



Meeting Location:
City Hall, Council Chambers
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City Council Minutes Work Study Session of Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk as follows:

Present: Councilmember Position No. 4 Eric Worden
Mayor Pro-Tem/Councilmember Position No. 2 John Morrissey
Councilmember Position At-Large Jay Rosapepe
Councilmember Position No. 1 Mark Trenary
Councilmember Position No. 3 Scott Diener
Councilmember Position No. 6 Shirah Dedman
Councilmember Position No. 5 Vacant
Mayor Rob Putaansuu

Staff Present: Public Works Director Ryan, City Clerk Wallace and Deputy City Clerk Floyd.

Audio/Visual was successful.

Staff present via Zoom: Finance Director Crocker and City Attorney Archer

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.

On a motion by John Morrissey, seconded by Scott Diener, to add a public comment period ahead of Business Items and also add an Executive Session related to a real estate transaction at the beginning of the meeting, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Mark Trenary, Scott Diener, Shirah Dedman; Voting No-None. The motion Passed (6-0).

On a motion by Scott Diener, seconded by John Morrissey, to add a Business Item to reconsider the censure of Councilmember Dedman, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Mark Trenary, Scott Diener; Voting No-Shirah Dedman. The motion Passed (5-1).

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, Mark Trenary, Scott Diener; Voting No-Shirah Dedman. The motion Passed (5-1).

2. Executive Session

At 6:34 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu recessed the meeting for a 10-minute executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. City Attorney Archer was invited to attend, and City Attorney Archer noted action will follow and they will return to the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

At 6:44 p.m., Mayor Putaansuu reconvened the meeting back into session.

3. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments.

4. Business Items

Councilmembers Diener and Worden recused themselves at 6:45 p.m.

A. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement C025-25 with Kitsap County

On a motion by John Morrissey, seconded by Jay Rosapepe, to approve amendment number 1 to Interlocal Agreement C025-25 with Kitsap County, and authorize the Mayor to execute the amendment, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Mark Trenary; Voting No-Shirah Dedman. The motion Passed (3-1).

B. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Request and Agreement for Work Under Interlocal Agreement C025-25 with Kitsap County

On a motion by John Morrissey, seconded by Jay Rosapepe, to adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a request with agreement for work under Interlocal agreement C025-25 with Kitsap County, with terms and conditions acceptable to the City Attorney, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Mark Trenary; Voting No-Shirah Dedman. The motion Passed (3-1).

Councilmembers Diener and Worden returned to the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

C. Amend a Previous Motion to Reconsider Censuring Councilmember Dedman

On a motion by Scott Diener, seconded by Jay Rosapepe, to consider a reconsideration for the motion to censor Councilmember Dedman on July 14, 2026, which failed in part due to my vote, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John

Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Mark Trenary, Scott Diener, Shirah Dedman; Voting No-None. The motion Passed (6-0).

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION FROM JULY 14, 2026: 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 Mark Trenary, seconded by John Morrissey, to call for the question, the recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Mark Trenary, Scott Diener; Voting No-Shirah Dedman. The motion Passed (5-1).

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION FROM JULY 14, 2026: The recorded vote occurred as follows: Voting Yes-Eric Worden, John Morrissey, Jay Rosapepe, Mark Trenary, Scott Diener; Voting No-None. The motion Passed (5-0, Councilmember Dedman could not vote on this motion).

5. Discussion Items

A. Council Ad-hoc Committee Update

Council reviewed and discussed the draft document 'Port Orchard City Council Rules' with discussion to be continued at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Putaansuu left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Morrissey called for a 5-minute break.

At 8:35 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Morrissey called the meeting back into session.

B. Council Vacancy Interview Questions

Council discussed the proposed interview questions and directed the City Clerk to contact the candidates.

6. Good of the Order

Good of the Order held.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 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

