



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 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

Councilmembers Absent

Mayor Woodard

Staff Members Present

Aquatics Supervisor Bridget Verhei
City Clerk Jennifer Joki
City Manager Jeff Niten
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope
Facilities Supervisor Deric Johnson
Kenyon Disend Attorney Alex Kenyon
Public Works Director Gary Schimek

Guests

MLT High School FIRST Robotics Competition Team:

Business Co-lead Seth Thomas
Business Co-lead, Treasurer, Photographer for Event Riley Morgan
Captain Maya Allumada
Electrical Co-lead Kelvin Franke
Electrical Co-lead Kyle Bowder
Fabrication Co-lead Octavius Gorun
Head Coach Steve Winckler

The Access Project President and Board Member Wally Webster

Edmonds Pride and MLT Pride Event Partner Rowan Soiset

Mountlake Terrace High School Teacher and GSA Club Advisor Jennifer Widrig-Hodges

Mountlake Terrace Resident Jan Engelhardt

1. Call to Order – Flag Salute – Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Jennifer Joki called roll.

A motion to excuse Mayor Woodard was made by Councilmember Murray and seconded.

Motion carried 6-0.

2. Late Changes to Agenda

The City Manager had no late changes to the agenda but did introduce the two new staff members, Facilities Supervisor Deric Johnson and Aquatics Supervisor Bridget Verhei who each spoke a few words.

3. Public Comment

All written public comments received were forwarded to Council.

- MLT resident Cory Cross commented on traffic safety and the ordinance adopting increased transportation benefit district rates ordinance.
- MLT resident Barbara Belanich commented on traffic safety.

4. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, items a-f was made by Councilmember Murray and seconded.

Motion carried 6-0.

- a. Payment for 2026 claims
- b. Meeting Minutes for 5/21/2026, 5/28/2026
- c. Bid Award for Westside Water Main Phase II
- d. Agreement Supplement 7 with Perteet for Main Street Construction Management
- e. Bid Award for Westside Pedestrian Plaza
- f. Construction Management Agreement with Consor for Pedestrian Plaza

5. Proclamation for LGBTQIA + Pride Month

Councilmember Doyle read the proclamation aloud and presented it to the Mountlake Terrace High School GSA Club Advisor Jennifer Widrig-Hodges and Edmonds Pride and MLT Pride Event Partner Rowan Soiset who spoke a few words.

6. Proclamation for Juneteenth

Councilmember Erin Murray read the proclamation aloud and presented it to The Access Project President and Board Member Wally Webster who spoke a few words.

7. Proclamation for Gun Violence Awareness Day

Councilmember Erin Murray read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Mountlake Terrace Resident Jan Engelhardt and awareness supporters who spoke a few words.

8. Presentation MLT High School FIRST Robotics Competition Team

The FIRST Robotics Competition Team presented on this item to include who they are, accessibility, purpose, members, their community, outreach, support, funding, and contact information, then the team gave a demonstration of their robot.

The Team heard and responded to comments and questions from councilmembers regarding congratulations in their success, encouraging companies to host events, being impressed with the robot they created, and what members get out of participating.

9. Review, Public Hearing, and Vote on Ordinance Adopting McLeod Telecommunications Franchise Agreement

Public Works Director Gary Schimek

Schimek presented on this item to include the purpose of the agreement, scope,

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Murray and seconded. Motion carried **6-0**. The public hearing was declared open.

Public Hearing Testimony: None

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Murray and seconded. Motion carried **6-0**. The public hearing was declared closed.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance Adopting McLeod Telecommunications Franchise Agreement was made by Councilmember Murray and seconded.

Council Discussion: None

Motion carried 6-0.

10. Review and Vote on Ordinance Adopting Increased Transportation Benefit District Rates

Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope

Hope presented on this item to include the background, purpose, funding, uses, and effective date.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance Increasing Transportation Benefit District Rates for Vehicle License Fees to \$40 was made by Councilmember Murray and seconded.

Motion carried 5-1 (Sonmore).

11. City Manager's Report

City Manager Jeff Niten

Niten's report included:

- Good turnout tonight at the Pride Flag Raising event.
- Tomorrow night at 5pm is the City Pride event and the street will be closed.

Councilmember Murray left the meeting at 8:12 p.m. A quorum was maintained.

12. Council Liaison Reports

Councilmember Doyles's report included:

- May 26 Recipient of Lynnwood Pride Proclamation
- June 4 MLT Pride Flag Raising event

Councilmember Matsumoto Wright's report included:

- May 26 Community Transit in-house panel for AANHPI event
- May 26 MLT Chamber of Commerce networking event
- May 27 Snohomish County Charter Review meeting at MLT
- May 28 Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly
- June 1 Presentation on NASA by Dr. Joki
- June 3 Community Transit meeting
- June 4 Shoreline State of the City address
- June 4 Community Transit meeting
- June 4 MLT Pride Flag Raising event

Councilmember Murray's report included:

No report (left before council liaison reports)

Councilmember Paige's report included:

- May 26 MLT Fiscal Townhall event
- May 27 Building Bridges Summit
- May 29 Veteran's Park Grand Opening
- May 30 Seattle-Tashkent Sister City Association event at MLT Library
- May 31 Speaker at Lynnwood Community Center Green Legacy Youth Fellowship pilot program

Councilmember Sonmore's report included:

- Upcoming Disability Board meeting
- Upcoming Recreation and Park Advisory Commission meeting
- June 4 MLT Pride Flag Raising event

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl's report included:

- May 27 Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee meeting
- May 28 MLT Finance Committee meeting
- June 3 Snohomish County Tomorrow Executive Committee meeting
- June 4 MLT Pride Flag Raising event
- June 5 will be the MLT Pride event

13. New Business


- Councilmember Doyle asked the council to consider supporting upcoming resolution for library renewal levy in August.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.



Steve Woodard, Mayor



Jennifer Joki, City Clerk