



Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xFCaTR2NSTupg3JtuLHfBg

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 impending pool closure at Evergreen. He noted the City does not fund the pool, but City Manager Burney will reach out to Evergreen President Carmichael to get more information regarding the closure.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [26-0078](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing the Budd Inlet Six 50th Anniversary

Councilmember Berendt read a proclamation recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Budd Inlet Six. The Budd Inlet Six refers to an event on March 7, 1976 where six Bigg's Killer Whales were captured and held in Budd Inlet.

Event eyewitness Karen Ellick and Edward B. Mackie accepted the proclamation.

The recognition was received.

2.B [26-0149](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Disability Awareness Month

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing March as Disability Awareness Month.

The proclamation was accepted by Disability Justice Task Force Project Manager Joslyn Nelson.

The recognition was received.

- 2.C** [26-0165](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing the 140th Anniversary of Olympia's Stand Against Anti-Chinese Violence

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing the 140th Anniversary of Olympia's stand against anti-Chinese violence where in 1886 Olympia leaders acted to uphold the rule of law and prevent violence and destruction directed at Chinese community members.

The proclamation was accepted by Locke Family Foundation member Brian Lock, Historian Edward Echtle, and Olympia AHA Museum Manager Ruth Kodish-Eskind.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Ashton Myrick, Joseph Kim, Brent Barnes, Bill Penn, Constance Lantagne, Henry Valz, Peter Gutchen, Olivia Smith, Crystal Smith, Grace Fletcher, Dan Decker, Nicole Buddington, Dawn Baker, and Terry Ballard.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (Optional)

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A** [26-0181](#) Approval of February 24, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** [26-0166](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Habitat for Humanity for Sewer Infrastructure Cost-Sharing

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.C** [26-0170](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the First Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for the Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee

The resolution was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances)

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

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

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

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Berendt 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 Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A** [26-0180](#) Youth Council Update and Approval of the Proposed 2026 Youth Council Work Plan

Youth Council Co-Chair Nolan O'Connell, Co-Chair Donovan Jojoba, Policy Committee Co-Chair Shruthi Lingam-Nattami presented the proposed 2026 Youth Council work plan.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh moved, seconded by Councilmember Madrone, to approve the 2026 Youth Council Work Plan. 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.B** [26-0147](#) Approval of the 2026 Plinth Project Sculptures for Exhibition

Arts Commission Staff Liaison and Olympia Arts Commission Chair Kathy Dorgan shared the proposed 2026 Plinth Project Sculptures for exhibition.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Gilman moved, seconded by Mayor Payne, to approve the recommended sculptures for the 2026 Percival Plinth Project Exhibition.. 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 [26-0182](#) Briefing on the Council of Neighborhood Associations' Community Priorities Survey

Council of Neighborhood Associations representative Daniel Garcia, shared an overview of the recent Community Priorities Forum held at City Hall in January. He also shared results from a Community Priorities Survey that received responses from approximately 140 community members, summarizing key issues and interests identified by participants.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The report 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

City Manager Burney had no reports.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.A [26-0144](#) Closed Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b) - Labor Negotiations

Mayor Payne recessed the meeting at 9:04 p.m. He asked the City Council to reconvene in 10 minutes for an Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). He announced no decisions would be made, the meeting was expected to last no longer than 60 minutes, and the City Council would adjourn immediately following the Closed Session. Mayor Payne reconvened the City Council at 9:13 p.m. The City Attorney was present at the Executive Session. The Closed Session was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

The closed session was held and no decisions were made.

10.B [26-0179](#) Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); Litigation and Potential Litigation

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Green moved to amend the agenda to postpone the Executive Session to a future meeting. 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

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.