



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

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

Councilmembers Absent

Councilmember Paige

Staff Members Present

City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Manager Jeff Niten
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope
Kenyon Disend Attorney Bob Zeinemann (via Teleconference)
Parks Supervisor Celina Williams
Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz

Guests

Arts Advisory Commission Vice-Chair Ben Hou
Arts Advisory Commissioner Megan Hogue
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Chair Scott Matsuda
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Vice-Chair Teresa Courtney
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commissioner Vonita Francisco
Planning Commission Chair Nick Bautista
Recreation and Park Advisory Commissioner and Neighborhood Parks Improvement Subcommittee Liaison Keith Edholm
Recreation and Park Advisory Commission Chair Forrest Reda
Recreation and Park Advisory Commissioner George Stanton

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.

A motion to excuse Councilmember Paige was made by Mayor Woodard and seconded.

Motion carried 6-0.

2. Late Changes to Agenda

None.

3. Public Comment

- MLT resident Adam Cickay commented on public health and the upcoming safety series by the City.
- MLT resident Peter Triandafilou commented on public safety.

4. Consent Agenda

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

Motion carried 6-0.

- a. Payment for 2026 claims
- b. Meeting Minutes for 2/5/2026 and 2/12/2026
- c. Council Subcommittee Appointment for Recreation and Park Advisory Commission Vacancy
- d. Agreement with Marshbank

5. Presentation on Planning Commission Workplan

Building Official Matthew Gisle and Planning Commission Chair Nick Bautista

Gisle presented on this item to include a summary of 2025 accomplishments and the 2026 recommended work plan.

Gisle and Bautista heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding short-term rentals, sub-area plans, Engineering Development Manual, appreciation for the work of the Planning Commission, and input from Chair Bautista.

6. Presentation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Workplan

Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Chair Matsuda, Vice-Chair Courtney and Commissioner Francisco

Matsuda, Courtney, and Francisco presented on this item to include the mission, 2025 accomplishments, strategic plan, 2026 commission goals, and strategic plan implementation.

Matsuda, Courtney, and Francisco heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding appreciation for the work of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission and Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope, Community Ambassador Program, and input from the commissioners on what they enjoy about being on the commission.

7. Presentation on Arts Advisory Commission Workplan

Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz and Arts Advisory Commission Vice-Chair Hou and Commissioner Hogue

Betz introduced the commissioners who presented on this item to include the mission, 2025 accomplishments, and 2026 recommended workplan.

Betz heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding importance of art in the community, 1% for the Arts program, art to public and private spaces in the city, utility box art wraps, art fair, water features, MLT art show, appreciation for the work of the Arts Advisory Commission, opportunities for art and local artists, interactive art, amphitheater in one of our parks, student artists, Native American artists, and Mother Justice statue.

8. Presentation on Recreation and Park Advisory Commission

Parks Supervisor Celina Williams and Recreation and Park Advisory Commission Chair Reda, Commissioner Stanton, and Commissioner and Neighborhood Parks Improvement Subcommittee Liaison Edholm

Williams introduced the commissioners who presented on this item to include appreciation for Council Liaison Sonmore and staff members, Jeff Betz, Celina Williams, and Events Coordinator Andrew Appelwick, the vision and mission statements, roles and responsibilities, Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee, 2025 accomplishments, and 2026 recommended workplan.

Williams heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding parks as thoroughfares, increase in volunteerism, appreciation for the work of the Recreation and Park Advisory Commission and Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee, working across commissions, opportunities for community feedback, appreciation for Audrey Meyer, recreation fees, volunteerism, dog park, and available property for Conservation Futures grants.

9. City Manager's Report

City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- City awarded Tree City USA for seventh year in a row
- City granted Growth Award from Arbor Day Foundation for planting trees as part of Sound Transit mitigation
- City granted Well City Award from Association of Washington Cities
- Building Official Matthew Gisle will be interim Community and Economic Development Director
- Waste Management coupon and pictures issues being addressed

10. Council Liaison Reports

Councilmember Doyles's report included:

- Washington Institute of Democratic Future meeting
- Christy Osborn and Gary Schimek meeting
- February 5 Council meeting

- February 9 Committees, Commissions, and Boards interview for Recreation and Park Advisory Commission vacancy
- February 11 MLT Branding open house

Councilmember Matsumoto Wright's report included:

- February 6 Community Transit CEO one-on-one meeting as a board member
- February 11 MLT Branding open house
- February 12 City Manager meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Wahl
- February 13 Lake Ballinger Center Conversation event
- February 17 Council tour of MLT 911 backup system and Public Works Operations Building
- February 18 Community Transit Board meeting as Vice-Chair
- February 19 Community Transit Committee meeting
- February 19 Community Transit Board workshop

Councilmember Murray's report included:

- February 9 Committees, Commissions, and Boards interview for Recreation and Park Advisory Commission vacancy
- February 12 Council work session
- February 18 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission meeting

Councilmember Sonmore's report included:

- Monthly Recreation and Park Advisory Commission meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl

- January 7 Snohomish County Tomorrow Executive Committee meeting
- January 7 Branding team meeting
- January 8 Representative Cindy Ryu meeting to review legislative priorities in 2026
- January 8 City Manager meeting with Councilmember Matsumoto Wright
- January 8 Council work session
- January 9 Lynnwood Neighborhood Center ribbon cutting ceremony
- January 13 Snohomish County Tomorrow Exploratory Committee meeting
- January 13 MLT Fiscal Townhall online meeting
- January 14 MLT Licensing ribbon cutting ceremony
- January 14 Placemaking meeting
- January 14 MLT in-person Fiscal Townhall
- January 15 Snohomish County Cities and Towns dinner meeting
- January 22 Puget Sound Regional Council Operations Committee meeting
- January 22 Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board meeting
- January 22 Council work session
- February 10 Snohomish County Mayors, Mayors Pro Tem, and Council Presidents meeting
- February 10 Snohomish County Tomorrow Exploratory Committee meeting
- February 11 MLT Branding open house
- February 12 City Manager meeting with Councilmember Matsumoto Wright

- February 12 Snohomish County Cities and Towns Executive Board meeting
- February 12 Council meeting
- February 12 Meeting with Una McAlinden, council retreat facilitator
- February 17 Council tour of MLT 911 backup system and Public Works Operations Building
- February 18 Snohomish County Cities Collaborators lunch

Mayor Woodard's report included:

- February 6 Seashore Transportation Forum meeting
- February 10 Disability Board meeting
- February 11 MLT Branding open house
- February 12 City Manager meeting
- February 13 Everett Public School District Empower to Lead Conference speaker
- February 17 Council tour of MLT 911 backup system and Public Works Operations Building
- February 18 Snohomish County Cities Collaborators lunch
- February 19 and 20 Cold Weather Shelter van driver

11. New Business

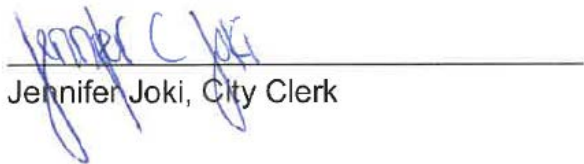
- Mayor Woodard commented on the Lynnwood Neighborhood Center and its Community Resource Center and reminded Mountlake Terrace residents it's their center, too.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m.



Steve Woodard, Mayor



Jennifer Joki, City Clerk