



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 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

Building Official Matthew Gisle
City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Manager Jeff Niten
Community Development Director Brooke Eidem
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope
Public Works Deputy Director Aparna Khanal
Public Works Director Gary Schimek
Public Works Supervisor for Water and Sewer Shawn Hjert
Public Works Supervisor for Streets and Stormwater Tim Nye
Public Works Supervisor for Fleet Michael Acheson

Guests

Sno-Isle Libraries Executive Director Eric Howard
Sno-Isle Libraries Mountlake Terrace Branch Manager Kristin Piepho

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

None

3. Public Comment

Any written comments received have been forwarded to Council.

- MLT resident John Blechschmidt commented on yard code compliance issues.
- MLT resident Nathan Berkowitz commented on gangstalkers and the FBI.

- MLT resident Victor Eskenazi commented on the hearing devices in Chambers, the MLT Community Academy, transparency to the community, and State of the City available to all residents.
- MLT resident Cory Cross commented on Safe Routes to School.
- MLT resident Amer Mohamed commented on concern for safety for the Muslim community in light of the recent attack in San Diego.

4. Consent Agenda

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

Motion carried 7-0.

- a. Payment for 2026 claims
- b. Meeting Minutes for 5/7/2026

5. Proclamation for National Public Works Week

Councilmember Paige read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Public Works Supervisor for Water and Sewer Shawn Hjert, Supervisor for Streets and Stormwater Tim Nye, Supervisor for Fleet Michael Acheson and Deputy Director Aparna Khanal who spoke a few words.

6. Presentation by Sno-Isle Libraries on Program and Service Updates

Sno-Isle Libraries Eric Howard and Kristin Piepoe

Howard and Piepho presented on this item to include background, Sno-Isle services, new library, shared resources, levy, Mountlake Terrace library services, and feedback from users.

Howard and Piepho heard and responded to questions and comments about the Repair Café, appreciation for being part of the community, demonstration library, accessibility, reliability, and inclusiveness, free programs, state and federal funding, resources, and appreciation for the presentation.

7. Review and Vote on Resolution Amending Community Development Fee Schedules

Community Development Director Brooke Eidem and Building Official Matthew Gisle

Eidem presented on this item to include council budget solutions, permitting fees, background, and applications.

Eidem and Gisle heard and responded to questions and comments regarding subsidization, current permit coverage, and equitable increase.

A motion to adopt the Resolution Amending Community Development Fee Schedules was made by Mayor Pro Tem and seconded.

Discussion: The council welcomed new Community Development Director Brooke

Eidem.

Motion carried 7-0.

8. City Manager's Report
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- City Hall will be closed Monday for the holiday.
- Tuesday night will be the 2nd Fiscal Townhall at Lake Ballinger Center.
- The City Manager notified Council another person in the audience wanted to make a public comment, Amer Mohamed, who then provided comment.

9. Council Liaison Reports

Councilmember Doyles's report included:

- May 13 State of the City event
- May 15 MLT High School Black Student Union and Latino Student Union meeting with students
- May 17 Participated in MLT Trash Pandas clean up in Melody Hill
- May 22 City Manager meeting

Councilmember Matsumoto Wright's report included:

- May 8 MLT Library talk by Rand Gravelle
- May 13 State of the City event
- May 14 Conservation Futures meeting
- May 20 Community Transit Board meeting
- May 20 Community Transit Executive Committee meeting

Councilmember Murray's report included:

- May 13 State of the City event
- Mountlake Terrace Community Parade looking for nominations for a Grand Marshal

Councilmember Paige's report included:

- May 9 Puget Sound Sage Institute graduation panel
- May 13 City Manager meeting
- May 13 State of the City event
- May 15 MLT High School Black Student Union and Latino Student Union meeting with students
- May 16 Paramount Strength ribbon cutting
- May 19 Arts Advisory Commission meeting

Councilmember Sonmore's report included:

- May 13 State of the City event

- Disability Board meeting
- Recreation and Park Advisory Commission meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl's report included:

- May 12 South Snohomish County Mayors, Mayors Pro Tem, and Council Presidents meeting
- May 12 Snohomish County Tomorrow Exploratory Committee meeting
- May 13 State of the City event
- May 14 City Manager meeting with Councilmember Matsumoto Wright
- May 19 Panelist on Snohomish County Partnership in Homelessness

Mayor Woodard's report included:

- May 9 Recognition of the Anniversary of Rwanda Civil War
- May 12 Disability Board meeting
- May 13 State of the City event
- May 14 City Manager meeting
- May 14 Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish County Ramp-a-Thon

10. New Business

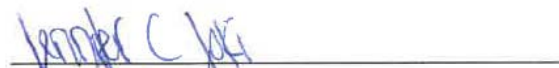
None

11. Adjournment

Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.



Steve Woodard, Mayor



Jennifer Joki, City Clerk