



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 23, 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

Arts Advisory Commissioner Ben Hou
Councilmember Kyoko Matsumoto Wright
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commissioner Kerem Onat
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commissioner Priya May-Folden
Planning Commissioner Cameron Wu

Staff Members Present

Building Official Matthew Gisle
City Clerk Jennifer Joki
Civil Engineer III, Traffic John Marek
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope
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 were forwarded to Council.

- MLT resident Vonita Francisco commented on fire safety training for residents.

4. Proclamation for Children's Day

Councilmember Murray read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commissioner Kerem Onat who spoke a few words.

5. Proclamation for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Councilmember Paige read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Councilmember Matsumoto Wright, Arts Advisory Commissioner Ben Hou, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commissioner Priya May-Folden, who spoke a few words.
6. Review Pertteet Main Street Phase 2 and 3 Agreement Supplement 6
Civil Engineer III, Traffic John Marek

Marek presented on this item to include the background, council goals, purpose, amount, and ask of council.

7. Review Fiscal Sustainability Recommendation
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope, Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz, and Building Official Matthew Gisle

Hope, Betz, and Gisle presented on this item to include review of package proposals to bridge the gap in general fund, county and city discount programs for tax and utility payers, and staff recommendation.

Hope, Betz, and Gisle heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding travel/training policy and budget, staff list and salaries, service reductions, police bookings, relationship between number of officers and crime, resident versus non-resident fees for youth programs scholarships, childcare providers, revenue loss when pool is closed, development fees, impact on affordable housing, permit process, budget packages to stay at current level or make cuts, the Finance Department cleaned up five years of budget issues to get current, discount programs and impact on budget, parks and police are a priority, support for proposal 1 considering the tradeoffs, and an email to council about budget was read aloud.

8. City Manager's Report
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope

Hope's report included:

- Well wishes to the residents impacted by the recent apartment fire and appreciation for the local organizations that assisted.
- Two bid openings happened this week and the bids are being reviewed.
- Several staff have attended a series of Department of Emergency Management trainings with Snohomish County.
- Last night was last Community Academy class and appreciation for community members who participated and staff working together to make it happen.
- The city's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) reporting has been completed.
- Upcoming events.

Hope heard and responded to questions and comments regarding the vehicle that crashed into the light rail station support pole and times for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission volunteers to be at the events.

9. Review April 2 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved by council.

10. Council Comments

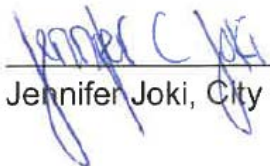
- Councilmember Doyle commented on speaking with the City Manager about starting “Council Chats” similar to Terrace Talks, to begin this Fall. Other councilmembers are on board with this.
- Councilmember Murray commented on Sound Transit starting to charge permit fees in Shoreline and requested to add this as a discussion to an upcoming agenda.
- Mayor Pro Tem Wahl commented on appreciation for healthcare professionals and those who help take care of the elderly and recognized those who have lost their parents.
- Mayor Woodard commented on South County Fire requesting to present at a meeting to discuss their upcoming bond, tomorrow is the Step Up Conference with some staff attending, and the Denmark training opportunity with Shoreline communication.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.



Steve Woodard, Mayor



Jennifer Joki, City Clerk