



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES

May 28, 2026  
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and  
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

Councilmember Matsumoto Wright  
Councilmember Murray  
Councilmember Paige  
Councilmember Sonmore  
Mayor Pro Tem Wahl  
Mayor Woodard

Councilmembers Absent

Councilmember Doyle

Guests

All Together Principal Rachael Aziz  
Polco EVP of Data & Insights Sonya Wytinck

Staff Members Present

City Clerk Jennifer Joki  
City Manager Jeff Niten  
Communications and Community Engagement Manager Sienna Spencer-Markles  
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope  
Economic Development Manager Ryan Doss  
Finance Director Sirke Salminen  
Finance Senior Accountant Artus Nemati  
Parks Project Manager Donnelle Dayao  
Public Works Director Gary Schimek  
Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz  
Traffic Engineer John Marek

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 Doyle was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

3. General Public Comment

Any written comments received have been forwarded to Council.

- MLT resident Theo Cross commented in support of a roundabout at 236<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup>.
- MLT resident Cory Cross commented on transportation budget priorities.

4. Presentation on POLCO Community Satisfaction Survey

Communications and Community Engagement Manager Sienna Spencer-Markles and Polco EVP Sonya Wytinck

Wytinck presented on this item to include background, national community survey, benchmarking database, facets of community livability (quality, importance), key findings, and next steps.

Wytinck heard and responded to questions and comments regarding how many times residents could respond to the survey, appreciation for work on this survey, responses to results, where to find the results, and “other” response option.

5. Presentation on Community Branding Update

Communications and Community Engagement Manager Sienna Spencer-Markles, Economic Development Manager Ryan Doss, and All Together Principal Rachael Aziz

Doss spoke on branding and placemaking as economic strategies then introduced Aziz who presented on this item to include the project overview, scope and timeline, deliverables, brand system, brand aesthetic, wayfinding and streetscape, placemaking concepts, engaging the next generation, and looking forward.

Spencer-Markles, Doss, and Aziz heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding parks and public works opportunities, murals, engaging younger people, costs, can new developers contribute to the projects, neighborhood identification, neighbors/customers, relaxed perception, feedback on signs, Native American art, placemaking signs, city portrayed as cartoonish, some ideas look outdated, liability issues with inviting people to your property, cost of art, prioritize some pieces, interesting plans, grant funds, strategic and thoughtful plan, and messaging.

The mayor called for a 5-minute recess.

6. Presentation on 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Update

Finance Director Sirke Salminen and Senior Accountant Artus Nemati

Salminen and Nemati presented on this item to include fund by fund budget to actuals and year end debt outstanding.

Salminen and Nemati heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding specific funds.

7. Review Bid Award for Westside Water Main Phase II  
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

Schimek presented on this item to include the background, purpose, the low bid, and scope.

Schimek heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding contingencies, and costs (partially cut off on the staff report).

8. Review Pertteet Agreement Supplement 7 for Main Street Construction Management  
Traffic Engineer John Marek

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

Marek heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding coming back to council to discuss traffic safety and traffic calming devices.

A motion to extend the meeting until 10:20pm was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl and seconded.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

9. Review Ordinance Adopting McLeod Telecommunications Franchise Agreement  
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

Schimek presented on this item to include the background, previous agreement, and ability to say “no”.

10. Review Bid Award for Pedestrian Plaza  
Parks Project Manager Donnelle Dayao and Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz

Dayao presented on this item to include the goals, legislative history, background, scope of work, estimated timeline, finance and budget, and staff recommendation.

Dayao and Betz heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding implementing some of the branding ideas, filming the construction process.

11. Review Construction Management Agreement with Consor for Pedestrian Plaza  
Parks Project Manager Donnelle Dayao and Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz

Dayao presented on this item to include the documentation requirements, staffing capacity, grant funding, and contingency.

Dayao and Betz heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding contingency funds.

12. City Manager's Report  
City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- Completed two Fiscal Townhalls and received good feedback from residents.

13. Review April 2 Meeting Agenda  
The agenda was reviewed and approved by council.

14. Council Comments

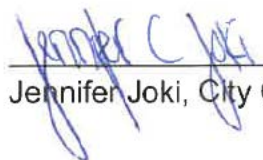
- Mayor Woodard commented on the Red Nose Day campaign to end childhood poverty.

15. Adjournment  
Mayor Woodard adjourned the meeting at 10:13 p.m.



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Steve Woodard, Mayor



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Jennifer Joki, City Clerk