



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Information: 360.753.8244

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Banztu-DS4qPRrIPscVdXg

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Dontae Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Yến Huỳnh, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Kelly Green and Councilmember Dani Madrone

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Robert Vanderpool

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Payne shared condolences for the recent passing of two Washington State leaders, former Secretary of State Ralph Munro and former House Speaker Frank Chopp.

He also congratulated Councilmember Vanderpool on the recent birth of his son.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [25-0139](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Transgender Day of Visibility

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing March 31 as Transgender Day of Visibility.

Founders of OlympiaQueerFyrd Aster Avardean and Valerie Dettenwanger and Oly Trans Fam Representative Elliot Brush discussed the significance of Transgender Day of Visibility.

The recognition was received.

2.B [25-0273](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Honoring Outgoing Members of Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh read a proclamation honoring outgoing members of Advisory

Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Strategic Communications Director Kellie Purce Braseth discussed the service of community members on Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Councilmembers shared their appreciation for the work of the participating community members.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [25-0274](#) Approval of March 18, 2025 Olympia City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [25-0237](#) Approval of Bills (January 24, 2025 - March 12, 2025) and Payroll (January 31, 2025 - February 28, 2025) Certification

Payroll periods 01/31/2025 through 02/28/2025 and Direct Deposit transmissions: Total: \$6,417,678.68; Claim expenditures 01/24/2025 through 03/12/2025: Total: \$15,201,289.56.

The decision was adopted.

4.C [25-0261](#) Approval of an Appointment to the Arts Commission to Fill a Vacancy

The decision was adopted.

4.D [25-0262](#) Approval of Appointments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to Fill Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

4.E [25-0263](#) Approval of an Appointment to the Cultural Access Advisory Board to Fill Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

4.F [25-0264](#) Approval of Appointments to the Heritage Commission to Fill Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

4.G [25-0265](#) Approval of an Appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to Fill a Vacancy

The decision was adopted.

4.H [25-0266](#) Approval of Appointments to the Planning Commission to Fill Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

- 4.I [25-0267](#) Approval of Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to Fill Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

- 4.J [25-0268](#) Approval of Appointments to the Social Justice and Equity Commission to Fill Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

- 4.K [25-0269](#) Approval of Appointments to the Utility Advisory Committee to Fill Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

- 4.L [25-0271](#) Approval of Reappointments to Advisory Committees and Commissions

The decision was adopted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Vanderpool

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances) - None

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A [25-0280](#) 2025 Legislative Session Update

Legislative Liaison Susan Grisham introduced contract lobbyist Nick Frederici who share an overview of the status of the current Legislative session.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The report was received.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT - None
8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS - None
9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS - None
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10.A [25-0282](#) Closed Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b) - Labor Negotiations

Mayor Payne recessed the meeting at 7:25 p.m. He asked the Council to reconvene in 10 minutes for an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 to discuss Labor Negotiations

Mayor Payne reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. He announced no decisions would be made, the meeting was expected to last no longer than 90 minutes, and the Council would adjourn immediately following the Closed Session. The City Attorney was present at the Closed Session.

The closed session was held and no decisions were made.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.