



# Meeting Minutes

## City Council

City Hall  
601 4th Avenue E  
Olympia, WA 98501

Information: 360.753.8244

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Online and Via  
Phone

Register to Attend:

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### 1. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Dontae Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Yén Huỳnh, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Kelly Green, Councilmember Dani Madrone and Councilmember Robert Vanderpool

**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Jim Cooper

### 1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

### 2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [25-0556](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month

Councilmember Vanderpool read a proclamation declaring July 2025 as Parks and Recreation Month.

The proclamation was accepted by City of Olympia Director of Recreation and Facilities Scott River.

The recognition was received.

### 3. PUBLIC HEARING

3.A [25-0596](#) Public Hearing Regarding a Plan of Finance for the Issuance by the City Of Olympia of One or More Series of Tax-Exempt Obligations (The "Bonds") to Finance Capital Improvements to the Hands On Children's Museum

Finance Director Michael Githens presented the finance plan for the issuance by the City Of Olympia of one or more series of tax-exempt obligations ("Bonds") to finance the capital improvements to the Hands On Children's Museum

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Mayor Payne opened the hearing at 6:27 p.m. The following people spoke: Allie Deaton, Grace Glaettli, and Patti Belmonte. The hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people spoke: Morgan Baker, Damia Bjurling, Judge Dave Larson, Cortni Marie Holthouse, Judge Pam Nogueria and Bruce Silverman.

#### **COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (Optional)**

#### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5.A** [25-0557](#) Approval of June 12, 2025 Olympia City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were approved.**

##### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Madrone and Councilmember Vanderpool

**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Cooper

**5.B** [25-0567](#) Approval of June 17, 2025 Olympia City Council Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were approved.**

**5.C** [25-0579](#) Approval of June 24, 2025 Olympia City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were approved.**

**5.D** [25-0578](#) Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2025 Annual Action Plan

**The decision was approved.**

**5.E** [25-0581](#) Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Union Local 252

**The contract was approved.**

**5.F** [25-0582](#) Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Olympia Police Lieutenants' Association

**The contract was approved.**

**5.G** [25-0574](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application for a National Endowment for the Arts Grants for Arts Projects Grant for the Art Crossings Public Art Project

**The resolution was approved.**

**5.H** [25-0583](#) Approval of a Resolution Appointing Parfait Bassalé and Karen Messmer as Commissioners to Serve on the Independent Salary Commission

**The resolution was approved.**

**5.I** [25-0600](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendments to an Agreement with Department of Enterprise Services and Ameresco for Investment Grade Audit Services for the Armory Project

**The resolution was approved.**

**5.J** [25-0604](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Skillings, Inc. for the Elliott Avenue Sidewalk Project.

**The resolution was approved.**

## **5. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances) - NONE**

### **5. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances)**

**5.K** [25-0597](#) Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance by the City of Olympia of One or More Series of Tax-Exempt Obligations (the "Bonds") Not to Exceed \$25,000,000 to Finance Capital Improvements for the expansion of the Hands On Children's Museum and Approving Other Related Matters - FIRST AND FINAL READING

**The ordinance was adopted on first and final reading.**

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.A** [25-0598](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County for Judicial Services

Acting City Manager Debbie Sullivan presented the proposed interlocal agreement with Thurston County for Judicial Services.

The Council discussed and asked clarifying questions.

**Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Madrone moved to approve a resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with Thurston County for judicial services. The resolution passed with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Madrone and Councilmember Vanderpool

**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Cooper

**6.B 25-0572 Approval of the Poet Laureate Recommendation for 2025 - 2027**

Arts Program & Planning Supervisor Stephanie Johnson and Arts Commission Chair Kathy Dorgan presented the recommendation for the 2025-2027 Poet Laureate.

The Council discussed and asked clarifying questions.

**Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh, seconded by Councilmember Vanderpool moved to approve the appointment of Ocean as Poet Laureate for 2025-2027. The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Madrone and Councilmember Vanderpool

**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Cooper

**6.C 25-0594 Approval to Issue Debt for Yelm Highway Community Park Phase I Construction and the Armory Arts Center Phase I Renovations**

Interim Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation Sylvana Niehuser presented information on the proposed debt issuance for the Yelm Highway Community Park phase I construction and the Armory Arts Center phase I renovations.

The Council discussed and asked clarifying questions.

**Councilmember Gilman, seconded by Mayor Payne moved to approve the staff recommendation to issue a 30-year year debt, with estimated proceeds of \$26.57M and an annual payment of \$1.72M, extending the use of the NVUT 1/2% from 2029 to 2049 to fund Yelm Highway Community Park Phase I Construction and the Armory Arts Center Phase I Renovations. The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Madrone and Councilmember Vanderpool

**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Cooper

**7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

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

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

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

Acting City Manager Sullivan had nothing to report.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.