



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES

August 28, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

1. Call to Order

Councilmember Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Attendance Roll Call

City Clerk Jennifer Joki called roll for City Council.

Council Present:

Councilmember Murray (arrived at 7:12 p.m.)

Councilmember Paige (via teleconference)

Councilmember Ryan

Councilmember Sonmore

Councilmember Woodard

Council Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl

Mayor Matsumoto Wright

A motion to excuse Mayor Matsumoto Wright and Mayor Pro Tem Wahl was made by Councilmember Sonmore, seconded, and passed by vote; 5-0.

Guests Present:

Snohomish County Solid Waste Operations Manager Jon Greninger

Staff Members Present:

City Clerk Jennifer Joki

City Manager Jeff Niten

Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope

Police Chief Pete Caw

Police Commander Scott King

Public Works Director Gary Schimek

3. General Public Comment

No one signed up to provide public comment online or in person. All public comments submitted in writing were provided to Council.

4. City Manager's Report
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- City food drive for Concern for Neighbors Food Bank was very successful with department competition
- City closed on Monday for Labor Day holiday

5. Presentation on Snohomish County Solid Waste Division New Rates
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

Schimek introduced Snohomish County Public Works Operations Manager Jon Greninger who presented on this item to include tonnage review, rate implementation, legislative updates, project updates, and next steps.

Schimek and Greninger heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding yard waste, recycling and trash, curbside service, self-haul fees, minimum load, city contract with Waste Management, rates for other haulers in Snohomish County, unsecured loads, educating the residents on the costs, abandoned vehicle program, household requirement to have trash service, purchase of property, waste export contract, yard waste at the transfer station, and work being done in April at the facility.

6. Presentation on 1st and 2nd Quarter Police Report
Police Chief Pete Caw and Commander Scott King

Caw and King presented on this item to include department goals, statistics on call for service, arrests, domestic violence crimes, infractions, vehicle theft, DUI arrests, vehicle prowls, and burglaries, demographics, community outreach, training, Blue Bridge Alliance, and evidence update.

Caw and King heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding an explanation of an infraction, infractions by race, infractions by residents, lifesaving award to one of Mountlake Terrace's officers, protocol for reporting stolen items that show on internet marketplaces, Cops and Clergy events, increase in calls but not reports, timelines and trends in data, data related to light rail, trust and appreciation for Mountlake Terrace officers, tracking bias-based policing, request for a longer range of data, public engagement and transparency.

7. Discussion on Council Liaison Reports
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten presented this item to include findings that similar cities provide their reports in different manners, and understanding the objective of these reports.

Council discussed this item to include key points from intergovernmental board meetings, not including council meetings and work sessions, acceptable to have nothing to report, better organization of reports, not having the reports at the end of the meeting, reporting

on what doing for the city, what is going on in the city, and going on outside that city that may be beneficial, add more details to bullet points, and up to each councilmember to determine what to report.

8. Review September 4, 2025 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was reviewed by council.

9. Council Comments

Councilmembers Sonmore and Woodard commented on the new agenda management system.

10. Adjournment

Councilmember Ryan adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Joki".

Jennifer Joki, City Clerk