



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION (ACTION TAKEN) MINUTES

January 22, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

Mayor Woodard (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)
Mayor Pro Tem Wahl
Councilmember Doyle
Councilmember Matsumoto Wright
Councilmember Murray
Councilmember Paige
Councilmember Sonmore

Councilmembers Absent

None

Guests

Mountlake Terrace Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Aireal King
Mountlake Terrace Chamber of Commerce President Sarah Frost
Mountlake Terrace Chamber of Commerce Vice-President Justin Nygard
Snohomish County Dept. of Emergency Management Deputy Director Dara Salmon
Snohomish County Dept. of Emergency Management Cross Sector Planning Program Analyst Jayme Haselow

Staff Members Present

City Attorney Hillary Evans (attended remotely)
City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Manager Jeff Niten (attended remotely)
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope
Police Chief Pete Caw
Police Commander Mike Haynes
Police Commander Scott King
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl 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 are forwarded to Council.

- MLT resident Adam Cickay commented on the concern for public health.
- MLT resident George Stanton commented on concerns for the condition of the Recreation

Pavilion.

4. Presentation on Chamber of Commerce Update
Economic Development Manager Ryan Doss

Doss introduced King, Frost, and Nygard who presented on this item to include an executive summary, alignment with city economic development priorities, working with the city in 2025, financial stewardship, board members, transition period, new leadership and immediate priorities, delivering inherited commitments, why this phase mattered, building the foundation, board alignment and organizational reset, statements and values, 2025 numbers, pivot point, and looking ahead.

Doss, King, Frost, and Nygard heard and responded to questions and comments regarding appreciation for the partnership and 2025 accomplishments, residents supporting local businesses, multi-chamber events and shared resources, membership renewals and levels, sustainability, attracting new businesses to the city, business advocacy, feedback on events, and convenience of businesses in the city.

5. Review Ordinance Adopting Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan with Snohomish County
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

Shimek introduced Salmon and Haselow, and all presented on this item to include timeline of Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) process, emergency management basics, pieces of CEMPs, MLT CEMP annex critical elements, roles and responsibilities, information collection, operations, and outcomes from putting the plan together.

Schimek, Salmon, and Haselow heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding earthquake plan, communications, safety plans and kits for staff, staff training, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), current resource sharing, tour of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and new 911 center in Everett, councilmember roles in an emergency, and South County Fire training.

The mayor called for a 5-minute recess.

6. Presentation on 3rd Quarter Police Department Report
Police Chief Peter Caw and Commanders Mike Haynes and Scott King

Caw, Haynes and King presented on this item to include Rickover's Rules, goals, 3rd quarter statistics, Cops and Clergy, Bluebridge program, review of services and training.

Caw, Haynes and King heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding the SCOUT imbedded social worker program, crisis response presentation, funding for SCOUT program, legislative house bill 2489 affecting police, drone regulations, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity and abandoned cars.

7. Review Agreement Supplement 1 with Consor for the Wastewater Comprehensive Plan
Public Works Director Gary Schimek



Shimek presented on this item to include purpose of the agreement, budget, reason for supplement, scope of work, financials, sophisticated computer model, plan every six years, funding, capital plan, rate paths, and timeline.

8. Review Agreement Supplement 1 with RH2 for the Water Comprehensive Plan
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

Shimek presented on this item to include purpose of the agreement, budget, reason for supplement, scope of work, funding, capital plan, rate paths, and timeline.

Schimek heard and responded to questions and comments from council on both items 7 and 8 regarding rate studies, consultant expertise, last rate study, behind in rates, aging infrastructure and growth,

A motion to extend the meeting until 10:30 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro Tem and seconded.
Motion carried 7-0.

9. Review and Vote on January 2026 Claims
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten explained the purpose of review and vote at work session (last two regular meetings were cancelled).

A motion to approve January 2026 payment of claims was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

Motion carried 7-0.

10. City Manager's Report
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- The City representation had successful City Action Days in Olympia this week.
- The Community Academy application period is open.
- Next Thursday is the 5th of the month so no council meeting.
- A statement from City Council on the Minneapolis incident is ready for signatures.

11. Review February 5 Regular Meeting Agenda
The agenda was reviewed and approved by council.

12. Council Comments

- Councilmember Sonmore acknowledged the passing of community member Judi Smith.
- Councilmember Paige commented on the lack of parking availability at/around the Civic Campus due to light rail user parking.
- Councilmember Matsumoto Wright commented that over 60% of people using light rail live within 1 mile of it, desire to get Zip Cars in this city, resident parking stickers.
- Councilmember Doyle commented on incentivizing and informing people who live within the 1 mile.
- Councilmember Murray commented on the current large I-5 project and more people using



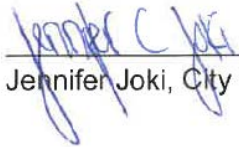
light rail, the Week Without Driving, and MLT High School hosting an unhomed people awareness night at the Lake Ballinger Club tomorrow.

- Mayor Pro Tem Wahl commented on being re-elected to Snohomish County Cities and Towns and Puget Sound Regional Council positions.
- Mayor Woodard commented on the Lynnwood Neighborhood Center opening on Monday, appreciation for those who attended the ribbon-cutting and celebration, and new public comment timer.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.



Steve Woodard, Mayor

Jennifer Joki, City Clerk