



Meeting Minutes

City Council

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

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4DD3DoeTRxuYXEtsiBxxkw

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

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [26-0093](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Black History Month

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing February 2025 as Black History Month.

Mayor Payne noted the City is sponsoring a Black History Month event hosted by the Hawk Foundation in partnership with the Olympia School District on February 20, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Tom Crawford, Llewlyn, Kyle McQuarie, James O'Bar, and Terry Ballard.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (Optional)

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [26-0095](#) Approval of January 27, 2026 Olympia City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes was adopted.

- 4.B [26-0100](#) Approval of the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee 2026 Work Plan

The decision was adopted.

- 4.C [26-0099](#) Approval of the Finance Committee 2026 Work Plan

The decision was adopted.

- 4.D [26-0089](#) Approval of the Land Use and Environment Committee 2026 Work Plan

The decision was adopted.

- 4.E [26-0091](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Design Build Agreement with FORMA Construction for the Hands On Children's Museum Expansion Project

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.F [26-0092](#) Approval of a Resolution Declaring an Emergency for Flooding at 28th Avenue

The resolution was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances)

- 4.G [26-0072](#) Approval of an Ordinance to Vacate an Alley Right-of-Way South of Legion Way, between Adams and Jefferson Street

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances)

- 4.H [26-0054](#) Approval of an Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.14 of the Olympia Municipal Code, Terminating the Olympia Municipal Court, Declaring an Emergency, and Establishing an Immediate Effective Date - FIRST AND FINAL READING

The ordinance was approved on first and final reading.

- 4.I [26-0094](#) Approval of an Emergency Ordinance Amending OMC Chapters 10.16 and 10.20 Related to Parking to Support the Transition to Thurston County District Court, Declaring an Emergency, and Establishing an Immediate 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 Councilmember Green, 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 - None

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meeting and events attended.

Mayor Payne instructed City Manager Burney to research the City of Olympia banning ICE Federal agents from City property, similar to an action recently taken by the City of Seattle.

Councilmember Vanderpool requested that the feedback received at the Council of Neighborhood Associations be presented a future Council meeting. This will be discussed at a future agenda setting meeting for scheduling.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Burney had no reports.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.A [26-0069](#) Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) - Personnel Matter (City Manager's Performance Evaluation)

Mayor Payne recessed the meeting at 7:44 p.m. He asked the City Council to reconvene in 5 minutes for an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g); Personnel Matter, City Manager's Performance Evaluation. 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 Executive Session. Mayor Payne reconvened the City Council at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Payne returned to the meeting at 8:50 p.m. to announce the City Council will remain in Executive Session for up to 30 more minutes. Mayor Payne reconvened the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The executive session was held and no decisions were made.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.