



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES

September 25, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

1. Call to Order

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

2. Attendance Roll Call

City Clerk Jennifer Joki called roll for City Council.

Councilmembers Present

Mayor Matsumoto Wright
Councilmember Murray
Councilmember Paige
Councilmember Ryan
Councilmember Sonmore
Councilmember Woodard (via Teleconference)
Mayor Pro Tem Wahl

Councilmembers Absent

None.

Guests

Fehr & Peers Principal Ariel Davis
Fehr & Peers Principal Kendra Breiland

Staff Members Present

City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Engineer Rich Meredith
City Manager Jeff Niten
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope
Public Works Director Gary Schimek
Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz
Traffic Engineer John Marek

3. General Public Comment

All public comments submitted in writing were provided to Council.

- MLT resident Adam Cickay commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.
- MLT resident Victor Eskenazi commented regarding city advertising and asked council to consider moving the Flock agenda item to earlier in the agenda tonight for all the public commenters.

4. Proclamation for Every Child Matters Day
Mayor Matsumoto Wright read the proclamation aloud and presented it to the Mountlake Terrace High School Indigenous Student Union, Other Edmonds District Schools, and the Urban Native Education Alliance, and students Riley Guthrie (Tsimshian), ISU President and Elizabeth Herrmann (Sugpiaq, Native Village of Eyak) spoke a few words.
5. Executive Session with Legal Counsel to Discuss Potential Litigation RCW 42.30.110 (1(i))
Council met in executive session at 7:15 p.m. and expected to return to open session at 7:35 p.m. The executive session was extended 10 minutes until 7:45 p.m., and extended again until 7:50 p.m. No action was taken. Council returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.
6. Review Flock Policy, Resolution, Ordinance, and Public Hearing on Ordinance Amending Community Policing Advisory Board MTMC 2.40
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten presented on this item to include the three items of review which can be separated, the recommended changes to the Community Policing Advisory Board from the original ordinance, resolution for the Community Policing Advisory Board, resolution for statement of values, review of the Flock policy, and the memorandum of understanding related to the policy.

Niten heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding public comment on the Community Policing Advisory Board.

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

Public Testimony:

- MLT resident Gillian Levine commented in support of the Every Child Matters Day and in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.
- MLT resident Theo Moriorty commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.
- MLT resident Charlene Hamilton commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.
- MLT resident Aude Puyfouchoux commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.
- MLT resident Lee Gresko commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.
- MLT resident Sam Doyle commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.
- MLT resident Ben Hou commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.
- MLT resident Rye Castillo commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.
- MLT resident Victor Eskenazi commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.
- MLT resident Kirra Fisk commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded, and approved by **vote; 7-0**.

Discussion: The City Manager mentioned to council that the Flock Camera System has not yet been installed and installation of the cameras is paused based on the current legal situation with other cities, until those are worked out. Council discussion included pausing the process, ending the Flock contract, the Community Policing Advisory Board (CPAB), appreciation for considering reactivating CPAB, the board having access to privileged information, responsibilities of the board beyond Flock, independent review of metrics, transparency, including wording for new technologies, separating the items, request for information from other cities with Flock, independent review by the board, and published audit log.

The City Manager asked that requested changes to the code language be sent to him and reminded council that the code language is tied to the resolution.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Community Policing Advisory Board MTMC 2.40, as presented, was made by Councilmember Sonmore and seconded.

Council Discussion: Discussion included appreciation for work on this, the composition of the board, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission responsibility for the CPAB, high school representative, and recommendation to discuss more at another meeting.

The motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending Community Policing Advisory Board MTMC 2.40, as presented, made by Councilmember Sonmore and seconded, was...

A motion to amend the above motion was made then removed by Councilmember Sonmore without a second.

The motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending Community Policing Advisory Board MTMC 2.40, as presented, made by Councilmember Sonmore and seconded, failed by **vote; 0-6-1 abstention** (Wahl).

A motion to table this item, Ordinance Amending Community Policing Advisory Board MTMC 2.40, as presented, until the City Manager incorporates the requested changes to the language, and can bring it back to Council at a future meeting, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, and seconded.

Council Discussion: Discussion included meeting with other police chiefs using Flock, policies based on other cities with Flock, and the student position.

The motion to table this item, Ordinance Amending Community Policing Advisory Board MTMC 2.40, as presented, until the City Manager incorporates the requested changes to the language, and can bring it back to Council at a future meeting, made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded, passed by **vote; 7-0**.

The City Manager confirmed the consensus of council is to continue with the Community Policing Advisory Board and not the subcommittee. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl commented on changing the language to Federal Agencies instead of Immigration and Customs

Enforcement in the policy.

The City Manager requested moving agenda Item 9, Review Ordinance Adopting Transportation Impact Fees (TIF), up to Item 7, and moving the other items down in consideration of the consultants scheduled to present.

A motion to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded, and passed by **vote; 7-0**.

The mayor called for a 5-minute recess.

A motion to move agenda Item 9, Review Ordinance Adopting Transportation Impact Fees (TIF), up to Item 7 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded, and approved by **vote; 7-0**.

7. Review Ordinance Adopting Transportation Impact Fees (TIF)
City Engineer Rich Meredith, Traffic Engineer John Marek, and Fehr & Peers Principals Kendra Breiland and Ariel Davis

Meredith introduced Marek, Breiland and Davis and all presented on this item to include the purpose, background, type of projects funded by the TIF, reason for updating the TIF, fee program mechanics, Mountlake Terrace projects funded by TIF, and rate comparison.

Meredith, Marek, Breiland, and Davis heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding Shoreline and Lynnwood's TIF rates per single-family dwelling unit, recommended action for council, capital program, and bike and pedestrian facilities.

A motion to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded, and approved by **vote; 7-0**.

Meredith, Marek, Breiland, and Davis continued to hear and respond to questions and comments from council regarding eligible TIF projects.

8. Review Interlocal Agreement Amendment 3 with Edmonds School District
Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz

Betz presented on this item to include the background, purpose, impact, project update, and staff recommendation.

Betz heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding the school district's responsibility, risk involved, and time limit from state's perspective.

9. Presentation on Park Impact Fees Update
Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz

Betz presented on this item to include council goals, legislative history, State Bill 5258, and updated fee structure.

10. City Manager's Report
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- The Community Ambassador Program application form had a hiccup but is back on track.
- Public Works crews are road striping and fixing potholes.
- Staff emergency evacuation and training presentation was yesterday.

Niten heard and responded to questions and comments from Council regarding an extension to the Community Ambassador Program application deadline.

11. Review October 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda
The agenda was reviewed by council and approved as amended.

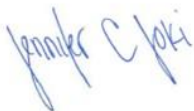
12. Council Comments

- Councilmember Murray relayed concerns on Waste Management and requested information when available.

13. Adjournment
Mayor Matsumoto Wright adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m.



Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor



Jennifer Joki, City Clerk