



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

1. Call to Order – Flag Salute – Roll Call

Mayor Matsumoto Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Jennifer Joki called roll for City Council.

Councilmembers Present

Mayor Matsumoto Wright
Councilmember Murray
Councilmember Paige
Councilmember Ryan
Councilmember Sonmore
Councilmember Woodard
Mayor Pro Tem Wahl

Councilmembers Absent

None.

Guests Present

FIFA Seattle Senior Vice-President of External Affairs Dylan Ordoñez

Staff Members Present

City Attorney Hillary Evans (via Teleconference)
City Clerk Jennifer Joki
Community and Economic Development Director Christy Osborn
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope
Economic Development Manager Ryan Doss
Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz

2. Late Changes to Agenda

None.

3. General Public Comment

- MLT resident John Blechschmidt commented on the rodent problem and crime in the city.

4. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, items a- b was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded, and passed by **vote; 7-0**.

- a. Payment of Claims
- b. Meeting Minutes for 8/21 and 8/28

5. Proclamation for National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl read the proclamation aloud and presented it to the Principal of Mountlake Terrace Elementary School, Keira Anderson. Anderson introduced their school's Dual Language Teacher, Anabel Hovig, and PTA member Ana Alcazar, and gave a brief statement.

6. Proclamation for Welcoming Week

Councilmember Rick Ryan read the proclamation aloud and presented it to the Vice-Chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission, Teresa Courtney, who spoke a few words.

7. Presentation on FIFA World Cup 2026

Economic Development Manager Ryan Doss

Doss introduced FIFA Seattle Senior Vice-President of External Affairs Dylan Ordoñez who presented on this item to include getting ready for the FIFA tournament in Seattle in 2026, tournament schedule, stadium information, training sites, event footprint in Washington, fan celebration site at Seattle Center, fan events, mobility, city playbooks, milestones ahead, and event poster.

Doss and Ordoñez heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding the large impact and opportunities this provides to the area, encouraging community involvement, information for community participation, FIFA volunteer opportunities, long-term impacts on the area, 3rd of July event in MLT, light rail goes beyond King County, MLT code for short-term rentals, bike share program, draw for teams and times, branding for MLT to encourage visitors, coordination with neighboring cities, and Climate Pledge Arena.

8. Review, Public Hearing, and Vote on Property Annexation Petition for 24229 48th Ave W
Community and Economic Development Director Christy Osborn

Osborn presented on this item to include the purpose and process for the property annexation, the history of this item to council, and next steps.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and approved by **vote: 7-0**. The public hearing was declared open.

Public Hearing Testimony: None.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and approved by **vote: 7-0**. The public hearing was declared closed.

A motion to adopt the Resolution Accepting the Property Annexation Petition for 24229 48th Ave W was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded, approved by **vote: 7-0**.

9. Review and Vote on Ordinance Adopting Business License Requirements

Community and Economic Development Director Christy Osborn

Osborn presented on this item to include the purpose, recommendations, municipal code threshold, and change in state law.

Osborn heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding the threshold, benefits to businesses, and how long the current threshold has been in place.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending Code Language Regarding Business License Requirements was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded, approved by **vote: 7-0**.

10. Review and Vote on Resolution Accepting Washington State Department of Transportation Funds

Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz

Betz presented on this item to include the history, purpose, funding, process, and construction.

A motion to adopt the Amended Resolution Accepting Washington State Department of Transportation Funds by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded, approved by **vote: 7-0**.

11. City Manager's Report

Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope's report included:

- Chamber of Commerce Wag Fest is this Saturday
- Terrace Talk with the City Manager and our Police Department next Wednesday
- MLT Police Commander King is working with South County Fire on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program for Mountlake Terrace
- Community Ambassador Program has launched and recruitment underway
- Mountlake Terrace swim teams are back at the pavilion pool
- Police Department building air conditioner software is being fixed
- Kudos to Public Works Water Division and Information Technology teams who received a positive letter from the Washington State Department of Health after the routine sanitary survey.

12. Council Liaison Reports

Councilmember Murray's report included:

- August 26 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission meeting
- August 28 Council work session
- August 30 One-year anniversary of light rail opening
- September 3 Puget Sound Regional Council Economic Development District Board meeting
- September 29 – October 5 Week Without Driving

Councilmember Woodard's report included:

- August 23 "Get Sauced" Chamber of Commerce hot sauce competition event
- August 28 Council Finance Subcommittee meeting

Councilmember Ryan's report included:

- August 23 "Get Sauced" Chamber of Commerce hot sauce competition event
- September 6 Set up for the Arts of Terrace Show begin, Awards and Reception on September 19, Art Show open to the public on September 20

Councilmember Sonmore's report included:

- Law Enforcement Officer/Firefighter Disability/Retirement Board and Recreation and Park Advisory Commission meetings are next week
- July 23, August 27, and September 24 Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce meetings

Councilmember Paige's report included:

- August 23 "Get Sauced" Chamber of Commerce hot sauce competition event
- Follow up regarding Meeting with the Director of Domestic Violence Program Lauren Steiger and The Getaway Tavern owner

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl's report included:

- September 3 Snohomish County Cities and Towns Executive Board meeting

Mayor Matsumoto Wright's report included:

- August 23 "Get Sauced" Chamber of Commerce hot sauce competition event
- August 25 Snohomish County Conservation Futures Board dinner
- September 3 South Snohomish County Mayors meeting
- September 3 Alliance for Affordable Housing meeting
- September 4 Community Transit Board meeting

13. New Business

- Councilmember Sonmore commented on an email from a resident regarding light rail noise and light pollution and other issues and on the public comment regarding rats and other complaints, someone potentially killing crows in the area, and requested the protocol for when something is stolen is then seen on an online marketplace.
- Councilmember Paige asked if the city knew Flock had an agreement with Homeland Security and Customs and Border Control when they signed the agreement with Flock, and commented on the lack of trust in the Flock company.
- Councilmember Sonmore commented on Flock used in other cities and protecting the community, and what Washington State does with data collected from road cameras.
- Councilmember Ryan commented on the Art Show Reception and Awards Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on September 19 and seeking volunteers this Saturday to help set up the Art Show.
- Councilmember Woodard commented on the Traffic Engineer's response to the speed limit change when crossing over 48th at 236th.
- Councilmember Sonmore requested a report on failing intersections, accidents, speed limits, etc. like they used to receive.

14. Adjournment

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kyoko Matsumoto Wright".

Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor

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

Jennifer Joki, City Clerk

Mayor Matsumoto Wright adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.