



**City Council Regular Business Meeting  
Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance / Land Acknowledgment**

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

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

Mayor Moriwaki led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bailey Greer, a 7th grader from Woodward Middle School, read the Land Acknowledgment.

**2. Approval of Agenda / Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

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

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

**3. Presentation(s)**

- A. Present Proclamation Recognizing Memorial Day on May 25, 2026

Mayor Moriwaki read the proclamation. Gary Sakuma from the American Legion Colin Hyde Post #172 accepted the proclamation.

- B. Present Proclamation Declaring May 10 through May 16, 2026, as "Bainbridge Island Police Week"

Councilmember Schneider read the proclamation. Deputy Police Chief Weiss accepted the proclamation.

- C. Present Proclamation Declaring May 17 through May 23, 2026, as "National Public Works Week"

Councilmember Fantroy-Johnson read the proclamation. Interim Public Works Director Corelis accepted the proclamation.

- D. Present Proclamation Declaring the Month of May 2026, as "Building Safety Month"

Councilmember Mathews read the proclamation. Building Safety Official Blake Holmes accepted the proclamation.

#### **4. Public Comment**

Andrea Wilson spoke in favor of the Island-Wide Mobility Plan.

John Carson, Bainbridge Island Downtown Association Executive Director, and Lindsay Browning, Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, spoke in favor of Kitsap Transit's circulator proposal.

Ted Jones expressed concerns with cell phone coverage.

Ron Peltier spoke about the history portion of the Comprehensive Plan Introduction and the Island-Wide Mobility Plan.

Malcolm Gander spoke about management strategies for the Groundwater Management Plan.

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

- A. Agenda Bill for Consent Agenda

**Motion:** I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Nelson/Mathews: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

- B. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll
- C. Approve Meeting Minutes
- D. Ratify the Pre-Approved Purchase Order for a 2026 Ford F250 Pickup Truck as Part of the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Fleet Purchase (\$21,692.08 General Fund, \$68,899.87 Streets Fund)

- E. Accept the 2023 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report
- F. Approve the Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) 2025 Report and 2026 Workplan
- G. Authorize the Interim City Manager to Execute an Amendment that Renews the Interlocal Agreement with Kitsap County Sheriff's Office for Mutual Aid and Traffic Safety Task Force

## 6. City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Schroer had no report.

## 7. Regular Business

- A. Consider Ordinance No. 2026-06 Granting a 10-Year Franchise to Verizon Wireless to Construct, Operate and Maintain Telecommunications Facilities in the City's Public Rights-of-Way for the Purpose of Providing Telecommunications Services

Interim City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item. Daniel Kennedy from Ogden Murphy Wallace provided additional information, and Council discussed the topic.

**Motion:** I move to forward Ordinance No. 2026-06 regarding a Verizon Franchise Agreement to a future City Council Business Meeting for consideration of approval. Fantroy-Johnson/Nelson: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

- B. Present Final Groundwater Management Plan Draft and Public Engagement Schedule

Interim City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item. Surface and Groundwater Specialist Berg provided additional information. Adam and Joel Massmann from Keta Waters provided a presentation, and Council discussed the topic.

**Amended Motion:** I move to forward the Groundwater Management Plan to a future regular City Council meeting for adoption. Fantroy-Johnson/Lant: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

- C. Discuss Comprehensive Plan Update Adoption Process and Approach

Interim City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item, and Council discussed the topic.

D. Consider Introduction to the Comprehensive Plan

Interim City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item. Interim Planning Director Buchanan provided additional information, and Council discussed the topic.

Councilmember Mathews suggested adding a mention of the Point Elliot Treaty of 1855 and in the section "Commercial agriculture centered on strawberry farms developed by Japanese immigrants" add the contributions of the Indipino community.

Councilmember Hytopoulos suggested deleting the first sentence that begins "Despite incorporation" in the first full paragraph on page IN-3. She also asked staff to look at an awkward sentence structure in the last sentence of that paragraph and in the last full paragraph on that page.

**Motion:** Deputy Mayor Hytopoulos moved and Councilmember Nelson seconded to strike the sentence that begins "Although these discussions have been heated at times..." in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph on page IN-9.

The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Councilmember Nelson asked if the Department of Commerce was the right agency in the 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph on page IN-9. He also asked staff to check the original language on page IN-11 since he is not certain that the redline is correct.

Councilmember Fantroy-Johnson left Council Chambers temporarily at 8:11 pm.

**Motion:** I move to forward the Introduction to the Comprehensive Plan to a future City Council meeting for consideration of approval.

Nelson/Mathews: The motion carried 6-0 with Councilmember Fantroy-Johnson absent from the chamber.

E. Consider Cultural Element of the Comprehensive Plan

Interim City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item. Interim Planning Director Buchanan provided a presentation, and Council discussed the topic.

Councilmember Fantroy-Johnson returned at 8:13 pm.

Councilmember Nelson noted that in the section titled “Cultural Vision 2044,” there are duplicative sentences and suggested combining the two. He noted two formatting corrections to be made on page CU-4.

Deputy Mayor Hytopoulos questioned Policy CUL 2.8 relating to cultural amenities in designated centers.

Councilmember Lant asked for clarification on Policy CUL 3.8.

**Motion:** I move to forward the Cultural Element of the Comprehensive Plan to a future business meeting for consideration of adoption.

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

F. Consider Human Services Element of the Comprehensive Plan

Interim City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item. Interim Planning Director Buchanan provided a presentation, and Council discussed the topic.

Councilmember Mathews suggested adding language on the health benefits of tree canopy cover and open space. In Policy HS 2.9, she suggested that the language support adequate access to health care for all Bainbridge Islanders.

**Motion:** Councilmember Hytopoulos moved and Councilmember Lant seconded to undo the change in HS Action #2 on page 6 relating to the Community Needs Assessment. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Councilmember Nelson noted inconsistencies in the use of hyphens and spaces in the Human Services Element.

Councilmember Mathews asked if the reference in Goal HS-3 should be to everyone.

**Motion:** I move to forward the Human Services Element of the Comprehensive Plan to a future business meeting for consideration of adoption.

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

G. Consider Island-Wide Mobility Plan

Interim City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item. Sustainable Transportation Coordinator Boettcher provided a presentation, and Council discussed the topic.

**Motion:** I move to refer the Island-Wide Mobility Plan to the Mobility Advisory Committee for review and recommendation of potential amendments to be considered after adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

Nelson/Mathews: The motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Hytopoulos and Lant voting against.

**Motion:** I move to approve the Island-Wide Mobility Plan as presented to be adopted as the plan of reference in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mathews/Fantroy-Johnson: The motion carried 4-3 with Councilmembers Hytopoulos, Nelson, and Lant voting against.

H. Discuss Potential City Initiatives in Downtown During the Summer of 2026

Interim City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item.

**Motion:** I move to affirm City support of enhanced services designed to support tourism and downtown businesses in the summer of 2026.

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

- I. Consider Creation of a Council Subcommittee to Collaborate with Washington Department of Transportation on Highway 305/High School Road Roundabout Options

Interim City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item. Councilmember Schneider provided additional information.

**Motion:** I move to appoint Councilmembers Schneider, Lant, and Fantroy-Johnson to a Council subcommittee to collaborate with the Washington Department of Transportation on the High School Road/Hwy 305 roundabout.

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

- J. Consider Authorization of City of Bainbridge Island Letter of Support for the North Kitsap District Court

Mayor Moriwaki introduced the agenda item.

**Motion:** I move to authorize staff to create a letter of support to be signed by the Mayor in support of the North Kitsap District Court.

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

## **8. Council Announcements**

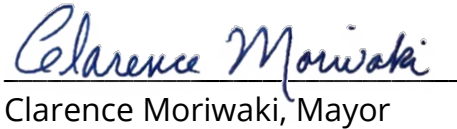
Council members provided an update on local and regional meetings and events.

## **9. Adjournment**

Mayor Moriwaki adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.



Christine Brown, MMC, City Clerk



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Clarence Moriwaki, Mayor