



**City Council Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Councilmember Mathews called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers and on the Zoom webinar.

Councilmembers Fantroy-Johnson, Hytopoulos, Lant, Mathews, Moriwaki, Nelson, and Schneider were present.

2. Presentation(s)

A. Provide Oath of Office for New and Returning Council Members

Judge Alpaugh provided the ceremonial Oath of Office to Lara Lant, Mike Nelson, and Clarence Moriwaki. Each councilmember provided remarks following their Oath of Office.

3. Appoint Mayor and Recognize Outgoing Mayor

A. Appoint Mayor and Recognize Outgoing Mayor

Councilmember Mathews introduced the agenda item and asked for nominations.

Councilmember Schneider nominated Councilmember Moriwaki as Mayor. The appointment was approved unanimously by motion, 7-0.

Mayor Mathews was recognized for her service as Mayor in 2025 and provided remarks.

4. Appoint Deputy Mayor

A. Appoint Deputy Mayor

Mayor Moriwaki introduced the agenda item.

Councilmember Fantroy-Johnson nominated Councilmember Schneider as Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Schneider declined the nomination.

Councilmember Schneider nominated Councilmember Hytopoulos as Deputy Mayor. The appointment was approved unanimously by motion, 7-0.

Mayor Moriwaki provided remarks.

5. Public Reception

Council adjourned at 6:22 pm for a public reception. Mayor Moriwaki called the meeting back to order at 6:40 pm.

6. Approval of Agenda / Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Councilmember Fantroy-Johnson moved and Deputy Mayor Hytopoulos seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

7. Proclamation(s)

A. Present Proclamation Recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 19, 2026

Councilmember Fantroy-Johnson read the proclamation. Akuya Vargas accepted the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

Angela Sandry spoke against LIHI (Low Income Housing Institute) and the 625 Winslow affordable housing project.

Dennis Gawlik spoke about the application of the Kitsap County land capacity analysis and variations.

Richard Velasquez, Chair of the Bainbridge Island Ferry Advisory Committee, provided an update.

Pascal Schuback spoke about the emergency management program.

Jim Halbrook spoke about the Climate Action Plan.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Agenda Bill for Consent Agenda

Motion: I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Fantroy-Johnson/Lant: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

B. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll

C. Approve Meeting Minutes

D. Approve Nomination of a High School Senior as the City of Bainbridge Island's 2026 Nominee for the Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) Center for Quality Communities Scholarship

10. Council Announcements

Council members provided an update on local and regional meetings and events.

11. City Manager's Report

City Manager King provided an update on a sewer spill in Fort Ward and Department of Ecology audit of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.

12. Communications

A. Consider Request from Councilmember Nelson to add a Discussion of Land Capacity Analysis Methodologies to the January 27, 2026 City Council Business Meeting

City Manager King introduced the agenda item. Councilmember Nelson provided additional information, and Council discussed the request.

Councilmember Nelson moved and Councilmember Mathews seconded to schedule this topic at the January 27, 2026, City Council business meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Hytopoulos proposed an amendment to move the discussion to a study session on February 3. Councilmember Nelson seconded the amendment. The amended motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

B. Consider Request from Councilmember Nelson to add a Discussion on whether the Planning Commission's Recommendations for the Winslow Subarea Plan are Consistent with Resolution No. 2025-18 to the January 27, 2026 City Council Business Meeting

City Manager King introduced the agenda item. Councilmember Nelson provided information, and Council discussed the request.

Motion: I move to schedule this agenda item at the February 3, 2026, City Council study session.

Nelson/Hytopoulos: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

13. Executive Session

Council adjourned at 7:17 pm to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 30 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. At 7:51 pm, Mayor Moriwaki extended the executive session for an additional 10 minutes. At 8:03, Mayor Moriwaki extended the executive session for an additional 10 minutes. Council returned at 8:12 pm, and Mayor Moriwaki called the meeting back to order.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Moriwaki adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.



Christine Brown, MMC, City Clerk



Mayor Moriwaki, Mayor