



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES

March 26, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

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

Councilmembers Absent

None

Guests

None

Staff Members Present

City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Manager Jeff Niten
Events Coordinator Andrew Appelwick
Finance Director Sirke Salminen
Finance Senior Accountant Artus Nemati
Public Works Director Gary Schimek
Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz

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

Any written comments received have been forwarded to Council.

- MLT resident Kenneth Chilcoat commented in support of replacing "Candy Cane" park playground equipment that was deemed unsafe and removed.

4. Presentation on 2026 MLT Community Events

Events Coordinator Andrew Appelwick

Appelwick presented on this item to include the community event schedule, event expansion, community investment, and sponsorship guide.

Appelwick heard and responded to questions and comments regarding budget and sponsorships, community and individual partnerships, business involvement and additional community connectivity, bringing back previous events, MLT Parade, decision on movies in the park events, live performances, appreciation for Pride Event, and appreciation for photos in the presentation of community members.

5. Review Agreement with Musco Lighting for Tennis Courts
Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz

Betz presented on this item to include the type of contract, scope of work, converting tennis court to pickleball courts, timeline, financial and budget impacts, community engagement, Recreation and Park Advisory Commission recommendation, and staff recommendation.

Betz heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding budget, grant opportunities, noise from pickleball courts, lighting available for use in evening, funding from the county, accessibility, and pathway.

6. Presentation on 4th Quarter Financial Update
Finance Director Sirke Salminen and Senior Accountant Artus Nemati

Salminen introduced Nemati who presented on this item to include each fund's budget to actuals.

Salminen and Nemati heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding way the positives and negatives written, variances, regional challenges, utility taxes, and cash basis.

7. Review Interlocal Agreement with City of Lynnwood for Sewer Overflow
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

Schimek presented on this item to include the background, the purpose, specific asks in the agreement, and ask of council.

Schimek heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding if Lynnwood's council also has to approve and sign.

8. City Manager's Report
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- Board and commission application period open.
- MLT Community Academy last night, Public Works Operations and Police Department is next week

- May 4 Community Development series for the public with first one on Code Compliance
- Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce recommendations scheduled for April 2 meeting moved to April 9 meeting

Niten heard and responded to questions and comments from Council regarding the Lynnwood Opportunity Zones 2.0 and side sewers email.

9. Review April 2 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and the Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce presentation item will be moved to the 4/9 agenda and agreed to letter of support for Lynnwood Opportunity Zone.

10. Council Comments

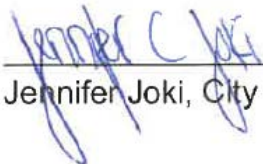
- New coffee shop in the city, Cafe Lilia

11. Adjournment

Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.



Steve Woodard, Mayor



Jennifer Joki, City Clerk