



# Meeting Minutes

## City Council

City Hall  
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**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Online and Via  
Phone**

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### Register to Attend:

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#### 1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Payne called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Dontae Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Yến Huỳnh, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Dani Madrone, Councilmember Lisa Parshley and Councilmember Robert Vanderpool

#### 1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

#### 1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**The agenda was approved.**

#### 2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

##### 2.A [24-0698](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing National Service Dog Month

Councilmember Parshley read a proclamation recognizing September, 2024 as National Service Dog month.

Canine Companions representative Jody Hawthorne spoke about the importance of specifically trained service dogs.

**The recognition was received.**

##### 2.B [24-0699](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing September, 2024 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness month.

Crisis Clinic of Thurston and Mason Counties Board President Aram Wheeler and representative Zachary Duncan spoke on the importance of suicide prevention awareness.

**The recognition was received.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people spoke: April Miller and Alex Clark.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 4.A** [24-0734](#) Approval of August 13, 2024 City Council meeting minutes

**The minutes were adopted.**

- 4.B** [24-0733](#) Approval of Bills (July 5 - August 29, 2024) and Payroll (July 15 - 31, 2024) Certification

Payroll periods July 15, 2024 through July 31, 2024 and Direct Deposit transmissions:  
Total: \$4,438,564.14; Claim expenditures July 5, 2024 through August 29, 2024:  
Total: \$20,032,460.96.

**The decision was adopted.**

- 4.C** [24-0703](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant from the Washington Department of Commerce for the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for Multifamily and City-Owned Properties

**The resolution was adopted.**

- 4.D** [24-0719](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Berger Partnership to Complete Phase 1 Design at Yelm Highway Community Park

**The resolution was adopted.**

- 4.E** [24-0704](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Homes First for Subordination of Two Community Development Block Grant loans

**The resolution was adopted.**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

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

**4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances) - None****4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - None**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING - None****6. OTHER BUSINESS****6.A [24-0717](#) Approval of the 2024 Percival Plinth Project Peoples' Choice Award**

City of Olympia Armory Building Manager Valerie Roberts and Olympia Arts Commission Chair Kathryn Dorgan presented the Percival Plinth Project People's Choice Award, Ember 2, by Karen Sixkiller.

Councilmembers discussed and asked clarifying questions. Councilmember Cooper proposed budgeting for purchasing the second place Plinth sculpture for future years.

**Mayor Pro Tem Huynh moved, seconded by Councilmember Parshley, to approve the Arts Commission recommendation to purchase Ember 2 by Karen Sixkiller as determined by public vote. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**6.B [24-0731](#) Acceptance of "Olympia Strong: Economic Opportunity for Everyone" as the Guiding Economic Development Strategy for the City of Olympia**

City of Olympia Economic Development Director Mike Reid and JRO & CO Consultant Jason Robertson presented the economic development strategy for Olympia Strong.

Councilmembers discussed and asked clarifying questions. Councilmember Parshley recommended making the Economic Development fund and Olympia Strong fund. Mayor Payne recommended tracking current funding to fully understand how much the City spends on these initiatives, and recommended seeking additional funding sources through grants as well as sharing initiatives with federal and state legislative lobbyists to identify possible additional funding sources.

**Councilmember Parshley moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to accept "Olympia Strong: Economic Opportunity for Everyone" as the guiding economic development strategy document for the City of Olympia. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

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

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

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

City Manager Burney reported on the right-of-way funding related to the regional legislative agenda. He also reported he and the Mayor will be in Washington D.C. next week advocating for funding for the Estuary Project.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.