



**City Council Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance / Land Acknowledgement

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, and Schneider were present. Councilmember Nelson attended remotely.

Mayor Moriwaki led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sullivan Craw, 6th grader from Sakai Intermediate School, read the Land Acknowledgment.

2. Approval of Agenda / Conflict of Interest Disclosure

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

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

3. Presentation(s)

A. Approve Proclamation for Jewish American Heritage Month

Councilmember Schneider read the proclamation. Hannah Abrams, a student from Bainbridge High School, accepted the proclamation.

B. Receive Presentation from City Employee Wellness Committee on the City's Participation in the Association of Washington Cities WellCity Program

Interim City Manager Schroer introduced the agenda item. Joel Schwarz and other Wellness Committee Representatives shared a presentation on the program.

4. Public Comment

Diane West, YWCA, provided information on the YWCA Alive Shelter.

Maureen Olson, YWCA, provided information on the YWCA Alive Shelter.

Glynnis Cowdery provided an update on Something New.

Malcolm Gander spoke about the Groundwater Management Plan.

Dawn Janow spoke about parking concerns and community vision.

Bevan Taylor spoke about affordable housing.

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Agenda Bill for Consent Agenda

Motion: I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

- B. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll
- C. Approve Meeting Minutes
- D. Authorize the Interim City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract with Pavement Surface Control for the 2026 Annual Roads Striping Project (\$208,707.54 - Streets Fund)
- E. Approve 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

6. City Manager's Report

- A. Receive City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Schroer provided information on the e-bike voucher program, speed camera outreach, and the Groundwater Management Plan community meeting.

7. Regular Business

A. Consider Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan

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

Amended Motion: Councilmember Lant moved and Councilmember Nelson seconded to reinsert section M into the Comprehensive Plan on page TR-5 as amended:

Community Character – There is a desire to retain the feel of the Island’s existing road system. Outside of Winslow and other designated neighborhood centers, the scenic roadways, ~~open drainage ditches~~, and winding roads provide a more rural flavor that many consider important elements of the Island’s character. However, these elements need to be balanced with the community’s desire for safe roads that provide mobility options for all ages and abilities of Island residents without requiring a vehicle.

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

Amended Motion: Councilmember Mathews moved and Deputy Mayor Hytopoulos seconded to add language to the Islandwide Mobility Plan to conduct citizen outreach and perform a feasibility study of connecting Erickson Avenue and Hildebrand Lane.

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

Pages TR-2 to 3 – Transportation Vision 2044

Motion: I move to strike the words “fiscally responsible” from the third sentence of the first sentence under “Transportation Vision 2044.”

Nelson/Lant: The motion failed 1-6 with Councilmember Nelson voting in favor.

Deputy Mayor Hytopoulos asked staff to check for updated language for the introductory section (“forested areas, meadows, farms, marine views and access scenic winding roads supporting all forms of transportation”).

Page TR-15, Policy 8.1

Motion: I move to retain "while retaining emergency vehicle response times"

Hytopoulos/Fantroy-Johnson: The motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Schneider voting against.

Page TR-7, New Policy TR 1.5

Motion: I move to add a Policy TR 1.5, which reads as follows: Receive recommendations from the Mobility Advisory Committee on potential amendments to the Island Wide Mobility Plan and the Transportation Element.

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

Page TR-15, Safety and Maintenance Goal TR-9

Motion: I move in TR-9 to remove the word "existing."

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

Restated Motion: I move to add a new policy to the Environmental Element, which reads as follows: Encourage the use of electric and hybrid vehicles where possible.

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

Page TR-16, Policy 9.1

Amended Motion: I move to remove this in its entirety and refer it to the Mobility Advisory Committee for future action.

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

Page TR-12, Policy TR 5.1

Motion: I move to strike Policy TR 5.1 because it is in conflict with Goal TR-10.

Nelson/Lant: The motion failed 2-5 with Councilmembers Lant and Nelson voting in favor.

TR-16, Policy TR 9.2

Motion: Restore "Include transportation projects and" and remove "Maintain."

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

Page TR-9, Policy TR 2.5

Motion: I move to strike the words "low-volume" from the first line of Policy TR 2.5.

Nelson/Lant: The motion failed 3-4 with Councilmembers Lant and Nelson and Deputy Mayor Hytopoulos voting in favor.

Page TR-16, Policy 9.3

Motion: To restore the word "motorized" and add "and"

Hytopoulos/Lant: The motion was withdrawn following the realization that "non" was missing from "non-motorized" in the original language.

Page TR-13, Policy TR 6.6

Motion: I move to add the following sentence to the end of Policy TR 6.6 on page TR-13: "Reevaluate speed limits with a view toward encouraging the efficient movement of goods and freight through truck corridors."

Nelson/Mathews: The motion carried 6-0 with Councilmember Schneider abstaining.

Page TR-20, TR Action #2

Motion: I move to retain the language "maximize parking" after "increase transit."

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

Page TR-20, TR Action #1

Motion: I move to strike TR Action #1.

Nelson/Lant: The motion failed 2-5 with Councilmembers Lant and Nelson voting in favor.

Page TR-17, Deleted Policy TR 11.4

Motion: I move to reinstate Policy TR 11.4, which reads: "Minimize the use of street lighting outside of Winslow, except to address safety."

Nelson/Schneider: The motion carried 5-0 with Councilmembers Lant and Fantroy-Johnson abstaining.

Page TR-9 – Policy TR 2.7

Motion: I move to add at the end of this sentence: "Design standards should be based on national guidelines and standards such as the NACTO Bikeway Design Guide and the AASHTO Bike Guide when appropriate" the words "to receive grant funding."

Nelson/Lant: The motion was withdrawn following discussion.

Page TR-9, Policy TR 2.7

Motion: I move to amend Policy TR 2.7 to add after "when appropriate" in the new language "and feasible".

Hytopoulos/Nelson: The motion failed 3-4 with Councilmembers Lant and Nelson and Deputy Mayor Hytopoulos voting in favor.

Motion: I move to forward the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan to a future Council business meeting for consideration of approval.

Lant/Fantroy-Johnson: The motion carried, 6-1 with Councilmember Nelson voting

against.

Council adjourned for a 5-minute break at 7:57 pm and returned at 8:04 pm.

B. Consider Water Resources Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

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

Page WR-3

Amended Motion: Councilmember Hytopoulos moved to restate in the introduction on page WR-3: In addition, households create sewage that needs disposal either by a wastewater treatment plant or by residential on-site sewage systems. Wastewater treatment plants are reasonably effective at cleaning wastewater but they do not at present provide complete removal of nitrogen nor treat for contaminants of emerging concern, including but are not limited to byproducts of medications, health and beauty products, cleaning supplies and other household chemicals, recreational drugs, and caffeine. Wastewater treatment plants do also contribute to long-term groundwater loss by discharging treated effluent to Puget Sound rather than returning water to local aquifer systems. Hytopoulos/Fantroy-Johnson: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Page WR-4

Amended Motion: Residential on-site sewage systems can fail and cause contaminants to enter the surface water and/or groundwater. Even functioning systems, depending upon density and proximity to surface water and groundwater, can contribute to accumulations of nitrogen and contaminants of emerging concern in these waters. On-site sewage systems also provide a significant source of groundwater recharge on Bainbridge Island by returning wastewater to local aquifer systems. Hytopoulos/Lant: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Page WR-6

Motion: Deputy Mayor Hytopoulos and Councilmember Lant seconded to restate on Page WR-6 the language as follows: Aquifers are continuously monitored and maintained within established groundwater level thresholds designed to protect long term aquifer health and reliability and allow continued water supply to surface water habitat. ~~at a sustainable level that allows continued water supply to surface water habitat~~

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

Deputy Mayor Hytopoulos left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

WR 2.1

Motion: I move to strike the first sentence of Policy WR 2.1 and replace it with "Recognize that the entire Island is designated by the Washington State Department of Ecology as a Critical Aquifer Recharge Area, meaning that the entire Island is a critical area under the Growth Management Act."

Nelson/Lant: The motion failed 2-4 with Councilmembers Lant and Nelson voting in favor.

WR 2.1

Motion: I move to strike the first sentence of Policy WR 2.1 and replace it with "Recognize that the entire Island is designated by the Washington State Department of Ecology as a Critical Aquifer Recharge Area."

Nelson/Schneider: The motion failed 3-3 with Councilmembers Schneider, Lant, Nelson voting in favor.

Page WR-2, Water Resources Introduction

Motion: I move to change the first paragraph of the Water Resources Element Introduction on page WR-2 to: Bainbridge Island is solely dependent on groundwater for its drinking water. In 2013, USEPA designated the aquifers of Bainbridge Island as a sole source aquifer, meaning that it "supplies at least 50% of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer, and for which there is no alternative source or combination of alternative drinking water sources which could physically, legally, and economically supply those dependent upon the aquifer." It requires a holistic perspective to understand the interdependence among the Island's three primary water resources: groundwater, surface water, and stormwater. Although these waters are typically regulated and managed independently, they are in nature, intimately connected.

Lant/Nelson: The motion failed 3-3 with Councilmembers Nelson, Lant, and Schneider voting in favor.

Page WR-10, Policy WR 2.16

Motion: I move to change Policy WR 2.16 to: Maintain and advance a comprehensive program of groundwater data gathering, analysis, and reporting including modeling, hydrogeologic and geologic studies, and monitoring of static water levels, water use, water quality, surface water flows and acquisition of other data as necessary.

Lant/Schneider: The motion carried 6-0.

Page WR-9, Policy 2.9

Motion: I move to add “water levels and” before “the quality of their well water” in Policy WR 2.9.

Nelson/Lant: The motion carried 6-0.

Page WR-14, new Policy WR 5.3

Motion: I move to add at the end of the Policy WR 5.3 "while maintaining a low risk of septic system failure."

Nelson/Lant: The motion carried 6-0.

Policy WR 4.14

Amended Motion: I move to restate “regional retrofit stormwater facilities” as “regional development of Bainbridge Island retrofit stormwater facilities”

Nelson/Lant: The motion carried 6-0.

Page WR-18 – Policy WR 2.11 under WR Action #2

Motion: I move to add “, Climate Change Advisory Committee, Environmental Technical Advisory Committee,” to Policy WR 2.11 under WR Action #2.

Nelson/Lant: Staff will make the administrative change.

Motion: I move to forward the draft Water Resources Element of the Comprehensive Plan to a future meeting for consideration of approval.

Fantroy-Johnson/Schneider: The motion carried 6-0.

- C. Discuss Potential Analysis of Infrastructure Capacity and Land Capacity Analysis at Full Build Out

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

- D. Adopt Ordinance No. 2026-08, Extending the Sunset Provision for Bonus Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Program for an Additional Four Months

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

Motion: I move to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-08 for four months.

Mathews/Fantroy-Johnson: The motion carried 6-0.

- E. Receive Update on City Manager Hiring Process

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

F. Consider City Contribution to YWCA Alive Shelter

Councilmember Lant provided information on the agenda item.

Motion: I move that the City Council authorize a one-time contribution of \$25,000 from the Council contingency fund to the YWCA ALIVE Shelter, to provide immediate support following the recent fire that disrupted shelter operations, and to recognize that Bainbridge Island residents use this critical domestic violence resource even though the City has not historically provided ongoing funding for it. Lant/Nelson: The motion carried 6-0.

G. Confirm selections for "Something New" Art Rotation

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

H. Consider Appointing Councilmember Schneider as an Additional Liaison to the Mobility Advisory Committee

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

Motion: I move to appoint Councilmember Schneider as an additional liaison to the Mobility Advisory Committee. Fantroy-Johnson/Lant: The motion carried 6-0.

8. Council Announcements

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

9. Adjournment

Mayor Moriwaki adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm.



Christine Brown, MMC, City Clerk



Clarence Moriwaki, Mayor