



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2026  
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and  
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

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

Councilmembers Absent

None

Staff Members Present

City Attorney Hillary Evans (via Teleconference)  
City Clerk Jennifer Joki  
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope  
Public Works Director Gary Schimek  
Stormwater Program Manager Patrick Hutchins

Guests

Waste Management Education Outreach Coordinator Grace Fletcher  
Waste Management Public Sector Manager Kevin Kelly

1. Call to Order – Flag Salute – Roll Call

Mayor Woodard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Jennifer Joki called roll.

2. Late Changes to Agenda

None

3. Public Comment

Written comments received were forwarded to Council.

MLT resident Adam Cickay commented on concerns for public health in the city.  
MLT resident John Martin commented on Snohomish County taxes for Everett stadium.  
MLT resident John Blechschmidt commented on contacting the state senator's office regarding city code compliance issues.

4. Consent Agenda

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

**Motion carried 7-0.**

- a. Meeting Minutes for 3/5/2026, 3/7/2026, and 3/12/2026
- b. Payment of claims
- c. Interlocal Agreement with Town of Woodway for Street Sweeping Services
- d. Interlocal Agreement Extension with Edmonds Wastewater

5. Proclamation for Nowruz

Councilmember Paige read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Ann O’Keefe, a dedicated member of the Bahá’í Faith community and now a resident of Mountlake Terrace.

6. Proclamation for Holy Week

Councilmember Doyle read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Reverend Heidi Fish of Bethesda Lutheran Church in Mountlake Terrace who spoke a few words.

7. Presentation by Waste Management

Stormwater Program Manager Patrick Hutchins and Waste Management Staff Grace Fletcher and Kevin Kelly

Hutchins introduced Fletcher and Kelly who presented on this item to include the Waste Management contract overview, operations, rerouting and service changes, smart truck technology, modernizing support, commitments and values to the community, community engagement and education, Cascade Recycling Center, touring facility, and Organics Management Law.

Kelly, Hutchins, Fletcher, and Public Works Director Gary Schimek heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding the coupons, cleaning or replacing compost barrels, cancelling a pickup, virtual tours and educational pieces, appreciation for the presentation, connectivity with school districts and educating families, service has been frustrating to residents, clear and consistent communication for residents about any changes, refunds for missed services, and changes to help staff help residents.

8. City Manager’s Report

City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten’s report included:

- Successful Police Safety Training this week (session 1 of 3)
- Last night was MLT Community Academy session 3, Finance
- KnowBe4 IT training is required by all staff including councilmembers

9. Council Liaison Reports

Councilmember Doyles's report included:

- March 5 Council meeting
- March 6 Foundation for Edmonds School District fundraiser breakfast
- March 7 City Council Work Retreat
- March 10 Meeting with Nadine Shanti, League of Women Voters Snohomish County Community Outreach Committee Chair
- March 11 Meeting with City Manager and Deputy City Manager to discuss Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce recommendations
- March 12 Keynote speaker for Edmonds College International Women's Day event
- March 12 City Council work session
- March 14 Panelist for Community Advocacy and Leadership Academy event
- March 19 City Manager meeting
- March 20 Will speak to seniors at MLT Plaza for Women's History Month

Councilmember Matsumoto Wright

- February 20 Community Transit Executive Committee meeting
- February 21 Town Hall event for City Ryu
- February 21 Lunar New Year event at Bellevue Square
- February 26 Meeting regarding the MLT Food Forest
- February 28 Edmonds Lunar New Year Festival
- March 4 MLT Community Academy
- March 5 Community Transit Board meeting
- March 7 City Council Work Retreat
- March 11 MLT Community Academy
- March 16 Edmonds State of the City

Councilmember Murray's report included:

- March Seashore Transportation Forum meeting
- March 4 MLT Community Academy
- March 7 City Council Work Retreat
- March 12 City Manager Meeting
- March 16 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion meeting
- April 23 Will be Children's Day celebration before council meeting

Councilmember Paige's report included:

- March 4 MLT Community Academy
- March 5 City Council meeting
- March 7 City Council Work Retreat
- March 11 Meeting with City Manager and Deputy City Manager to discuss Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce recommendations
- March 12 City Council meeting
- March 14 Community Advocacy and Leadership Academy event
- March 17 Arts Advisory Commission meeting

Councilmember Sonmore's report included:

- No report this week

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl's report included:

- March 7 City Council Work Retreat
- March 10 South Snohomish County Mayors, Mayors Pro Tem, and Council Presidents meeting
- March 11 MLT Community Academy
- March 12 City Manager meeting with Councilmember Matsumoto Wright
- March 18 MLT Community Academy

Mayor Woodard's report included:

- March 6 Caller for Foundation for Edmonds School District fundraiser breakfast
- March 7 City Council Work Retreat
- March 10 Executive Director of Sno-Isle Libraries meeting
- March 10 County Executive and Tribal Leaders meeting
- March 10 Disability Board meeting
- March 11 MLT Community Academy
- March 12 Meeting with City Manager and Deputy City Manager to discuss Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce recommendations
- March 13 City Manager meeting
- March 14 Keynote speaker for Community Advocacy and Leadership Academy event
- March 14 Clothes for Kids fundraiser
- March 17 Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC) Legislative Wrap-Up meeting
- March 18 Edmonds School District Multicultural Family Night
- March 19 Interviewed by My Network News

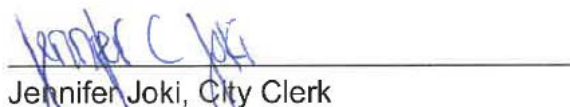
#### 10. New Business

- Councilmember Sonmore asked about the budget schedule and the community member's comments on Snohomish County taxes for Everett stadium.
- Councilmember Murray commented that board and commission recruitment opened this week.
- Councilmember Paige commented on MLT News reaching out to boards and commissions.
- Mayor Woodard commented on the city working with the county health department for a presentation on public health.

#### 11. Adjournment

Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

  
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Steve Woodard, Mayor

  
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Jennifer Joki, City Clerk