



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

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Tuesday, July 14, 2026

6:00 PM

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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 - None

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [26-0527](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Muslim American Heritage Month

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing Muslim American Heritage Month.

The proclamation was accepted by Olympia Social Justice and Equity Commissioner Dr. Amna Qazi.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Kris Tucker, Lauren Richards, Ruth Kodish Eskin, Denise Daliege Pierce, Shira Diamond, Chris Fergus, Rochelle Martin, Henry Valz, Caleb Gieger and Suzanne Beatty.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (Optional)

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A** [26-0557](#) Approval of June 23, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** [26-0525](#) Approval of a Substantial Amendment to the 2023-27 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan

The decision was adopted.

- 4.C** [26-0526](#) Approval of the Program Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan

The decision was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances)

- 4.D** [26-0476](#) Approval of an Ordinance to Vacate a Right-of-Way along Garfield Avenue Abutting West Bay Drive

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Vanderpool, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Green and Councilmember Berendt

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - None**5. PUBLIC HEARING - None****6. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 6.A** [26-0538](#) Workers' Affordability & Protections Process Update

Assistant City Manager Stacey Ray provided an update on the Workers Affordability and Protections process, including its history and the proposed phased approach for moving the work forward. She explained that, following community feedback and the 2025 pause in the process, staff resumed research and community engagement in 2026. The revised approach focuses on research, data collection, and stakeholder engagement to help define the issues before developing potential policy options, with a City Council study session planned for September to review findings and provide direction on next steps.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The discussion was completed.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.A [26-0563](#) Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); Litigation and Potential Litigation

Mayor Payne recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. He asked the City Council to reconvene in 5 minutes for an Executive Session pursuant to 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 90 minutes, and the City Council would adjourn immediately following the Executive Session. Mayor Payne reconvened the City Council at 8:06 p.m. The City Attorney was present at the Executive Session. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

The executive session was held and no decisions were made.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.