



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 26, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

Councilmember Doyle
Councilmember Matsumoto Wright
Councilmember Paige
Councilmember Sonmore
Mayor Pro Tem Wahl
Mayor Woodard

Councilmembers Absent

Councilmember Murray

Guests

Baker Tilly Director Steve Toler
Baker Tilly Senior Manager Michael Perkins
Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce Member Danny Luoma
Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce Member Ellen Lavoie
Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce Member Eric Nordvelt
Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce Member Ian Tucker

Staff Members Present

Building Official Matthew Gisle
City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Manager Jeff Niten
Code Compliance Officer Laura Stevenson
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope

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.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

3. General Public Comment

All public comments submitted in writing are forwarded to Council.

- MLT resident Dale Jeremiah commented on support of the MLT Pavilion
- MLT resident Danny Vega commented on his community engagement survey for music on the light rail.

4. Presentation on Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce Recommendations

City Manager Jeff Niten, Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope

City Manager Jeff Niten introduced city staff and Baker Tilly consultants who worked on the Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce and recognized the resident participants.

Hope, Baker Tilly consultants Toler and Perkins, and taskforce members presented on this item to include appreciation for the taskforce participants, overview of the fiscal challenge, updated baseline forecast, addressing the fiscal gap, purpose of the taskforce, timeline of the process, community engagement, guiding principles, preferred budget strategy, alternative budget strategy, role of the City Council, and implementation timing.

Hope, Toler, Perkins, and taskforce members heard and responded to questions and comments from the city council regarding recorded in-person taskforce meetings, appreciation for the taskforce members, sales tax and licensing fee, bank capacity, police commander positions and accreditation, service reduction impacts, metropolitan parks district, and fixed or flexible options.

5. Presentation on Options for Short-Term Housing Rentals

Building Official Matthew Gisle and Code Compliance Officer Laura Stevenson

Gisle and Stevenson presented on this item to include the definition of short-term rentals, current practice, policy options, examples, and direction from council.

Gisle and Stevenson heard and responded to questions and comments from the council regarding taxes, renting without rental business license, cost of business licenses, inspections, complaints, verifying and distinguishing short-term rentals, middle-housing, pilot program, appreciation for the presentation, regulation, fees for short-term rental services, permitting process, caps on short-term rentals.

6. City Manager's Report

City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- MLT Community Academy begins next Wednesday.
- City has 48 applicants for MLT Terrace Summer Nights this year.

The City Manager heard and responded to question from council regarding only 4 slots for Terrace Summer Nights and finding other ways for the applicants to participate.

7. Review March 5 Regular Meeting Agenda (added item)

City Council reviewed and approved the March 5 meeting agenda.

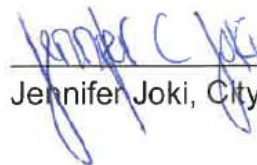
8. Council Comments

None

9. Adjournment

Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.



Steve Woodard, Mayor

Jennifer Joki, City Clerk