



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
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Tuesday, October 7, 2025 **6:00 PM** **Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone**

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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 - None

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh moved, seconded by Mayor Payne to amend the agenda to move Public Comment ahead of the Public Hearing. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [25-0854](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing October 13, 2025 as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Squaxin Island Tribe Council representatives received the proclamation and shared some words regarding the importance of recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The recognition was received.

2.B [25-0833](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Hindu Heritage Month

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Hindu Heritage Month.

Several members of the Hindu community received the proclamation and shared some

words regarding the importance of recognizing Hindu Heritage Month.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- 3.A [25-0865](#) Approval of a Resolution Opposing Local Initiative Proposition No. 1 Concerning an Initiative to Amend the Olympia Municipal Code to Add a New Chapter for Labor Standards for Certain Employees for Work Scheduling, a Minimum Wage, a Safe Workplace Environment, and other Labor Regulations

Assistant City Manager Stacey Ray presented an overview of Local Initiative Proposition 1.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

The following people spoke: David Webb, Ribbon Beagle, Caleb Gieger, Nick Quijas, Nicholas Hefling, Jason Tippner, Morgan Nichols, Seamus Walsh Petrie, Tom Crawford, Mark Neville, Krag Unsoeld, Paris McClusky, Tracy Hortman, Derek Rutter, Nat Degen, Ben Peterson, Chris Fergus, Andre Newcomb, Gabe Salzetti, Isaac Wagnitz, Brian Ganster, Sam Davis, Keadrin Cain, Barrett Kocher, Will Smith, Charlotte Crawford, Michael Whalen, Robin Crawford, Sharon Turebel, Brandon Weedon, Annie Evans, Nicole Butigan, Cheryl Selby, Mindy Roberts, Alex Ketter, Rose Gunderson, Amalie O'Connor, Mike Hobbick, Pam Oates, Elizabeth MacLean, Dan Merscher and Jason Lee.

The public hearing closed at 8:39 p.m.

The Council discussed Local Initiative Proposition 1.

Councilmember Cooper Called the Question, seconded by Councilmember Gilman. The Call the Question was passed by a vote of 6-to-1 with Councilmember Madrone abstaining.

Mayor Pro Tem Huynh moved, seconded by Mayor Payne to approve a resolution opposing Local Initiative Proposition No. 1 concerning an initiative to amend the Olympia Municipal Code to add a new chapter for labor standards for certain employees for work scheduling, a minimum wage, a safe workplace environment, and other labor regulations. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: 3 - Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Gilman and Councilmember Vanderpool

Councilmember Gilman moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper to modify the resolution to approve Local Initiative Proposition No. 1 concerning an initiative to amend the Olympia Municipal Code to add a new chapter for labor standards for certain employees for work scheduling, a minimum wage, a safe workplace environment, and other labor regulations. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following person spoke: Nolan O'Connell

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5.A [25-0874](#) Approval of September 30, 2025 Olympia City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

5.B [25-0856](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Design/Build Agreement with Forma, Inc. for the Hands On Children's Museum Expansion Project

The resolution was adopted.

5.C [25-0857](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Parametrix, Inc. for the Hands On Children's Museum Expansion Project

The resolution was adopted.

5.D [25-0862](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for the Encampment Resolution Program - Housing division

The resolution was adopted.

5.E [25-0867](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property From the Estate of Margaret E. Long

The resolution was adopted.

5.F [25-0870](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Acknowledge and Accept a Donation From The Angela J. Bowen Conservancy Foundation to be Used Solely For the Purchase of Real Property From The Estate of Margaret E. Long and to sign

the Foundation's Donation Letter on behalf of the City of Olympia

The resolution was adopted.

5. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances) - None

5. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances)

- 5.G** [25-0877](#) Approval of an Ordinance Accepting a Gift and Donation from the Angela J. Bowen Conservancy Foundation to be Used Solely for Purchasing Real Property from the Estate of Margaret E. Long for Park and Conservancy Purposes - FIRST AND FINAL

The ordinance was approved on first and final reading.

- 5.H** [25-0868](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 7434 (Third Quarter Budget Amendment)

The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to second reading.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Payne, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Madrone and Councilmember Vanderpool

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Huynh

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A** [25-0813](#) Approval of a Resolution Accepting the Updated Draft Public Safety Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan

Director of Community Planning & Economic Development Susan McLaughlin presented the updated draft Public Safety Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

The Council discussed and asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Madrone, seconded by Councilmember Green moved to approve a resolution accepting the updated draft Public Safety Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Payne, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Madrone and Councilmember Vanderpool

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Huynh

6.B [25-0855](#) Acceptance of the Transportation Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan

Public Works Principal Planner Michelle Swanson, AICP presented the Transportation Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

The Council discussed and asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Vanderpool, seconded by Councilmember Madrone moved to approve a Resolution accepting the Transportation chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Payne, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Madrone and Councilmember Vanderpool

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Huynh

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT - None

8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS - None

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.