



Meeting Location:
Christian Life Center
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Port Orchard, WA 98366

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**City Council
Special Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2026
6:00 PM**

Please note: this is an in-person meeting only. No recording and no availability to attend remote.

1. Council and Public Engagement

Council will engage with the members of the public as they arrive until the meeting is called to order.

2. Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Morrissey will kick off with a brief welcome (2–5 minutes), including an overview of the evening's format and goals before transitioning into the program.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Council Presentations

Each of the seven Councilmembers will have 5 minutes to speak on their assigned topics. Note: topics have been predetermined and include key areas such as infrastructure projects, planning and growth, financial stability, communications, and community investments.

A. Council Presentation

4. Mayor Remarks

Following Council presentations, the Mayor will have 10 minutes to address additional topics not covered.

5. Q&A Session

We will then transition into a facilitated Q&A with the audience. • Mayor Pro-tem Morrissey will manage this portion and direct questions as appropriate. • While not everyone may have the opportunity to answer, he will do his best to distribute participation across the group. • This portion will not exceed 30 minutes.

6. Adjournment

Ending of the formal presentation.

7. Breakout Conversations

To close the evening, we will move into a more informal breakout format: • Councilmembers and the Mayor are encouraged to spread out around the room. • Attendees can engage with you directly—whether to follow up on a topic, discuss a specific issue, or simply connect. • Please use this time as you see fit to engage meaningfully with the public.

8. End of Meeting

Mayor officially ends the meeting.

ADA Accommodations:

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you need accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's office at (360) 876-4407. Notification at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Reminders:

Please silence all electronic devices while City Council is in session.

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Welcome

Port Orchard City Council and Mayor:

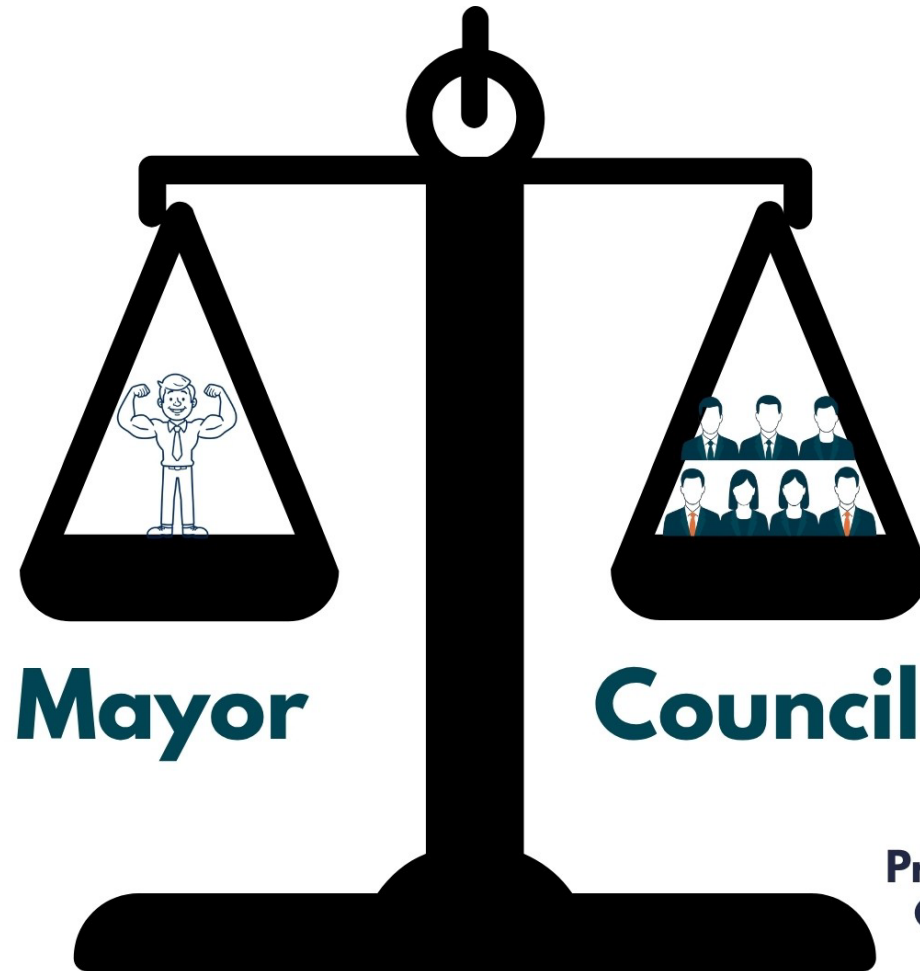
- Rob Putaansuu, Mayor
- John Morrissey, Mayor Pro Tem
- Shirah Dedman
- Scott Diener
- Tiffany Mitchell
- Mark Trenary
- Jay Rosapepe
- Eric Worden



City Council Roles

Shirah Dedman

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Presentation by
Cm. Dedman

City Council & Budget Oversight

The 7 elected council members hold key responsibility for approving the city budget and overseeing Port Orchard's financial decisions. They review, amend, and authorize all major spending to ensure taxpayer funds are managed responsibly.



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City Council Members

As the legislative representative of the city, the Council speaks with one voice.

Sometimes the Council services as as Judge.



What is a Strong Mayor?

A strong mayor leads all city operations and holds key executive authority. Think of them as the CEO of city government — making day-to-day decisions, managing departments, and putting the community's plans into action.



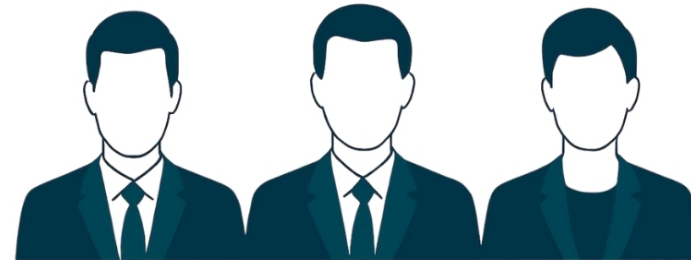
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The Strong Mayor & City Departments

The strong mayor directly manages day-to-day city services through 7 department directors. These key leaders form the executive team, each overseeing a vital area of city operations — from public works to finance, police, and more.



Council Committees & the Agenda



Either the Mayor or a majority of Committee members advance topics onto the agenda for City Council meetings.

Citizen Engagement



Build Coalitions

Focus on convincing a majority of council members, not just one. Change requires 4 votes.



Engage Early

Get involved at the committee level that handles your issue before it reaches the full council.



Follow the Process

For quasi-judicial hearings, prepare clear, factual testimony based on law — not personal opinion.



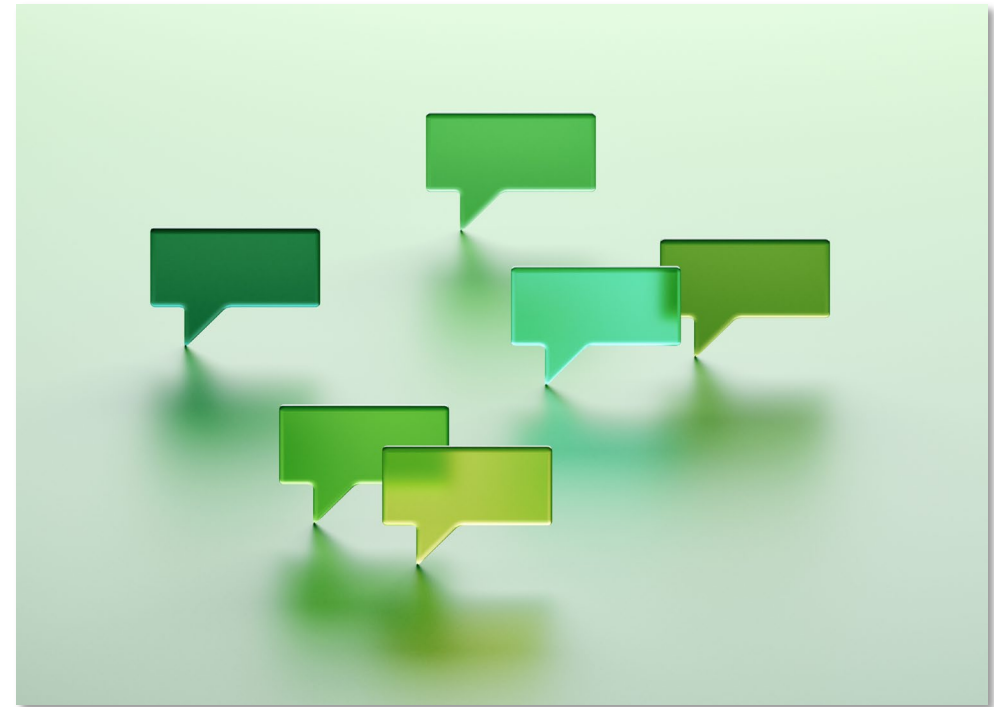
Advocate Broadly

Bring your message to both the Council and the Mayor to secure both policy support and execution.

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Communication & Outreach

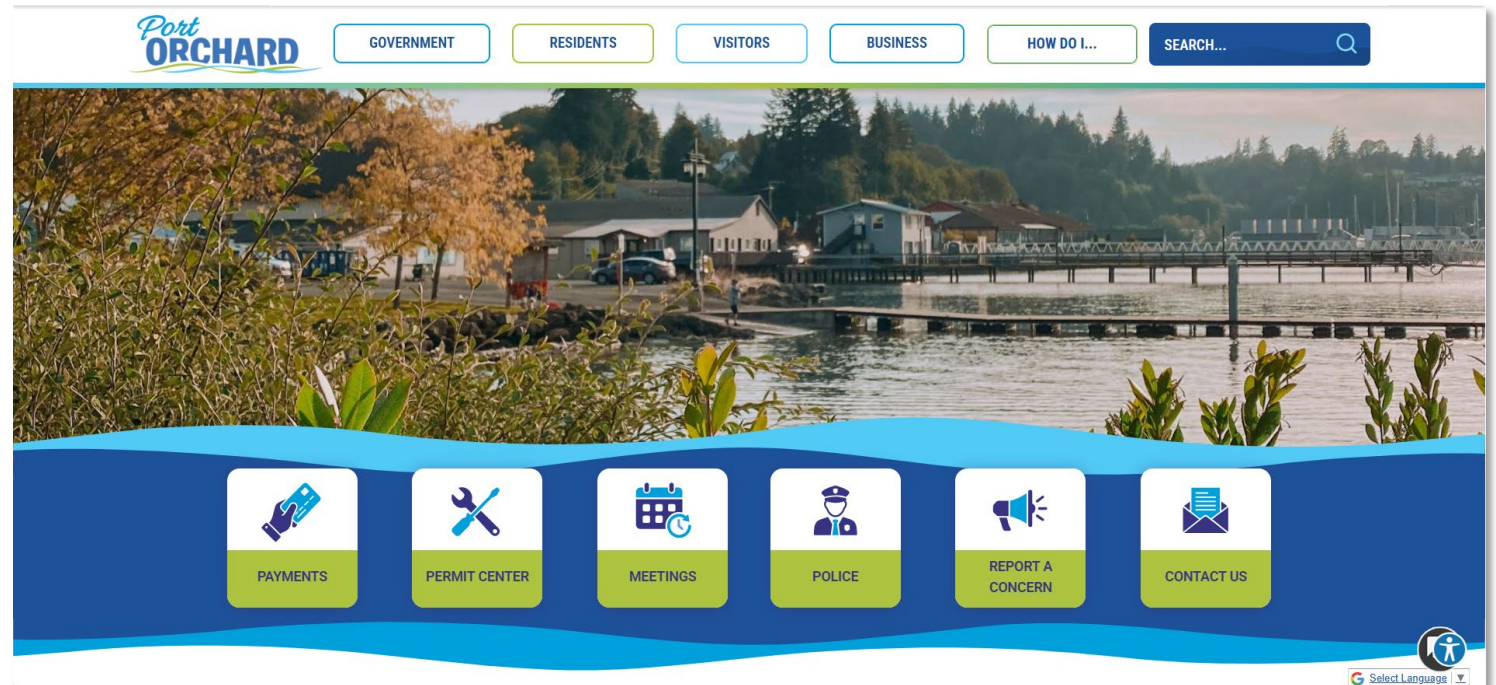
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Digital Communication

- Social Media
- City Website
- Text Notifications
- Email Updates
- News Releases / Project Updates
- Transportation Updates
- Utility Updates
- Emergency / Construction Notifications



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In-Person Outreach

- Public Comment at City Council Meetings
- Coffee with Council
- Community Town Halls
- Neighborhood / HOA Meetings
- Community Events
- Project-Specific Open Houses

A poster for the "Coffee with Council" event. The background is a photograph of a coffee shop interior with a barista behind the counter and several black chairs at a wooden table. The text is overlaid on a dark blue background. At the top left, the year "2026" is written in white. Below it, a calendar icon is next to the text "FIRST SATURDAYS" and "10 a.m. - noon". Further down, a location pin icon is next to "MERCANTILE COFFEE CO." and "Located inside Josephine's 701 Bay Street, Port Orchard". The main title "COFFEE WITH COUNCIL" is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text and a small disclaimer at the bottom.

2026

📅 **FIRST SATURDAYS**
10 a.m. - noon

📍 **MERCANTILE COFFEE CO.**
Located inside
Josephine's 701 Bay
Street, Port Orchard

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Join Port Orchard City Councilmembers, monthly, for a cup of coffee and conversation.

Up to three (3) councilmembers attending for discussions of Port Orchard happenings and to answer questions from residents.*

* Councilmembers do not guarantee answers on the spot, but will gather the information you need.

Opportunities for Two-Way Communication

- Share City and project updates
- Provide transportation and utility information
- Hear resident concerns
- Answer questions
- Gather community feedback
- Identify emerging issues
- Connect residents with City staff and resources

Goal: *Make it easy for residents to receive information, ask questions, provide feedback, and stay connected with the City.*



Downtown Projects

John Morrissey

- Bay Street construction
- Bay Street Path
- Community Center
- Orchard Street Plaza
- Downtown Building Refacing Grant Program
- Marina Pump Station



Downtown Beautification

Tiffany Mitchell

- New benches/picnic tables
- Hanging baskets
- Landscaping
- Pressure Washing/stripping
- New Mural



Road Projects

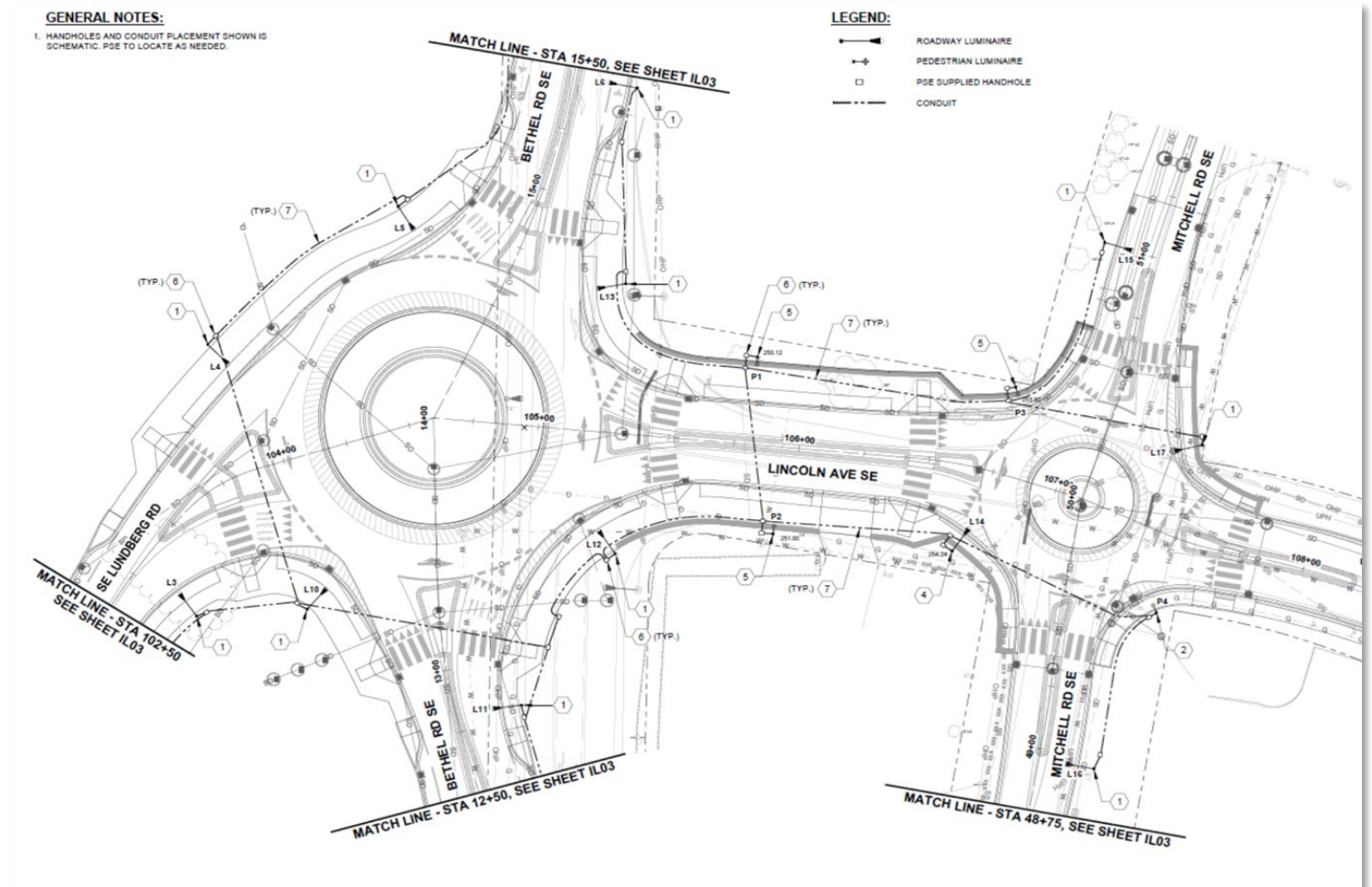
Scott Diener

- Bethel Phase 1
- Bethel Lund Roundabout
- Bethel/Lincoln Roundabout

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Bethel Lincoln Roundabout

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Bethel Phase 1



Comprehensive Plan & Parks and Recreation

Jay Rosapepe

Utilities Committee, Land Use Committee, Sewer Advisory Committee

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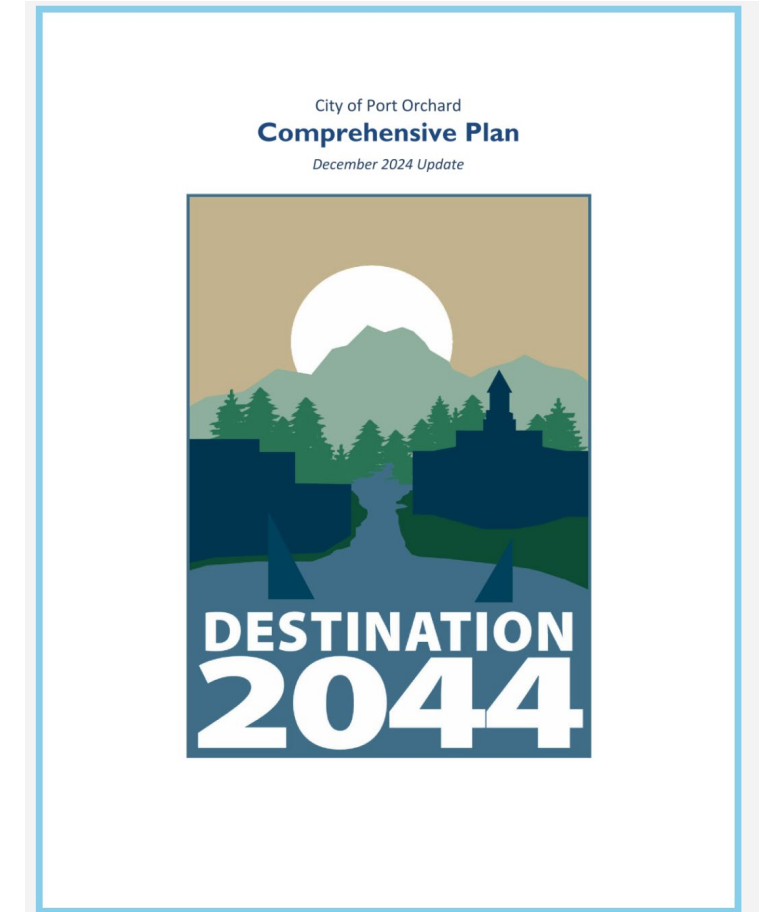
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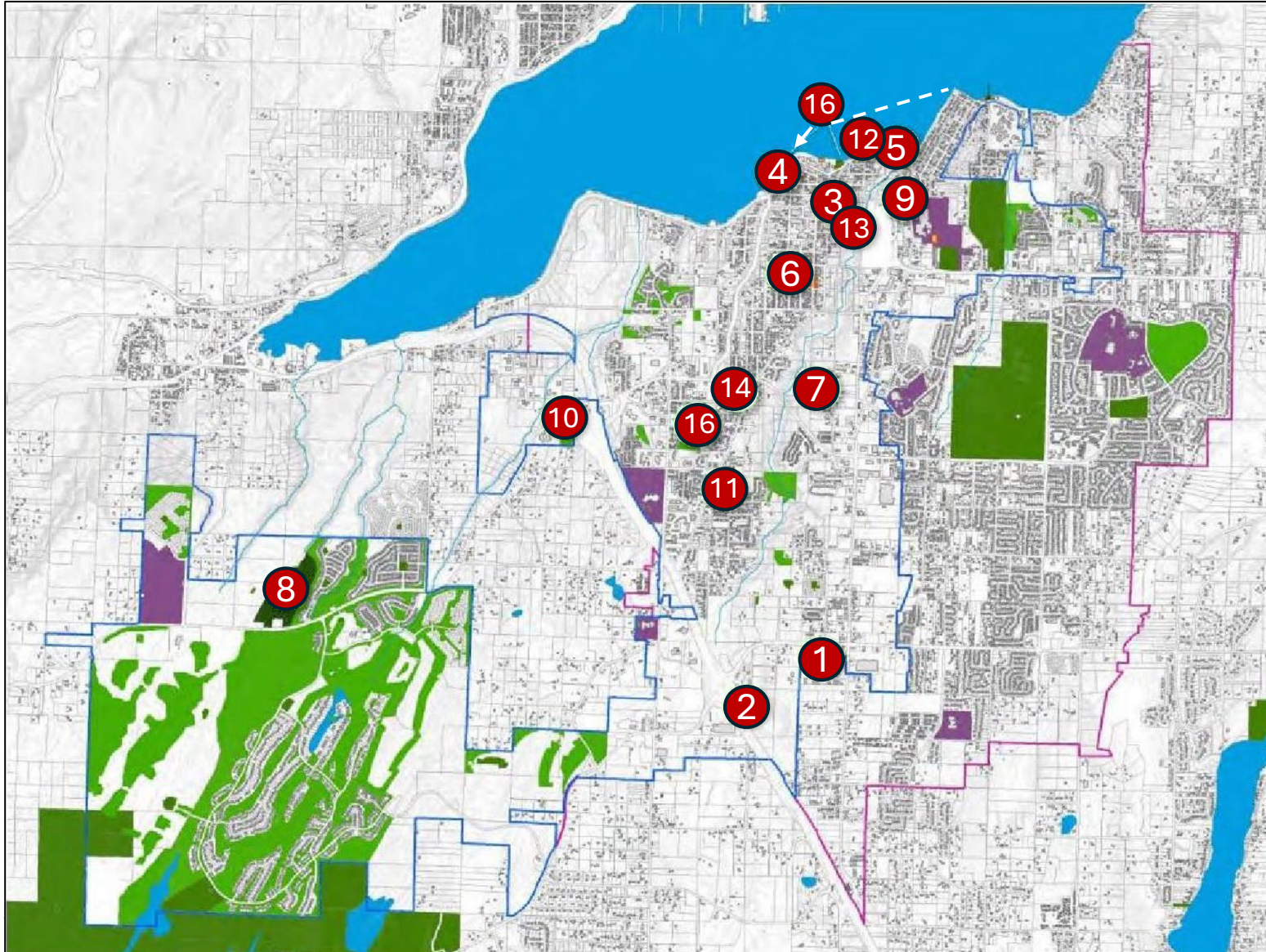
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Comprehensive Plan Elements

1. Introduction
2. Land Use
3. Housing
4. Parks & Recreation
5. Natural Systems
6. Economic Development
7. Utilities
8. Transportation
9. Capital Facilities
10. Climate Change



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Port Orchard Parks

1. Bethel South Property
2. Bravo Terrace Open Space
3. Central/Clayton Park
4. Dekalb Pier
5. Etta Turner Park
6. Givens Fields
7. Lundberg Park
8. McCormick Village Park
9. Mitchell Park
10. Old Clifton Wetlands
11. Paul Powers Park
12. Rockwell Park
13. Seattle Ave Open Space
14. Van Zee Park
15. Windfall Place Tot Lot
16. Bay Street Pedestrian Path

Upcoming Projects

- Sherman Stormwater Park
- Givens Park Masterplan
- Veterans Park
- Parks Levy

Financial Stability

Mark Trenary

- Financial Audits
- Traffic Data
- Police

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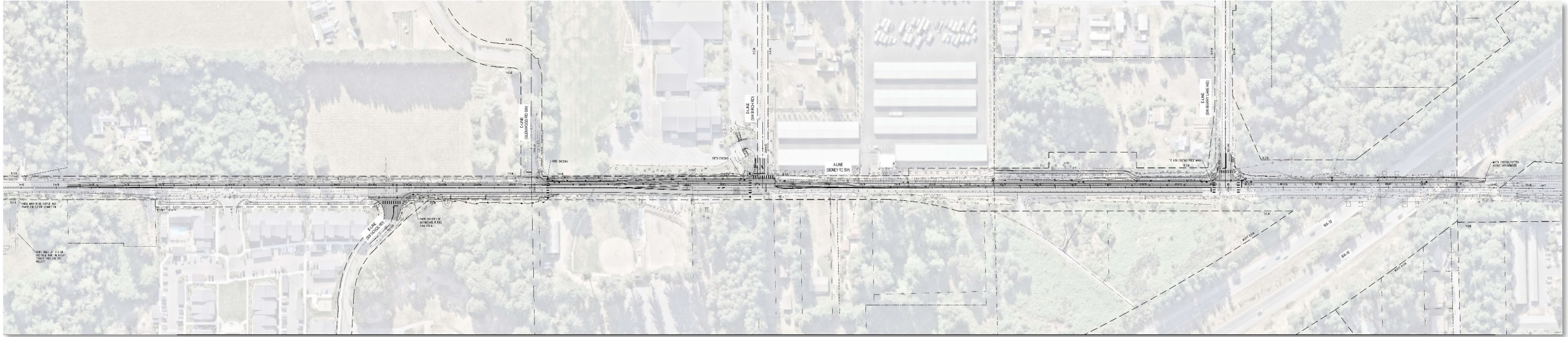
Department of Community Development

Rob Putaansuu

- Making Improvements to Processes and Customer Experience
- Staffing Changes
- New Permitting Software



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Other Topics

- Ruby Creek Center
- Sidney Non-Motorized
- Sedgwick & Hwy 16 Roundabouts
- Old Clifton Intertie & Water System

Questions?