



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

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

Councilmembers Absent

None.

Staff Members Present

City Attorney Hillary Evans (via Teleconference)
City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Manager Jeff Niten
Community and Economic Director Christy Osborn
Economic Development Manager Ryan Doss
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope
Senior Planner Sara Pizzo (via Teleconference)

Guests

None.

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.

A motion to excuse Councilmember Sonmore was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

Motion carried 6-0.

2. Late Changes to Agenda

The City Manager requested moving item #3, Public Comment, to item #4, so as to insert a special recognition agenda item.

3. Recognition of Councilmember Rick Ryan

Mayor Matsumoto Wright recognized Councilmember Rick Ryan as this is his last council meeting after 18 years of service to the city and presented him with a plaque. Councilmember Ryan spoke a few words.

4. Public Comment

All public comments received were submitted in writing were provided to Council.

- MLT resident Adam Cickay commented on appreciation for City Council ending the Flock Camera System contract.

5. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, items a-f, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

Motion carried 6-0.

- a. Payment of Claims
- b. Meeting Minutes for 12/04/2025, 12/08/2025, 12/11/2025
- c. Professional Services Agreement for City Prosecutor
- d. Professional Services Agreement for City Public Defender
- e. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Funding Recommendations
- f. Professional Services Agreement for Federal Lobbyist

6. Review, Public Hearing, Vote on Ordinance Adopting Critical Areas Update (Ch. 16.15)

Senior Planner Sara Pizzo

Pizzo presented on this item to include the purpose, council goal, subject summary, critical area map, update process, general provision updates, updates to definitions, agency and public comments, recommendations, and next steps.

Pizzo heard and responded to comments and questions from council regarding tribal and alignment on this, and staff capacity for stricter changes.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

Motion carried 6-0. 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 seconded.

Motion carried 6-0. The public hearing was declared closed.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance Adopting Critical Areas Update (Ch. 16.15) was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

Council Discussion: Discussion included appreciation for Pizzo's work on this and an amendment to ordinance to include the additional staff recommendations,

A motion to amend the ordinance to include the additional staff recommendations was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

Motion carried 6-0

Motion carried 6-0.

7. Review, Public Hearing, Vote on Ordinance Adopting Floodplain Management Update (Ch. 16.18)

Senior Planner Sara Pizzo

Pizzo presented on this item to include purpose, council goal, subject summary, flood insurance maps, updates, agency and public comments, recommendations, and next steps.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

Motion carried 6-0. 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 seconded.

Motion carried 6-0. The public hearing was declared closed.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance Adopting Floodplain Management Update (Ch. 16.18) was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

Council Discussion: Discussion included appreciation to be working on this during a major current flooding situation.

Motion carried 6-0.

8. Review and Vote on Ordinance Adopting Budget Amendment

Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope

Hope presented on this item to include the purpose, two changes to the budget for 2025 including a fund transfer and , and one for 2026 to include the City Manager's salary, and for 2025 and 2026 increasing Recreation Fund to add two full-time employees to staff swim lessons and preschool classes.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance Adopting Budget Amendment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

Motion carried 6-0.

9. City Manager's Report (City Manager Jeff Niten)

Niten's report included:

- This is the last City Council meeting of the year and the next will be January 8, 2026.
- The localized flooding at apartment complex near the Interurban Trail has been addressed.
- A tree fell at Jack Long park and damaged a picnic table.

10. Council Liaison Reports

Mayor Matsumoto Wright's report included:

- December 5 Seashore Transportation Forum meeting
- December 6 Tree Lighting event

- December 8 Representative Lauren Davis meeting
- December 8 Meeting with Mountlake Terrace mosque
- December 8 Council executive session
- December 10 Employee Appreciation Breakfast
- December 10 Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC) Legislative Kickoff
- December 10 Snohomish County Tomorrow (STC) General Assembly
- December 16 meeting with Mayor Pro Tem, staff, and two Main Street property owners
- December Snohomish County Executives and Mayors meeting
- December 18 Bastyr University dormitory tour

Councilmember Murray's report included:

- December 5 City Tree Lighting event
- December 8 Council executive session
- December 11 Council work session
- December 17 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion meeting
- Commented on her time working with Councilmember Ryan and wished him well beyond council.

Councilmember Paige's report included:

- December 4, 5, 6 Domestic Violence Awareness events at the Getaway Tavern
- December 5 City Tree Lighting event
- December 8 Representative Lauren Davis meeting
- December 8 Council executive session
- December 10 Employee Appreciation Breakfast
- December 10 Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC) Legislative Kickoff
- December 10 City Manager meeting
- December 10 Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) Salmon Recovery meeting
- December 10 Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) General Assembly

Councilmember Ryan's report included:

- December 16 Law Enforcement Officer/Firefighter Disability/Retirement Board meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl's report included:

- December 5 City Tree Lighting event
- December 8 Representative Lauren Davis meeting
- December 8 Meeting with mayor, staff, and mosque leadership regarding community engagement
- December 8 Council executive session
- December 9 Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) Exploratory Committee Leadership Team meeting
- December 10 Employee Appreciation Breakfast
- December 10 Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC) Legislative Kickoff
- December 10 Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) General Assembly
- December 11 Council work session
- December 16 meeting with mayor, staff, and two Main Street property owners

- Commented on his time working with Councilmember Ryan and wished him well beyond council.

Councilmember Woodard's report included:

- December 5 City Tree Lighting event
- December 8 Representative Lauren Davis meeting
- December 8 Council executive session
- December 10 Employee Appreciation Breakfast
- December 10 Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC) Legislative Kickoff
- December 11 City Manager meeting

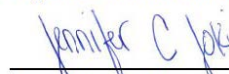
11. New Business

- Councilmember Woodard commented on his time working with Councilmember Ryan and wished him well beyond council.
- Councilmember Paige commented on his time working with Councilmember Ryan and wished him well beyond council.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Matsumoto Wright adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.


Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor


Jennifer Joki, City Clerk