



Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Tuesday, March 24, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_relfz4XpQte9Rnqhp2sJJw

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 announced that the City Council will not have business meetings on March 31 and April 7 due to Spring Break.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [26-0236](#) Special Recognition - Swearing-In of Police Chief Shelby Parker

City Manager Burney swore in Police Chief Shelby Parker. Chief Parker introduced her family and said some words in recognition of the moment.

Councilmembers congratulated Chief Parker.

2.B [26-0227](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Transgender Day of Visibility

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing Transgender Day of Visibility. Co-founder of OlympiaQueerFyrd Aster Avardeen and community member Sam Kellendy accepted the proclamation.

Councilmembers shared support of the Transgender community.

The recognition was received.

2.C [26-0235](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Outgoing Members of City Council Appointed Advisory Bodies

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing the service of outgoing members of City Council appointed advisory bodies. The proclamation was accepted by outgoing members Jim Burlingame and Marty Slighte.

Councilmember thanked advisory body members for their service.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Dawn Baker, Mark Kobayashi, Mark Champagne, TJ Johnson, Tom Crawford, Michelle Harney, Gordon Wheat, Jessie Simmons, Lynn Fitz-Hugh, Rhonda Hunter, David Webb, Rhonda Larson-Kramer, Corey Gauny, Taulana Reid, Mark Newell, Amalie O'Connor, Thad Curtz, Court Olson, Theresa Allen, Aisha Harrison, Betsy Norton, Brenda Wilnoth and Christopher Van Daalen.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (Optional)

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [26-0231](#) Approval of March 17, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [26-0237](#) Approval of City of Olympia Investment Policy Updates

The decision was adopted.

4.C [26-0240](#) Approval of Individuals for Reappointment to Council Appointed Advisory Bodies

The decision was adopted.

4.D [26-0234](#) Approval of Recommended Appointments to Fill Vacancies on Council Appointed Advisory Bodies

The decision was adopted.

4.E [26-0203](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant Agreement with Department of Ecology for Cleanup Work Associated with the Solid Wood Site (West Bay Park)

The resolution was adopted.

4.F [26-0205](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the Lease Agreement between the City of Olympia and the Hands On Children's

Museum by Incorporating Property Recently Acquired for Expansion of the Museum into the Lease Agreement Terms

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.G** [26-0211](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the 2026-2028 International Association of Fire Fighters - Assistant Chiefs' Collective Bargaining Agreement

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.H** [26-0212](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for a Climate Planning Grant

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.I** [26-0238](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to an Agreement with Berger Partnership to Complete Phase 1 Design Services at Yelm Highway Community Park

The resolution was adopted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Green moved, seconded by Councilmember Gilman, 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

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances) - None

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A** [26-0230](#) Approval of the Rebecca Howard Park Development Plan

Associate Planner Sarah Giannobile presented an overview of the Rebecca Howard Park Development Plan. Arts, Parks and Recreation Director Sylvana Niehuser recommended that Rebecca Howard Park be prioritized for development before other parks projects.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Berendt moved, seconded by Mayor Payne, to approve the

Rebecca Howard Park Development 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 [26-0228](#) Approval of an Ordinance Adopting a Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure Policy

Climate Program Director Pamela Braff shared an overview of the proposed Ordinance adopting a Residential Energy Performance Rating and disclosure policy which is aimed to reduce emissions, inform buyers of energy costs, and support upgrades while keeping costs low and subsidizing low-income sellers.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Vanderpool, to approve on first reading, and forward to second reading the ordinance adopting a Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure Policy. 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

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.