



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

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Tuesday, July 28, 2026

6:00 PM

**Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone**

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1. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Pro Tem Y  n Hu  nh, Councilmember Dani Madrone, Councilmember Robert Vanderpool, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Kelly Green and Councilmember Paul Berendt

Excused: 1 - Mayor Dontae Payne

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Hu  nh announced that the City Council will not meet next week and urged community members to vote in the primary election and participate in National Night Out neighborhood events.

Community Development Director Tim Smith, , introduced Ashley Chambers as the new Housing Director for Olympia, filling a long-vacant position. Ms. Chambers shared her enthusiasm for the role and her experience in housing strategy and homeless response. Councilmembers welcomed her to the role.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [26-0550](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Parks and Recreation Month

Councilmember Berendt read a proclamation recognizing July 2026 as Parks and Recreation Month in Olympia. Director of Parks Planning Laura Keehan highlighted recent achievements and upcoming Parks Planning efforts.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Norman Clark, Jenn Chernut, Chad Cate and Andrelyn Izquierdo.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (Optional)**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 4.A** [26-0583](#) Approval of July 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** [26-0582](#) Approval of July 21, 2026 Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C** [26-0579](#) Approval of a Resolution Accepting the Transportation Benefit District 2025 Annual Report

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.D** [26-0565](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors for a Youth Climate Action Fund Grant

The discussion was completed.

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

- 4.E** [26-0571](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 7468 (Second Quarter Budget Amendment)

The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to second reading.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Gilman moved, seconded by Councilmember Madrone, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

Excused: 1 - Mayor Payne

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [26-0584](#) Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project Update

Department of Ecology Southwest & Olympic Regional Director Bobbak Talebi and team provided a comprehensive update on the Deschutes Estuary Restoration project, including bridge design, community engagement, climate resiliency measures, funding strategies, and construction timelines,

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The information was received.

6.B [26-0580](#) Quarterly Financial Report Briefing

Finance Director Mike Githens presented the quarterly financial report, highlighting the City's financial position, revenue and expense tracking, new dashboard features, and ongoing budget development for 2027.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The report was received.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meeting and events attended.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Burney had no reports.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.