



Mountlake Terrace City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
Thursday, July 30, 2026, 7:00 PM
City Hall and via Telephone or Teleconference

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Flag Salute – Roll Call
2. Review and Vote on Joint Resolution Requesting Snohomish County Funding for Regional Aquatics
3. Adjournment

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STAFF REPORT

To: Mountlake Terrace City Council

From: Carolyn Hope, Deputy City Manager, Jeff Betz, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting Date: July 30, 2026

Subject: Review and Vote on Joint Resolution Requesting Snohomish County Funding for Regional Aquatics

Required Reviews:

Jennifer Joki	Created/Initiated - 07/24/2026
Jeff Betz	Approved - 07/24/2026
Carolyn Hope	New -
Hillary Evans	-
Jeff Niten	-

Council Goal(s):

Growing our Vibrant Community

Legislative History:

Over the past two years, staff presented the need to replace the Recreation Pavilion and the financial challenges of rebuilding such a facility without partners. These presentations occurred on August 22, 2024, November 14, 2024, January 9, 2025, and March 22, 2025.

This item was presented to the City Council for discussion and review at their work session on July 23, 2026.

Subject Summary:

In 2025, the City Council authorized staff to begin discussions with neighboring jurisdictions and other agencies to evaluate partnerships. Since April 2025, Mountlake Terrace has hosted monthly meetings with several agencies represented by staff and elected officials. The cities of Mountlake Terrace and Edmonds, and possibly others, are interested in building off the North King County Regional Aquatics Centers Feasibility Study, which covered a similar service area and need, to evaluate options for a South Snohomish County facility. Given that Snohomish County Councilmembers have a grant program for cities due at the end of July, Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace wanted to show our intent to collaborate on regional aquatics planning through this resolution and add it to our applications for funding from Councilmembers Strom Petersen and Jared Mead, respectively.

Financial/Budget Impacts:

Budget Amendment No
Required? _____

Budget and Sources:	
Expenditure:	
New Appropriation Required + Sources:	

Additional Financial Information:

N/A

Community Notifications:

City Council Agenda

If "Other," please specify:

Board/Commission Recommendation:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that City Council vote to adopt the resolution on July 30, 2026.

Council Motion:

Move to adopt a resolution of the cities of Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace, Washington, requesting funding from Snohomish County to support regional aquatics in South Snohomish County.

Attachments:

1. Joint Resolution Requesting Snohomish County Funding for Regional Aquatics (Draft)

CITY OF EDMONDS AND THE CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MOUNTLAKE TERRACE RESOLUTION NO. _____
EDMONDS RESOLUTION NO. _____**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIES OF EDMONDS AND MOUNTLAKE
TERRACE, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING FUNDING FROM SNOHOMISH
COUNTY TO SUPPORT REGIONAL AQUATICS IN SOUTH SNOHOMISH
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, water safety, skill-building, community-building, and both mental and physical health benefits of neighborhood pool use are well accepted; and

WHEREAS, water safety skills are essential in our state, which is surrounded by water and where we are ranked 9th in the nation for drownings; and

WHEREAS, school and community swim teams need pools in which to train and compete; and

WHEREAS, adults also enjoy competitive swimming, aquatics exercise, and aquatic therapy; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has four public pools including Snohomish Aquatic Center, Lynnwood Recreation Center, Edmonds Yost Pool, and Mountlake Terrace Recreation Pavilion; and while there are other pools open to the public, these pools are at capacity and have wait lists for aquatics programs; and

WHEREAS, City-owned pools including the Edmonds Yost Pool (opened in 1971) and the Mountlake Terrace Recreation Pavilion (opened in 1968) are at end-of-life and will be needing replacement soon; and

WHEREAS, the capital and operating costs of aquatic facilities are a financial challenge that individual cities may be incapable of surmounting without assistance; and

WHEREAS, if Edmond's Yost Pool and Mountlake Terrace's Recreation Pavilion were to close, only one public aquatics facility (in Lynnwood) would be available to the residents of South Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, the Lynnwood facility alone would not be able to meet the aquatics needs of our current residents or for the growth expected in the region, especially with the closure of the Shoreline Pool in 2020; and

WHEREAS, representatives of concerned South Snohomish County cities (Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace, Brier) and North King County cities (Shoreline, Lake Forest Park) and other stakeholders (such as the school districts) have been meeting monthly for the greater part of a year to seek solutions to replace, repair, and grow our aquatics facilities to maintain our level of service with our current populations and meet future demands with the anticipated growth in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Executive and Snohomish County Council have determined that it is consistent with the Parks and Recreation element of the County's Comprehensive Plan and is in the public interest to partner with Snohomish County cities to increase recreational opportunities and facility capacity; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County's Amended Ordinance 24-081 included \$1,600,000 REET II funds, collected pursuant to 82.46 RCW, to be distributed evenly among the 5 council districts; and

WHEREAS, similar funding and distribution is anticipated in the upcoming biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCILS OF EDMONDS AND MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. For the reasons stated above, the Cities request to receive the full allotment of Snohomish County District 3 and District 4 REET funds, respectively, in the 2027/2028 biennium to contribute to capital facilities project work related to Edmonds Yost Pool and the Mountlake Terrace Recreation Pavilion, thus supporting continued access to aquatic recreation and athletics in South Snohomish County.

Section 2. The Cities request Snohomish County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department to evaluate funding options to support aquatics and recreation facilities across the county.

**ADOPTED BY THE EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING
THEREOF ON THE 28th of July 2026.**

CITY OF EDMONDS

Mike Rosen, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Luke Lonie, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jeff Taraday, City Attorney

**ADOPTED BY THE MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR
MEETING THEREOF ON THE 23rd of July 2026.**

CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

Steve Woodard, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Jennifer Joki, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hillary J. Evans, City Attorney