



**Meeting Location:**  
Council Chambers  
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## City Council Minutes

### Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Mayor Putaansuu called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk as follows:

**Present:** John Morrissey Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember, Position No. 2  
Jay Rosapepe, Councilmember, Position At-Large  
Shirah Dedman, Councilmember, Position No. 6  
Mark Trenary, Councilmember, Position No. 1  
Eric Worden, Councilmember, Position No. 4  
Heidi Fenton, Councilmember, Position No. 5  
Scott Diener, Councilmember, Position No. 3  
Robert Putaansuu, Mayor

**Staff present:** Finance Director Crocker, Community Development Director Bond, HR Director Lund, Deputy Police Chief Iwashita, City Attorney Archer, City Clerk Wallace, and Deputy City Clerk Floyd.

**Staff present via Zoom:** Public Works Director Ryan

Audio/Visual was successful.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

##### A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Putaansuu led the audience and Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by John Morrissey; seconded by Jay Rosapepe to Add an Executive Session with no action to follow after Good of the Order.

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Voting For: Mark Trenary, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Eric Worden, Heidi Fenton, John Morrissey, Shirah Dedman

Voting Against: None

**Moved** by Jay Rosapepe; seconded by Mark Trenary to Approve the agenda as amended.

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Voting For: Mark Trenary, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Eric Worden, Heidi Fenton, John Morrissey, Shirah Dedman

Voting Against: None

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **A. Closed Record Hearing on Site-Specific Rezone Application, LU25-REZONE-01 and the Consideration of the Recommendation of Hearing Examiner**

Mayor Putaansuu opened the closed record hearing at 6:32 p.m.

City Attorney Archer spoke to quasi-judicial proceeding and appearance of fairness doctrine and conducted mandatory disclosure process, which concluded with no disclosures and no public challenges to the participation by an City Council member.

Community Development Director summarized the staff report.

Noel Larson, applicant, provided a short summarization of his testimony from December 3, 2025.

Athena Wahlstrom, Lindsay Paradiso and Savannah Coates provided public testimony by summarizing their comments to the Hearing Examiner.

Community Development Director Bond and City Attorney Archer responded to Councilmembers questions about the application.

### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION-CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:18 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu announced City Council would enter into a 10-minute closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(2) on the Site-Specific Rezone Application, LU25-REZONE-01 and the consideration of the recommendation of hearing examiner. Mayor Putaansuu also announced action may follow.

At 7:28 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu extended the meeting an additional 5-minutes.

At 7:33 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu reconvened the meeting back into session.

### **5. PUBLIC HEARING ACTION**

#### **A. Council Review and Potential Action on Site-Specific Rezone Application, LU25-REZONE-01 and the Consideration of the Recommendation of Hearing Examiner**

Councilmembers Dedman and Fenton voiced concerns with affirming the hearing examiner's recommendation.

**Moved** by Scott Diener; seconded by John Morrissey to affirm the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, and to direct staff to prepare an ordinance consistent with this direction for submission to the City Council for further action at the next regular meeting.

Motion Carried: 5- 2

Voting For: Mark Trenary, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Eric Worden, John Morrissey

Voting Against: Heidi Fenton, Shirah Dedman

## 6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bob Showers voiced concerns with the message Mayor Putaansuu posted regarding the recent events in Minneapolis.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

**Moved** by Scott Diener; seconded by Mark Trenary to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Voting For: Mark Trenary, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Eric Worden, Heidi Fenton, John Morrissey, Shirah Dedman

Voting Against: None

### A. Approval of Vouchers and Electronic Payments

Approval of Voucher Nos. 89995 through 90054 including bank drafts in the amount of \$846,227.56 and EFT's in the amount of \$1,234,269.79 totaling \$2,080,497.35.

### B. Approval of Payroll and Direct Deposits

Approval of Payroll Check Nos. 89989 through 89994 including bank drafts and EFT's in the amount of \$296,379.98 and Direct Deposits in the amount o \$300,670.71 totaling \$597,050.69.

### C. Adoption of an Ordinance Adopting Port Orchard Municipal Code Section 13.07.055, and Amending POMC Sections 13.07.070, 13.07.090, 13.07.100, 13.05.080, 13.05.090 and 13.04.100, pertaining to Water and Sewer

### D. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Contract with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for Electrical Design Services for SR166/Bay Street Reconstruction Project

### E. Adoption of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's Signature on a Temporary Construction Easement for the SR166/Bay Street Improvements Project

### F. Approval of a Contract with the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Subrecipient Grant Agreement Federal Financial Assistance Grant

### G. Approval of the January 13, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

### H. Approval of the January 20, 2026, Work Study Meeting Minutes

## 8. PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

## 9. BUSINESS ITEMS

### A. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Port Orchard Municipal Code Sections 15.30.020, 15.30.070, and 15.30.100, Pertaining to Illicit Discharge to the Stormwater System

Councilmember Worden recused himself at 7:42 p.m.

**Moved** by John Morrissey; seconded by Heidi Fenton to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Sections 15.30.020, 15.30.070, and 15.30.100, of the Port Orchard Municipal Code, pertaining to regulation of illicit discharges to the stormwater system.

Motion Carried: 6- 0

Voting For: Mark Trenary, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Heidi Fenton, John Morrissey, Shirah Dedman

Voting Against: None

Councilmember Worden returned to the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

### B. Adoption of a Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposition Thereof

**Moved** by Scott Diener; seconded by John Morrissey to Adopt a resolution declaring personal property as described, as surplus and authorizing its disposition.

Motion Carried: 7- 0

Voting For: Mark Trenary, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Eric Worden, Heidi Fenton, John Morrissey, Shirah Dedman

Voting Against: None

## 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Council Choice of RMSA Required Course for 2026

HR Director Lund explained that the City maintains liability coverage through AWC RMSA (Association of Washington Cities Risk Management Service Agency). They require one annual training for all elected officials.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Dedman noted she is currently taking the 'Elected Officials Essentials' webinars and Councilmembers Fenton, Morrissey, and Worden will be attending the AWC Annual Conference. These fulfill the training requirements.

Councilmembers Diener, Rosapepe, and Trenary will take the training 'A Supervisors Guide to Eliminating Employment Claim Risk'.

### B. Setting Council Retreat Date

After discussion, Council agreed to hold the Council Retreat on Friday, April 17, 2026, with no staff attending. Mayor Putaansuu will gather information from the directors and bring to the retreat for Council to deliberate.

## **11. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **A. Council Advisory Committees**

Councilmember Morrissey reported on the February 9th Economic Development and Tourism Committee meeting.

Councilmember Rosapepe reported on the February 10th Sewer Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Worden reported on the February 10th Transportation Committee meeting.

Discussion was held regarding Coffee with Council and a consensus was reached to remove it from Reports of Council Committees and will discuss under Good of the Order if needed.

## **12. REPORT OF MAYOR**

The Mayor reported on the following:

- Read portions of minutes from 50, 75 and 95 years ago.
- Community Cleanup Day scheduled for May 16th.
- Housing Kitsap key ceremony at Riverstone Development.
- Federal budget passed with three and a half million included for the Bay
- Street reconstruction project.
- Downtown updates and beautification process

## **13. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Finance Director Crocker reported the State had their COP (Certificate of Participation) sale and we received a 3.8% interest rate on our 20-year borrowing.

Community Development Director Bond reported on staff time reviewing and processing cabaret licenses and rezone proposals.

## **14. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Bob Showers said the Mayor and Council need to work closer together and suggested the City look into different forms of municipal government.

In response to Athena Wahlstrom's question about judicial hearings, Mayor Putaansuu suggested she contact the City Clerk with her questions and the appropriate staff would reach out to her.

## **15. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

In response to Councilmember Worden's question about who to talk to regarding changing

ordinances, Mayor Putaansuu said he should reach out to the appropriate advisory committee chair depending on the topic of the ordinance, or reach out to the Mayor. Also, there is a presentation scheduled for next week with Rice Fergus Miller on the community event center which will include discussion on the kraken sculpture.

A brief discussion was held on town hall meetings and it was noted this will also be discussed at the next work study session.

In response to Bob Shower's earlier citizen comments, Councilmember Morrissey noted the Mayor is his own form of government and he can do certain things without Council's approval, and they are attempting to work on their relationships to each other and with the Mayor. Additionally, he spoke about the Revitalization Grant program and urged business and property owners downtown to reach out to the City.

Councilmember Diener noted he will try to attend the next Council meeting as he is out of the country, and also mentioned the Givens Center is going to be put up for sale.

A brief discussion was held on the Givens Center.

Councilmember Rosapepe spoke about the South Kitsap Helpline gala and the upcoming South Kitsap Public Education Foundation event on April 25th.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:42 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu recessed the meeting for a 10-minute executive session pursuant to 42.30.110(1)(i) regarding legal risks of a proposed action when public discussion may have financial or legal consequences for the agency. City Attorney Archer was invited to attend and she announced no action would follow.

At 8:52 p.m. Mayor Putaansuu extended the meeting for an additional 10-minutes.

At: 9:02 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu reconvened the meeting back into session.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. No other action was taken.

Signed by:

*Brandy Wallace*  
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Brandy Wallace, MMC, City Clerk

Signed by:

*Rob Putaansuu*  
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Robert Putaansuu, Mayor

