



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

Councilmember Doyle
Councilmember Matsumoto Wright
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
City Manager Jeff Niten
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

Guests

Gordon Thomas Honeywell State Lobbyist Shelly Helder

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

The City Manager asked to add the introduction of the new Community Development Manager Brooke Eidem to the agenda as item 2a. This was approved by council.

2a. Introduction of new Community Development Manager Brooke Edem who comes to Mountlake Terrace from the City of Snohomish.

3. Public Comment

Any written comments received have been forwarded to Council.

- City of Shoreline Economic Development Manager Nathan Dom asked the City Council to consider the Scan Design Foundation tour in Denmark with Shoreline, with the offer of two scholarships, for training and building stronger partnerships.

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. Payment for 2026 claims
- b. Meeting Minutes for 3/19/2026 and 3/26/2026
- c. Agreement with Musco Lighting for Tennis Courts
- d. Interlocal Agreement with City of Lynnwood for Sewer Overflow

5. Presentation on Legislative Update by Gordon Thomas Honeywell
State Lobbyist Shelly Helder

Helder presented on this item to include the session statistics, 2026 supplemental budgets, outcomes for cities across the state, outcomes for Mountlake Terrace, additional legislative priorities, and next steps.

Helder heard and responded to questions and comments from councilmembers regarding legislation doing more for cities, educating residents, meeting with legislators, tools for meeting rising costs, appreciation for Helder's work, and tort reform.

6. Review and Public Hearing 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 ask of council.

Schimek heard and responded to questions and comments from councilmembers regarding the costs and impact to residents, and the possibility of saying "no" to the agreement and negotiating more.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded. Motion carried **7-0**. The public hearing was declared open.

Public Hearing Testimony: Forge Fiber 37 applicant Carly Nations commented in support of the franchise agreement during General Public Comment.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded. Motion carried **7-0**. The public hearing was declared closed.

Council Discussion and questions for Schimek included looking for better opportunities and comparisons with other other cities, pieces of franchise agreements, little room for setting rates, and internet and broadband for low-income residents.

7. City Manager's Report
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- MLT Community Academy was last night for the Police Department.
- Positive responses to the City Safety Series, next city series on Code Compliance and Community Development.
- Grant funded Scan Design Foundation tour in Denmark with City of Shoreline is in late August.

Niten heard and responded to a question regarding information about the Denmark training and partnerships trip.

8. Council Liaison Reports

Councilmember Doyles's report included:

- March 26 Meeting with MLT Domestic Violence Coordinator Danielle Singson
- March 26 City Council work session
- March 29 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission/City event "Girl Rising" film screening at MLT Library for Women's History Month
- April 1 MLT Community Academy session: Police Department
- April 2 Veterans Memorial Park ribbon cutting ceremony with U.S. Representative Rick Larsen
- April 2 City Council meeting

Councilmember Matsumoto Wright's report included:

- March 21 Wing Luke gala
- March 24 Community Transit Executive Board meeting
- March 29 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission/City event "Girl Rising" film screening at MLT Library for Women's History Month
- April 1 MLT Community Academy for Police
- April 2 Veterans Memorial Park ribbon cutting ceremony with U.S. Representative Rick Larsen

Councilmember Murray's report included:

- March 26 City Council work session
- March 29 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission/City event "Girl Rising" film screening at MLT Library for Women's History Month
- April 2 Veterans Memorial Park ribbon cutting ceremony with U.S. Representative Rick Larsen

Councilmember Paige's report included:

- April 2 Veterans Memorial Park ribbon cutting ceremony with U.S. Representative Rick Larsen
- March 31 MLT Chamber of Commerce networking event at Ballinger Center

- March 27 Meeting with resident regarding boards and commissions

Councilmember Sonmore's report included:

- April 2 Veterans Memorial Park ribbon cutting ceremony with U.S. Representative Rick Larsen

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl's report included:

- March 25 City branding project team meeting
- March 25 Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee meeting
- March 26 Chaired the Puget Sound Regional Council Operations Committee meeting
- March 26 Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board meeting
- March 26 Council Finance Committee meeting
- March 26 Council meeting
- April 1 Snohomish County Tomorrow Executive Committee meeting
- April 2 Veterans Memorial Park ribbon cutting ceremony with U.S. Representative Rick Larsen

Mayor Woodard's report included:

- March 20 Attended Councilmember Doyle's talk to seniors at MLT Plaza for Women's History Month
- March 21 Washington Kids in Transition online gala
- March 25 MLT Community Academy for Public Works
- March 26 Speaker at Student Career Conference at Tulalip Heritage High School
- March 26 Council Finance Committee meeting
- March 26 Council meeting
- March 29 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission/City event "Girl Rising" film screening at MLT Library for Women's History Month
- April 1 South Snohomish County Mayors lunch
- April 2 Veterans Memorial Park ribbon cutting ceremony with U.S. Representative Rick Larsen

9. New Business

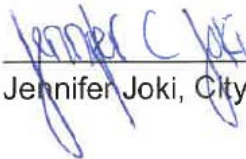
- City Manager Niten reported all councilmembers have completed cyber security training and branding update will be on April 23
- Councilmember Doyle commented that March 31 was International Transgender Day of Visibility and requested consideration for a proclamation for this day in the future
- Councilmember Murray commented on the MLT Terrace Community Foundation and Ballinger Organic Garden Group let people know about an upcoming fundraiser while at the "Girl Rising" film screening at MLT Library
- Mayor Woodard requested formalized request for Scan Design training and partnership trip with City of Shoreline.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.



Steve Woodard, Mayor



Jennifer Joki, City Clerk