



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

1. Call to Order – Flag Salute – Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Jennifer Joki called roll.

Councilmembers Present

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

Councilmembers Absent

Councilmember Paige

A motion to excuse Councilmember Paige was made by Councilmember Sonmore, seconded, and passed by **vote; 6-0.**

Staff Members Present

City Attorney Kenyon Disend Soojin Kim (via Teleconference)
City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Manager Jeff Niten
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope
Domestic Violence Coordinator Danielle Singson
Finance Director Sirke Salminen
Finance Technician Caitland Reinke

Guests

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

2. Late Changes to Agenda

None.

3. General Public Comment

All public comments submitted in writing were provided to Council.

- MLT resident Audrey Reed commented on the elevated sidewalks near Mountlake Terrace Plaza and the library sign.

- MLT resident Paula Guyin commented on the crosswalk from Mountlake Terrace Plaza to the library.
- Mountlake Terrace property owner Paul Narancic commented on the Main Street Revitalization Project.
- Mountlake Terrace property owner Paul Haugen commented on the Main Street Revitalization Project.
- MLT resident Adam Cickay commented (via teleconference) in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera agreement.

4. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, items a - c was made by Councilmember Woodard, seconded, and passed by **vote; 6-0**.

- a. Payment of Claims
- b. Meeting Minutes for 9/18 and 9/25
- c. Interlocal Agreement Amendment 3 with Edmonds School District

5. Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Councilmember Woodard read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Mountlake Terrace Domestic Coordinator Danielle Singson who spoke a few words.

6. Review, Public Hearing, and Vote on Ordinance Adopting Transportation Impact Fees
City Engineer Rich Meredith and Traffic Engineer John Marek

Meredith presented on this item to include the purpose background, type of projects funded by TIF, why update the TIF, fee program mechanics, city projects funded by TIF, and staff recommendation.

Meredith and Marek heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding fee program mechanics.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Sonmore, seconded, and passed by **vote, 6-0**. The public hearing was declared open.

Public Testimony: None

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Sonmore, seconded, and passed by **vote, 6-0**. The public hearing was declared closed.

A motion to Adopt the 2025 Transportation Impact Fee Rate Study and Ordinance Modifying the Transportation Impact Fee Rate for 2026 was made by Councilmember Woodard and seconded.

Council Discussion: Discussion included appreciation for the time and fairness of the presentation, a redlined section in the ordinance, and low-income household credits.

The motion to Adopt the 2025 Transportation Impact Fee Rate Study and Ordinance Modifying the Transportation Impact Fee Rate for 2026 made by Councilmember

Woodard and seconded, passed by **vote; 6-0.**

7. Review and Vote to Award Contract for the Fleet Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Project
Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz

Betz presented on this item to include council goals, subject summary, bids, timeline, finance and budget.

Betz heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding the number of electric vehicles the city has, number of stations needed, capital improvement funds, environmental sustainability council goal, looking at cuts of \$5–6 million, the lifecycle of charging stations, 2035 state mandate, light duty vehicles, and copper theft from charging stations.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the Electric Vehicle Charging Station contract with Lights Inc. and to amend the budget to \$270,242 which will be formalized in a future budget amendment, was made by Councilmember Woodard, seconded, and passed by **vote; 6-0.**

8. Review and Vote on Ordinance Adopting Funds Update
Finance Director Sirke Salminen and Finance Technician Caitland Reinke

Salminen introduced Finance Technician Caitland Reinke, and they presented on this item to include the purpose, what a fund is, types of funds, and staff recommendation.

Salminen and Reinke heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding the Strategic Reserve, General, and Improvement Funds, \$50,000 utility assistance funds, self-balancing funds, and fund categories for previously budgeted items.

A motion to Adopt the Ordinance Amending the City's Fund Structure was made by Councilmember Woodard, seconded, and passed by **vote; 6-0.**

9. City Manager's Report
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and there are purple ribbon magnets on police vehicles in recognition of this.
- Lifeguard live exercises at the Pavilion tomorrow.
- Road striping is done and catch basins are getting cleaned.

10. Council Liaison Reports

Mayor Matsumoto Wright's report included:

- September 19 Seashore Transportation Forum joint meeting with two other transportation forums
- September 20 Welcoming week
- September 20 Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show
- September 22 Meeting with 6th graders and parents to look at students' art in City Hall

- September 30 Mountlake Terrace Plaza talk by Randy Gravelle about his book 4 Square Miles
- October 1 Lynnwood Scriber Place groundbreaking for 52 affordable housing units for homeless students and their families in the Edmonds School District
- October 2 Special Conservation Futures meeting

Councilmember Murray's report included:

- September 20 Welcoming Week, appreciation for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission and their efforts
- September 20 Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show, appreciation for the Arts Advisory Commission and their efforts
- October 1 Regional Aquatics Partnership meeting #3

Councilmember Ryan's report included:

- September 19 Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show Awards and Preview Reception, appreciation for the Art Advisory Commission and their efforts
- September 20 Welcoming Week
- September 22 Meeting with 6th graders and parents to look at students' art in City Hall

Councilmember Sonmore's report included:

- September 19 Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show Awards and Preview Reception, appreciation for the Art Advisory Commission and their efforts
- October 1 Local Candidate Forum at the MLT library

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl's report included:

- September 19 Snohomish County Tomorrow Executive Committee meeting
- September 19 Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show Awards and Preview Reception
- September 20 Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show
- September 20 Welcoming Week, appreciation for staff and volunteers at both events on September 20
- September 24 Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee meeting
- September 25 Puget Sound Regional Council Operations Committee meeting
- September 25 Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board meeting
- September 25 Meeting with City Manager, Economic Development Manager, and Chamber of Commerce Executive
- September 25 Council Finance Committee meeting
- September 25 Council meeting
- October 1 Snohomish County Tomorrow Executive Committee meeting
- October 2 City Manager monthly meeting with the Mayor

Councilmember Woodard's report included:

- September 19 Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show Awards and Preview Reception
- September 20 Welcoming Week
- September 20 Sage Leaders event
- September 21 Guest On the Day with Trae show to talk about Mountlake Terrace
- September 24 Attended 2022 city finance audit meeting, great experience with the State Auditor's Office and city finance staff

- October 4 Upcoming 5K for the Foundation for Edmonds School District

11. New Business

None.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

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

Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor

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

Jennifer Joki, City Clerk