



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 23, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

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

Councilmembers Absent

None.

Guests

The Johnston Group President Jake Johnston

Staff Members Present

City Clerk Jennifer Joki
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope

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.

3. General Public Comment

All public comments submitted in writing were provided to Council.

- MLT resident Adam Cickay commented (remotely) in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera system.

4. Review Presentation on Legislative Agenda by The Johnston Group

Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope and Federal Legislative Lobbyist Jake Johnston

Johnston and Hope presented on this item to include Mountlake Terrace is the leader in the state for same-size city transportation spending, transportation bill, community space funding, DelBene requested the full amount for the library roof, MLT unsuccessful recipient of RAISE grant, briefings with agencies to provide feedback on grant application, grant process, federal government contract terms, money, RAISE grant funding designated for Washington state, current federal government shutdown, statutorily protected programs, Washington one of 27 states stopping SNAP programs due to lack of funding, and control of federal spending.

Johston and Hope heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding RAISE grant process worth continuing, RAISE grant funding designated for Washington state, number of applicants for grant, identifying residents who rely on SNAP Program, pavilion roof life expectancy, restrictions with grants, status of future and existing grants, withholding funds, and appreciation for Jake's work.

5. Review Professional Services Agreement with Kenyon Disend for City Attorney Services
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope

Hope presented on this item to include background, purpose, costs, affordability, and the advantage of having a team with a firm versus one attorney.

Hope heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding the market for city attorneys and cost, comparables, strong relationship built with firm, and analysis of where city dollars are spent.

6. City Manager's Report
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope

Hope's report included:

- State financial audit underway for 2024
- Washington Cities Insurance Authority audited Public Works this year which passed
- Seattle Times article out about Flock and federal agencies, and MLT Flock system is on pause, cameras are not in place
- Last night was as successful Water/Sewer Comprehensive Plan public forum
- 4 Lodging Tax applications in hand, upcoming Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting
- Generator project moving forward
- Electric Vehicle charging station installments moving forward
- Ballinger Park paving and clearing land for mitigation plantings
- Vaccination clinic here tomorrow
- MLT Elementary request for field trip to meet Councilmembers and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion commissioners

Hope heard and responded to questions and comments from Council regarding the Public Works audit, Lodging Tax applications, Chamber of Commerce, Water/Sewer Comprehensive Plan public forum recording, utility double-billing vendor glitch, utility rates presentation to council, continued Waste Management issues, and appreciation for Public Works and street sweeper.

7. Review November 6 Meeting Agenda
The agenda was reviewed by council.

8. Council Comments
- Councilmember Woodard commented on Adopt-A-Drain program and Councilmembers Woodard and Murray have a plan for the City Manager agreement next steps.
 - Councilmember Murray commented on federal government shutdown, Concern for Neighbors Food Pantry cooking school fundraiser, and what city can do to help residents affected by the shutdown.



- Councilmember Sonmore commented on Volunteers of America food donation drives, school district and senior citizens meal programs, and councilmembers receiving same information from the City Manager.
- Councilmember Paige commented on Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Getaway on Tuesday and Snohomish County hosting domestic violence awareness fundraiser there on December 5, 6, 7.
- Mayor Matsumoto Wright commented on the Adopt-A-Drain program.

9. Adjournment

Mayor Matsumoto Wright adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Kyoko Matsumoto Wright
Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor

Jennifer C Joki
Jennifer Joki, City Clerk