



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

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Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Online and Via
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1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Dontae Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Yén Huỳnh, Councilmember Dani Madrone, Councilmember Robert Vanderpool, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Kelly Green and Councilmember Paul Berendt

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [26-0358](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing May as Olympia Heritage Month

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing May as Olympia Heritage Month.

The proclamation was received by Heritage Commission Member Bill Cotter.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: C-C Coates, Dee Dee Smith, Rick Hoonan, David Webb, Tye Gundel, Molly O'Neil, Gary Meyers, Stephen Bramwell, and Mary Julezan.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (Optional)

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [26-0350](#) Approval of May 5, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B [26-0379](#) Approval of May 12, 2026 Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C [26-0348](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application for a National Endowment for the Arts Grants for Arts Projects Grant for the Daley Arts Center

The resolution was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances) - None

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances)

- 4.D [26-0347](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 7454 (First Quarter Budget Amendment)

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Berendt moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Huynh, 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

- [26-0434](#) Reconvene Council Meeting in Room 207 due to Disruption

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Green, to recess the meeting and reconvene in Room 207 due to disruption. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Payne, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Huynh

- 6.A [26-0360](#) Civilian Police Auditor 2025 Annual Report

Community Engagement Program Specialist Margo Morales introduced the briefing. Police Chief Shelby Parker shared an overview of Olympia Police Department's 2025 Use of Force data. Police Auditors from the OIR Group Stephen Connolly and Michael Gennaco presented their 2025 Annual Report and recommendations.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The report was received.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.A [26-0376](#) Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); Litigation and Potential Litigation

Mayor Payne recessed the meeting at 8:36. He asked the City Council to reconvene in 5 minutes for an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); Litigation and Potential Litigation. 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 8:40 p.m. The Deputy City Attorney was present at the Executive Session.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

The executive session was held and no decisions were made.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.