmember Green

Nay: 4 - Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman and Councilmember Berendt

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Vanderpool, to adjust the maximum height for mixed-use buildings facing the town square from 45 – 50 feet. 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 Pro Tem Huynh moved, seconded by Councilmember Green, to maintain the minimum grocery store requirement at 9,200 square feet, and to allow that required square footage to be subdivided among multiple food-related tenants, provided that the development includes a primary grocery tenant offering typical full-service grocery items. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Huynh and Councilmember Green

Nay: 5 - Mayor Payne, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman and Councilmember Berendt

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Gilman, to approve the ordinance as amended on first reading, and forward to second reading. 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 [26-0132](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement to Terminate the Briggs Urban Village Development Agreement

Senior Planner Ewing presented an overview of the Briggs Village Urban Village framework. He explained that the City established zoning regulations for mixed-use “villages” in 1995, and that the Briggs Village Master Plan was adopted in 2003 to guide layout and design, with development standards governed by OMC 18.05. The applicant

is requesting termination of the existing development agreement that caps residential units at 810, which would also allow for accessory dwelling units.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Gilman, to approve a Resolution authorizing an Agreement to terminate the Briggs Urban Village Development Agreement. 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

6.C [26-0110](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 5.80, Unfair Housing Practices Related to Diverse Family Structures

City Manager Burney shared an overview of an Ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code related to unfair housing practices. He noted the amendment ensures equal access all residents are protected from discrimination based on their family structure or consensual relationships.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Vanderpool moved, seconded by Mayor Payne to approve on first reading, and forward to second reading, the Ordinance amending Chapter 5.80 OMC, Unfair Housing Practices related to diverse family structures,. 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

6.D [26-0130](#) Approval of an Ordinance Enacting Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 7.01, Olympia Code Against Discrimination

City Manager Burney shared an overview of the proposed Ordinance that establishes a code of against discrimination in the City of Olympia. He noted that the new Code is intended to eliminate and prevent unlawful discrimination in its various form and is intended to be remedial in nature and provides civil remedies for residents who experience unlawful discrimination, supporting the City's commitment to equity and fairness.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

During the discussion, Councilmember Vanderpool requested the following amendment:

In Section 7.01.010 (Declaration of Policy), change language from:

“all persons residing in the City of Olympia”

to:

“all persons residing and/or employed or visiting in the City of Olympia.”

Also, section 7.01.040 was amended to add clarifying language.

Mayor Pro Tem Huynh moved, seconded by Mayor Payne Move to approve on first reading, and forward to second reading, an Ordinance enacting new Olympia Municipal Code (OMC) Chapter 7.01, Olympia Code Against Discrimination as amended. 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

The following people spoke: Nova Stewart, David Webb, Jeff Thomas, VL Huntington Bradley, Terry Ballard, Kris Norelius, and David Merchant.

8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Burney had no reports.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.