



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION (ACTION TAKEN) MINUTES

April 9, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

Councilmember Matsumoto Wright
Councilmember Murray
Councilmember Doyle
Councilmember Sonmore
Mayor Woodard

Councilmembers Absent

Councilmember Paige
Mayor Pro Tem Wahl

Guests

Housing Authority of Snohomish County Director of Government Relations Chris Collier
My Neighborhood Network News Chief Executive Officer Teresa Wippel
Se Habla Media Journalist Jaime Mendez
Se Habla Media Journalist Diana Oliveros
Recreation and Park Advisory Commission Vice-Chair Audrey Meyer

Staff Members Present

City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Manager Jeff Niten
Parks Supervisor Celina Williams
Police Chief Pete Caw
Police Commander Mike Haynes
Police Commander Scott King
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.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

3. General Public Comment

Any written comments received have been forwarded to Council.

- MLT resident John Martin commented on the new stadium being built in Everett with tax money.

4. Proclamation for Local News Day

Mayor Woodard read the proclamation aloud and presented it to My Neighborhood Network News Chief Executive Officer Teresa Wippel who also recognized Jaime Mendez and Diana Oliveros of Se Habla Media. Wippel and Mendez both spoke a few words.

5. Proclamation for Arbor Day

Councilmember Murray read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Parks Supervisor Celina Williams and the Recreation and Park Advisory Commission Vice-President Audrey Meyer who spoke a few words.

6. Presentation by HASCO (Housing Authority of Snohomish County)

City Manager Jeff Niten and HASCO Director of Government Relations Chris Collier

Niten introduced Collier who presented on this item to include the Washington State Housing Authority Act, HASCO in the community, new and exciting news, challenges and needs, and HASCO and Mountlake Terrace.

Collier and Niten heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding housing vouchers, mixed-income housing and subsidies, affordability and cost implications, state level affordable housing advocate, appreciation for the work, and what more Mountlake Terrace can do.

7. Presentation on Year-End Police Department Report

Police Chief Caw and Commanders Haynes and King

Caw, Haynes, and King presented on this item to include the department vision and mission, department goals, operations division by the numbers, critical activity analysis, vehicle pursuits, technology overview, organizational chart, staffing overview, department training, in-house instructors, community outreach, embedded social worker, investigations, and Internet Crimes Against Children training.

Caw, Haynes, and King heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding paying for damaged vehicle from pursuits, appreciation for the professional officer assistance after 911 call, electric bikes on roadway, staffing during World Cup events this summer, pepper ball blasts, death investigation numbers, security on light rail trains, appreciation for work going into accreditation, increases in issues, and public engagement.

8. Review and Vote on Ordinance Adopting Lumen/Forged Fiber 37 Franchise Agreement
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

Schimek presented on this item to include the background, purpose, and responses to the questions asked by council at the last meeting.

Shimek heard and responded to questions and comments from councilmembers regarding the different Kenyon Disend attorney review, the options for council, and negotiations.

A motion to adopt the ordinance adopting the Lumen/Forge Fiber 37 franchise agreement was made by Councilmember Murray and seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

9. Review Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce Recommendations

City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten presented on this item to include a review from the March 12 meeting, two budget proposals, details on training, travel, and meetings reductions, implementation timing, and next steps.

Niten heard and responded to questions and comments from councilmembers regarding a metropolitan parks district, recreation miscellaneous savings, 2028 bank capacity, council being responsible for the budget, water funds, sales tax, training, spreadsheet of alternatives from Mayor Pro Tem, and affordable housing increases from the state.

A motion to extend the meeting until 10:30 p.m. was made by Councilmember Murray and seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Niten continued to hear and respond to questions and comments from councilmembers regarding a metropolitan parks district, tiered fees for recreation and childcare based on income, levies, tax exemptions, and the presentation was about maintaining what the city has or going in the negative, not about income.

10. City Manager's Report

City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- Next scheduled meeting on April 16 is cancelled due to lack of a quorum
- Offer from Shoreline to have 2 staff members join them on urban planning/design trip to Denmark

Niten heard and responded to questions and comments from councilmembers regarding staff traveling to Denmark with Shoreline.

11. Review April 16 Meeting Agenda

The April 16 meeting is cancelled due to lack of quorum.

12. Council Comments

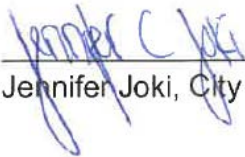
- Mayor Woodard commented on finishing the Certificate of Municipal Leadership and Advanced Certificate.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.



Steve Woodard, Mayor



Jennifer Joki, City Clerk