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Council Chambers
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City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 24, 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, 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, Finance Director Crocker, Community Development Director Bond, HR Director Lund, City Attorney Archer, City Clerk Wallace, and Deputy City Clerk Floyd.

Visual was successful. Audio had technical issues.

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 Shirah Dedman; seconded by Heidi Fenton to Remove Consent Agenda Item C Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Conservation Grant Agreement with Puget Sound Energy for the Completed Relight Washington Street Lighting Work under the TIB Phase 5 Project, and move to Business Items.

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. CITIZEN COMMENTS

City Attorney Archer explained no more public testimony is allowed during the first citizen comments regarding Business Item 7A Adoption of an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Port Orchard reclassifying property located at 1061 and 1083 Hull Avenue (LU25-Rezone-01), from Residential 2 to Residential 3, as the public hearing was closed at the last meeting. Comments will be allowed at the end of the meeting during second Citizen Comments.

Steve Sego, Coreen Haydock, Ray Cline, Nate Cline, Sarah Butler, Clancy Donlin, Mike Anderson, Dave Montour, Kristi McGee, Katie Hudkins, Jamie Williams, Kane Fenner, a citizen (no name), Gary Anderson, and Brian Lyman, voiced concerns with the Community Development Department and Permit Center, explaining issues with permitting, inconsistent inspections, processing, and customer service.

Robert McGee explained the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau classification for the City of Port Orchard has increased from level 3 to level 4 and how it affects city residents. He also spoke about the City cancelling fire marshal jurisdictional services with South Kitsap Fire and Rescue.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by John Morrissey; seconded by Jay Rosapepe to Accept the Consent 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

A. Approval of Vouchers and Electronic Payments

Approval of Voucher Nos. 90061 through 90082 including bank drafts in the amount of \$75,516.02 and EFT's in the amount of \$205,582.18 totaling \$281,098.20.

B. Approval of Payroll and Direct Deposits

Approval of Payroll Check Nos. 90055 through 90059 including bank drafts and EFT's in the amount of \$297,380.12 and Direct Deposits in the amount of \$297,574.04 totaling \$594,954.16.

~~C. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Conservation Grant Agreement with Puget Sound Energy for the Completed Relight Washington Street Lighting Work under the TIB Phase 5 Project~~

- D. **Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Cybersecurity Grant Agreement with the Homeland Security Administration (HSA)/Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for the Implementation of a Secure Enterprise Password Management System under the 24SLCGP Grant Program**
- E. **Approval of the January 27, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

5. PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. **Adopting an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Port Orchard reclassifying property located at 1061 and 1083 Hull Avenue (LU25-Rezone-01), from Residential 2 to Residential 3**

Moved by Mark Trenary; seconded by Scott Diener to Adopt an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Port Orchard, reclassifying the property located at 1061 and 1083 Hull Avenue from Residential 2 to Residential 3.

Councilmembers Fenton and Dedman voiced their concerns with the rezone ordinance.

City Attorney Archer pointed out the dais microphones are not all working. A handheld microphone was suggested to be used for recording purposes.

Moved by Shirah Dedman; seconded by Heidi Fenton to allow Councilmember Dedman to reread her speech due to technical difficulties.

Motion Carried: 4- 3

Voting For: Scott Diener, Eric Worden, Heidi Fenton, Shirah Dedman

Voting Against: Mark Trenary, Jay Rosapepe, John Morrissey

Councilmember Dedmen restated her concerns with the rezone ordinance.

Original Motion: Motion Carried: 5- 2

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

Voting Against: Heidi Fenton, Shirah Dedman

- B. **Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington State Department of Transportation for WSDOT Fish Passage Program Coordination**

Moved by Eric Worden; seconded by Jay Rosapepe to Adopt authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington State Department of Transportation for coordination on the WSDOT Fish Passage Program.

Motion Carried: 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

C. Adopting a Resolution Fixing the Date of a Public Hearing on a Petition from Kitsap County to Vacate City Rights-of-way for the City Council's Regular Meeting on March 24, 2026

At 7:48 p.m., Councilmembers Diener and Worden recused themselves from the discussion and vote.

Moved by Heidi Fenton; seconded by Jay Rosapepe to Adopt setting a Public Hearing for March 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM, on a petition from Kitsap County to vacate a portion of alleys and streets as described.

Motion Carried: 5- 0

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

Voting Against: None

Recused: Scott Diener, Eric Worden

At 7:54 p.m., Councilmembers Diener and Worden returned to the meeting.

At 7:54 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu recessed the meeting for a 5-minute break.

At 7:59 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu reconvened the meeting

D. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement for the Annapolis Creek Fish Passage Project

At 7:59 p.m., Councilmember Worden recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Moved by Scott Diener; seconded by Mark Trenary to Adopt authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement for a design consultant for the Annapolis Creek Fish Passage Project in an amount not to exceed \$735,041.

Motion Carried: 6- 0

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

Voting Against: None

Recused: Eric Worden

At 8:05 p.m., Councilmember Worden returned to the meeting.

E. Approval of a Resolution authorizing a Permitting Pilot Program and Associated Agreement with PermittableAI

Moved by Scott Diener; seconded by Jay Rosapepe to Adopt a resolution creating the PermittableAI pilot program and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with PermittableAI.

Motion Carried: 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

F. Adoption of a Resolution Granting Final Plat Approval for McCormick West Division 15, Phase I Final Plat

Moved by Mark Trenary; seconded by Scott Diener to Adopt a resolution as presented, granting final plat approval for McCormick West, Division 15, Phase 1.

Motion Carried: 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

G. Approval of the February 2, 2026, Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Moved by Jay Rosapepe; seconded by Mark Trenary to Approve the Special Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026, with a scrivener's error, Councilmember Morrissey is the Mayor Pro-tem, not Councilmember Diener.

Councilmember Worden also pointed out that Councilmember Diener attended this meeting, and the minutes will need to be updated accordingly.

Motion : 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

H. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Conservation Grant Agreement with Puget Sound Energy for the Completed Relight Washington Street Lighting Work under the TIB Phase 5 Project

Moved by Shirah Dedman; seconded by John Morrissey to Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Conservation Grant Agreement with Puget Sound Energy.

Councilmember Dedman voiced concerns with the City switching to LED street lights.

Motion Carried: 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Tremont 2 and 3 Recommended Alternatives

Mayor Putaansuu and Public Works Director Ryan provided a presentation which included Tremont Street, Port Orchard Blvd to Sidney Avenue-Connections & Crossings, Proposed Cross Section and Tremont & Sidney Intersection-Roundabout Alternatives.

Additional discussion was held which included needing to align this with the City's comprehensive plan, multimodal pathway, acquiring right-of-way, Transportation Committee recommendation, bike lanes, sidewalks, grant funding and approval of the proposed cross section.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. Council Advisory Committees

Councilmember Trenary reported on the February 17th Finance committee meeting.

Councilmember Rosapepe reported on the February 18th Land Use committee meeting.

10. REPORT OF MAYOR

The Mayor reported on the following:

- Town hall meetings.
- Decision needs to be made on the SR166/Bay Street project and when it is going to take place.

Mayor and Council briefly discussed, with a consensus reached to start construction in 2027. Additionally, the Bethel project would be pushed to 2028.

- Community Events Center updates; Interior lettering and fundraising/philanthropic giving.
- Legislative session updates.
- Acknowledged challenges in the building department and permitting department.

11. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director Ryan reported on augmentation station for the foster pilot program.

Community Development Director Bond reported on parking enforcement vehicle and license plate reader system. Additionally, he presented his plan on how to fix processes in the permit center.

Council and staff discussed the process, building code, and customer service.

Moved by John Morrissey; seconded by Jay Rosapepe to extend the meeting for 10 minutes.

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

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

Voting Against: None

12. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ron Rider shared concerns regarding the permitting process and code enforcement, noted little has changed since his time as a Councilmember from 2000-2004, and asked the Council to provide a formal response to the many concerns expressed during the meeting.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

No Good of the Order was held.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm. No other action was taken.

Signed by:
Brandy Wallace
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Brandy Wallace, MMC, City Clerk

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Robert Putaansuu
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Robert Putaansuu, Mayor

