Meeting Location:
City Hall, Council Chambers
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City Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting of Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk as follows:

Present: Councilmember Position No. 4 Eric Worden
Councilmember Position No. 2 Mayor Pro-Tem John Morrissey
Councilmember Position At-Large Jay Rosapepe
Councilmember Position No. 3 Scott Diener
Councilmember Position No. 6 Shirah Dedman
Councilmember Position No. 5 Vacant
Mayor Rob Putaansuu

Absent: Councilmember Position No. 1 Mark Trenary

Staff Present: Public Works Director Ryan, Principal Planner Fisk, Chief of Police Brown, City Attorney Robertson, IT Manager Dunham, City Clerk Wallace, Deputy City Clerk Floyd and Communications Specialist Hansen.

Audio/Visual was successful.

Staff present via Zoom: Finance Director Crocker

1. Call to Order

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Jay Rosapepe, seconded by Eric Worden, to remove Business Item 7D [Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement C025-25 with Kitsap County] and move to a future meeting, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Shirah Dedman; Voting No-None. The motion Passed (5-0).

On a motion by John Morrissey, seconded by Jay Rosapepe, to add a motion of censure before the first Citizen Comments, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener; Voting No-Eric Worden, Shirah Dedman. The motion Passed (3-2).

On a motion by Jay Rosapepe, seconded by None, to add an executive session before the motion to censure. The motion failed due to a lack of Second.

On a motion by Jay Rosapepe, seconded by John Morrissey, to approve the agenda as amended, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Shirah Dedman; Voting No-None. The motion Passed (5-0).

3. Censorship of a Councilmember

On a motion by John Morrissey, seconded by Jay Rosapepe, that the City Council formally censure and express its disapproval of the conduct of Councilmember Dedman for making public statements about the resignation of former Councilmember Fenton despite not being present for that meeting. Her comments have misrepresented what occurred, and have contributed to public confusion and unfairly diminished confidence in the integrity of this governing body. I recognize that elected officials have the right to express their opinions and engage in public debate. However, those opinions should be grounded in accurate information, particularly when commenting on official meetings and actions from this governing body. By publicly characterizing a meeting she did not attend in ways that are inconsistent with what actually happened, Councilmember Dedman has undermined informed public discourse and eroded the trust in local government. During the executive session, the Council and Ms. Fenton discussed the need for an investigation into allegations of misconduct involving Ms. Fenton. Before the Council reconvened in open session to discuss whether to proceed with an investigation, Ms. Fenton submitted her resignation. As a result of her resignation, the Council did not return to open session to consider or take action regarding an investigation. It is unclear why Ms. Fenton has since attempted to withdraw or contradict her resignation. The Council's understanding is that her resignation became effective upon submission and acceptance and therefore cannot be unilaterally rescinded. At the time of her resignation, the Council believed that accepting her resignation without pursuing a public investigation appropriately respected her request for privacy and avoided the need to publicly address the allegations. However, Councilmember Dedman and Ms. Fenton's subsequent public statements contradicting the circumstances surrounding her resignation have left the Council with little choice but to disclose these additional facts to provide an accurate account of the events, and to maintain public confidence in the integrity of the Council's actions. I want to affirm the expectation that members of this body will represent official proceedings accurately, correct material misinformation when occurs, and conduct themselves in a manner that promotes public confidence in government.

On a motion by John Morrissey, seconded by Jay Rosapepe, to call for the question, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener; Voting No-Shirah Dedman. The motion Passed (4-1).

Main Motion: The recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe; Voting No-Eric Worden, Scott Diener, Shirah Dedman. The motion Failed (2-3).

4. Citizen Comments

Citizen comments were heard from Heidi Fenton, Anne Gilman, Tawny Cowan, Gary Welton, Scheereen Dedman, statement read into record from Christy McGee, Chuck Huck, Randy Jones, Cass, and Ken Wilson.

5. Consent Agenda

On a motion by John Morrissey, seconded by Jay Rosapepe, to Approve the consent agenda, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Shirah Dedman; Voting No-None. The motion Passed (5-0).

A. Approval of Vouchers and Electronic Payments

Approval of Voucher Nos. 90451 through 90478, 90484 through 90525, and 90528 through 90601 including bank drafts in the amount of $1,376,968.91 and EFT's in the amount of $1,657,069.63 totaling $3,034,038.54.

B. Approval of Payroll and Direct Deposits

Approval of Payroll Check Nos. 90479 through 90483 and 90526 through 90527 including bank drafts and EFT's in the amount of $561,354.29 and Direct Deposits in the amount of $653,183.29 totaling $1,214,537.58.

C. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Tremont Street Improvements Phase 2 & 3 Alternatives Study

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

E. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Purchase of an Emergency Response Vehicle for the Police Department

F. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Amendment to the McCormick North Village Residential East Final Plat

G. Approval of Minutes: June 4, 2026 Special Meeting - Townhall

H. Approval of Minutes: June 9, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting

I. Excusal of Councilmember Trenary for Personal Reason

6. Presentation

A. Employee Inclusion Commission Annual Report to Council

Employee Inclusion Commission Annual Report presented.

7. Public Hearing

No public hearings.

8. Business Items

A. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the City of Port Orchard Water System Plan (2024/2025 Update)

Main motion by Shirah Dedman, seconded by Jay Rosapepe, I move to adopt a Resolution approving the City of Port Orchard Water System Plan (2024/2025 Update) and authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documentation to finalize DOH approval.

Amended Motion by Eric Worden, seconded by Shirah Dedman, to move this item to the next Council meeting, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Shirah Dedman; Voting No-None. The motion Passed (5-0).

B. Adoption of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayors signature on a Grant Agreement with the Department of Commerce for the SR166 Project

On a motion by Scott Diener, seconded by Jay Rosapepe, to adopt a resolution ratifying the Mayor's execution of the Washington State Department of Commerce Grant Agreement Number 2696647226, and accepting $970,000 in State capital funding for the SR166 Bay Street Downtown Reconstruction Project., the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Shirah Dedman; Voting No-None. The motion Passed (5-0).

C. Approval of Downtown Building Refacing Grant for 724 Bay Street - Kalberg (Bond)

On a motion by Eric Worden, seconded by Jay Rosapepe, to approve the billing refacing grant applications submitted by Mr. Ken Kalberg. for repainting the north and west facades of the building, located at 7, 2, 4, and 728 Bay Street and 727 Prospect Street, and to authorize the mayor to execute a grant agr, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Scott Diener, Shirah Dedman; Voting No-None. The motion Passed (5-0).

D. ~~Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement C025-25 with Kitsap County (Ryan)~~

9. Discussion Items

A. Select Date for Vacant Council Position Interviews

Council to hold interviews on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 5pm and on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 5pm at City Hall.

10. Reports of Council Committees

Reports of Council Committees held.

11. Report of Mayor

Report of the Mayor held.

12. Report of Department Directors

Reports of Department Directors held.

13. Citizen Comments

Citizen comments were heard from Robert Parker, Scheereen Dedman, and Athena Wahlstrom.

14. Good of the Order

Good of the Order held.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm. 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

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