



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION (ACTION TAKEN) MINUTES

February 12, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

Councilmember Matsumoto Wright
Councilmember Murray (arrived at 7:15pm)
Councilmember Paige
Councilmember Doyle
Councilmember Sonmore
Mayor Woodard
Mayor Pro Tem Wahl

Councilmembers Absent

None

Guests

All Together Design Studio Principal Rachael Aziz
All Together Design Studio Designer Robin Marquand

Staff Members Present

City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Engineer Rich Meredith
City Manager Jeff Niten
Civil Engineer Lucas Kragt
Communications and Community Engagement Manager Sienna Spencer-Markles
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope
Economic Development Manager Ryan Doss
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

1. Call to Order

Mayor Woodard 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 John Martin commented on the local Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) and Everett Stadium.
- MLT resident John Blechschmidt commented on issues in the city related to code compliance.

4. Presentation on City Branding Update

Economic Development Manager Ryan Doss and Communications and Community Engagement Manager Sienna Spencer-Markles

Spencer introduced Aziz and Marquand who presented on this item to include the branding strategy, timeline, overview of discovery phase, key survey findings, current brand, positioning and audiences, brand personality, brand voice, brand aesthetic mood boards, marketing campaign concepts, and looking forward.

Spencer, Doss, Aziz, and Marquand heard and responded to questions and comments from the city council regarding appreciation for the work, marketing campaign concepts, feedback from children, interactive public art, community conversations, shifting demographics, relaxing and active community, marketing position, sharing the city story, 1% of the Arts, wayfinding and signage, neighborhood brand strategy, placemaking guidelines, visitor's promotional roadmap, Salish land acknowledgement, regional positioning, target audiences, visitors, investment community, focus on city's aspirations, branding important to development and the budget, and city as a destination.

5. Review Engineering Development Manual and Ordinance Adopting Associated Code Amendments

Civil Engineer Lucas Kragt and City Engineer Rich Meredith

Lucas and Meredith presented on this item to include the timeline, history of development standards, legislative history, subject summary, key updates to municipal codes, key engineering development manual changes, and staff recommendation.

Lucas and Meredith heard and responded to questions and comments from the council regarding appreciation for the presentation, accessory dwelling units, staff report, update on "manholes", acknowledgement of all the work that went into this, driveway lengths, and recognition of tremendous work for the city by Community and Economic Director Christy Osborne, as this is her last meeting before retirement.

6. Review Council Subcommittee Appointment for Recreation and Park Advisory Commission Vacancy

The City Manager Jeff Niten presented on this item to include recruitment, the interview process with the council subcommittee (Councilmembers Murray, Paige, and Doyle), and the recommendation.

Councilmember Murray commented on the candidate's background and recommendation.

7. City Manager's Report

City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- MLT Community Academy begins March 4.
- City Hall is closed on Monday for the Presidents Day holiday.

The City Manager heard and responded to question about council being invited to all sessions of the Community Academy.

8. Review February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Agenda

The agenda was reviewed by council and approved upon condition of removing consent agenda items moved to another meeting.

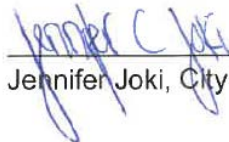
9. Council Comments

- Councilmember Woodard commented on the City Manager's discussion about the Community Academy and community engagement as a recent guest on a podcast.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.



Steve Woodard, Mayor

Jennifer Joki, City Clerk