



Meeting Location:
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City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk as follows:

Present: John Morrissey, Mayor Pro-tem, Position No. 2
Scott Diener, Councilmember, Position No. 3
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
Robert Putaansuu, Mayor

Staff present: Public Works Director Ryan, Community Development Director Ryan, Police Chief Brown, City Attorney Archer, City Clerk Wallace, Deputy City Clerk Floyd and Communications Specialist Hansen.

Audio/Visual was successful.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Putaansuu called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jay Rosapepe; seconded by Scott Diener to Approve the 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

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Closed Record Hearing on Site-Specific Rezone Application, LU25-REZONE-02 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.

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

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION - CLOSED SESSION

At 6:48 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu announced City Council would enter into a 15-minute closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(2) on the Site-Specific Rezone Application, LU25-REZONE-02 and the consideration of the recommendation of hearing examiner.

City Attorney Archer requested an executive session be added to the closed session, pursuant to RCW 42.31.110(1)(i), to discuss legal risk of a proposed action.

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu reconvened the meeting back into session.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ACTION

A. Council Review and Potential Action on LU25-Rezone-02 Sidney Rd Investments Storage Facility rezone and the Consideration of the Recommendation of Hearing Examiner

Mayor Putaansuu closed the closed record hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Moved by Jay Rosapepe; seconded by Heidi Fenton to affirm the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve the site-specific rezone and direct staff to prepare an ordinance consistent with this direction.

Motion Carried: 6- 1

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

Voting Against: Shirah Dedman

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ian Bear, Steve Sego, Clancy Donlin, Suanne Martin Smith, Robert Baglio, and Ray Kline, voiced concerns with the Community Development Department and Permit Center, explaining issues with permitting, inconsistent inspections, processing, and customer service.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Scott Diener; seconded by John Morrissey 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. 90096 through 90125 and 90131 through 90166 including bank drafts in the amount of \$326,742.70 and EFT's in the amount of \$313,478.49 totaling \$640,221.19.

B. Approval of Payroll and Direct Deposits

Approval of Payroll Check Nos. 90126 through 90130 including bank drafts and EFT's in the amount of \$295,211.60 and Direct Deposits in the amount of \$295,408.92 totaling \$590,620.52

C. Adoption of a Resolution Updating the City's Fee Resolution

D. Approval of Special Event Street Closure: 29th Annual Cruisin' Sunday Car, Truck & Bike Show

E. Approval of the February 24, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

F. Approval of the March 10, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

8. PRESENTATION

A. Post Legislative Session Updates

Shelly Holder, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations, provided a presentation which included Purpose, Overview 2026 Legislative Session, Overview 2026 Supplemental Budgets, Outcomes Cities Across the State, Outcomes Port Orchard Priorities, Additional Legislative Issues, and Next Steps.

Additional discussion was held which included unfunded mandates, sales tax, form-based code, and mobile dwelling bill HB1443.

B. Kitsap Community Resources, Rental Assistance Program Update

Tony Ives, executive director of Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) provided a presentation which included Our Locations, Our Divisions-Housing & Community Services, Early Learning & Family Services, and Employment & Training, Other Programs We Officer-Christmas Angel, Our Impact in the Community During 2025, and 2025 KCR Impact in South Kitsap, Strategic Planning.

Additional discussion was held which included recruitment for their board, navigator program, community redevelopment money, and public engagement.

At 8:11 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu recessed the meeting for a 5-minute break.

At 8:16 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu reconvened the meeting back into session.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on a Petition from Kitsap County to Vacate City Rights-of-way

At 8:16 p.m., Councilmembers Diener and Worden recused themselves from the public hearing and following Business Item 'Adoption of an Ordinance Vacating City Rights-of-Way'.

Mayor Putaansuu opened the public hearing at 8:22 p.m.

City Clerk Wallace mentioned staff received one written objection from John Lackey and it was circulated to the Mayor and Council earlier in the afternoon.

Oran Root, Kitsap County Commissioner for District 2, spoke in support of the vacation.

John Lackey voiced concerns with the vacation and urged Council to postpone their decision.

Fred Chang voiced concerns with the vacation appraisal and asked that the City receives full compensation that matches the appraisal.

Mayor Putaansuu closed the public hearing at 8:33 p.m.

10. BUSINESS ITEMS**A. Adoption of an Ordinance Vacating City Rights-of-Way**

Mayor Putaansuu said due to the letter they received and public testimony, he recommends postponing action on this item to the next Council meeting so staff can research and evaluate the materials received.

In response to Mayor Putaansuu, City Attorney Archer said this can be done by consensus [no motion needed].

Councilmembers Diener and Worden returned to the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Consensus was reached by Councilmembers Dedman, Morrissey, Rosapepe, Trenary and Fenton.

B. Adoption of a Resolution Approving Purchase of Furnishings for the Downtown Beautification Project

Moved by Heidi Fenton; seconded by Jay Rosapepe to Approve the Resolution providing City Council approval of the purchase of picnic tables and benches for the Downtown Beautification Project in the amount of \$42,244.45.

Motion Carried: 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

C. Approval of Utility Relocation Agreement No. 9 with Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. for Design and Construction of City Water Utility Relocation – Gorst Vicinity Fish Barrier Removal Project

Moved by Scott Diener; seconded by Mark Trenary to Authorize the Mayor to execute Utility Relocation Agreement No. 9 with Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. for the relocation of City water facilities associated with the Gorst Vicinity Fish Barrier Removal Project, in the amount of \$85,000 for design and \$515,000 for construction, for a total authorized amount of \$600,000.

Motion Carried: 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

12. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. Council Advisory Committees

Councilmember Trenary reported on the March 17th Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Rosapepe reported on the March 18th Land Use Committee meeting. He also reported on the March 22nd Ad-hoc committee meeting.

13. REPORT OF MAYOR

No report of the Mayor was held.

14. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director Ryan reported on the Givens Park Master Plan kickoff.

Community Development Director Bond reported on vandalized public notice signs.

City Attorney Archer reported on training she provided for roles and responsibilities for elected officials.

Chief of Police Brown reported on Deputy Chief Brandon graduating from the FBI National Academy.

City Clerk Wallace reported on Coffee with Council attendance, and in response to Councilmember Morrissey, she will be contacting organizations who have asked about reopening lodging tax funds.

15. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

16. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Dedman said after listening to the earlier citizen comments, she is wondering what City Council can do. She would like the Council to have a look at the building inspection contracts and see if they still make sense and if the contractors are meeting the requirements.

Councilmember Rosapepe spoke about the \$3.5 million federal award for the Bay Street reconstruction, asked if another Councilmember would like to attend the McCormick Woods Coffee with the HOA as Councilmember Worden will not be attending, and lastly, said there is a rally scheduled for this coming Saturday in Port Orchard.

Councilmember Morrissey congratulated the rotary group on the money raised during their annual crab feed.

Councilmember Diener apologized for not attending the last Council meeting as he was attending another meeting. He also urged Council to watch the town hall meeting discussion video and place themselves in the perspective of their constituents.

Councilmember Worden also encouraged Council to watch the town hall meeting discussion video and spoke positively about the Ad-hoc meeting with him and Councilmember Rosapepe. Lastly, he said he had a really good meeting with Angela, Deputy Director of Community Development.

A brief discussion was held regarding the downtown revitalization grant ordinance, contract, and application.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session was held earlier.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 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

