Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order in the Battle Ground Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Eric Overholser. The meeting was recorded via Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Elizabeth Halili called the roll. The following were present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Eric Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, and Councilmembers Troy McCoy, Shane Bowman (via Zoom), Victoria Ferrer, Jeanie Kuypers, and Brian Munson

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Manager Kristina Swanson, Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Police Lieutenant Jim Keller, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Communications Manager & Public Information Officer Alisha Smith (via Zoom), Acting City Attorney Kirk Ehlis (via Zoom), and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA **7:01 p.m.**
MOTION: Councilmember Ferrer moved to approve the agenda as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS **7:01 p.m.**
Councilmember Reports:

- *Councilmember Kuypers provided a report on the recent Regional Task Force meeting.*

Mayor's Report:

- **Proclamation: Women's History Month, March 2026**
  Mayor Eric Overholser Proclaimed March 2026 as Women's History Month and read the proclamation. Bev Jones accepted the proclamation and provided a brief statement.
- **Proclamation: American Red Cross Month, March 2026**
  Mayor Eric Overholser Proclaimed March 2026, as American Red Cross Month and read the proclamation. Michelle Prosser with the American Red Cross accepted the proclamation and provided

a brief statement.

- **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Tourism Generator Position #1 appointment: Jessica Cole, term beginning January 1, 2026**
  Mayor Overholser called for a motion to approve his appointment of Jessica Cole to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Tourism Generator Position #1, term beginning January 1, 2026.

MOTION: Councilmember Ferrer moved to approve the appointment of Jessica Cole to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Tourism Generator Position #1, term beginning January 1, 2026.
SECOND: Councilmember McCoy
VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

Jessica Cole provided a brief statement

- **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Tourism Generator Position #2 appointment: John Idsinga, term beginning January 1, 2026**
  Mayor Overholser called for a motion to approve his appointment of John Idsinga to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Tourism Generator Position #2, term beginning January 1, 2026.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Vaile moved to approve the appointment of John Idsinga to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Tourism Generator Position #2, term beginning January 1, 2026.
SECOND: Councilmember McCoy
VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

John Idsinga provided a brief statement

- **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Tourism Tax Collector Position #2 appointment: Trent Niarkos, term beginning January 1, 2026**
  Mayor Overholser called for a motion to approve his appointment of Trent Niarkos to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Tourism Tax Collector Position #2, term beginning January 1, 2026.

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to approve the appointment of Trent Niarkos to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Tourism Tax Collector Position #2, term beginning January 1, 2026.
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

- **Planning Commission Position #1 Re-appointment: Ryan Heasley, 4-Year Term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029.**
  Mayor Overholser called for a motion to approve his re-appointment of Ryan Heasley to the Planning Commission Position #1, 4-Year term ending on December 31, 2029.

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to re-approve the appointment of Ryan Heasley to the Planning Commission Position #1, term ending December 31, 2029.
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

- **C-TRAN Proposed High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Subdistrict**
  Mayor Overholser provided additional information and requested guidance and direction from the City Council regarding the City's position on the proposed voter-approved High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Subdistrict, as presented to the Clark County Council by C-TRAN representatives on February 4, 2026.

  Discussion was held by Council.

CONSENSUS was reached by Council directing Mayor Overholser to support the proposed High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Subdistrict in his capacity as Council Liaison Delegate to the C-TRAN Board of Directors.

Presentations:

- **None.**

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS **7:33 p.m.**

- *Jason Mocha provided public comment*
- *Ally Strappazone provided public comment*
- *Jessica Cole provided public comment*

CONSENT AGENDA **7:42 p.m.**

A. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026
B. Claim Vouchers dated 02/17/2026 #99405-#99452, in the amount of $762,998.78
C. NE 1st Street Phase 2 – Right of Way Purchase Approval – Feston
D. NE 1st Street Phase 2 – Right of Way Purchase Approval – Sanchez
E. NE 1st Street Phase 2 – Right of Way Purchase Approval – Vierck

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer
VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

BUSINESS **7:43 p.m.**

Ordinance 2026-04 Amending BGMC 17.135.150 – RV, Boat, and Trailer Storage: Presentation/Set Public Hearing.

Presented by Police Lieutenant Jim Keller
Summary: The City Council received a presentation and set a public hearing for April 6, 2006, to hear public testimony on proposed amendments to Battle Ground Municipal Code 17.135.150.

Lieutenant Keller provided a brief presentation.
The Council discussed the proposed amendments to BGMC 17.135.150
City Manager Swanson responded to questions from the Council.
Public Works Director Mark Herceg responded to questions from the Council.

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to set a public hearing for Ordinance 2026-04 amending BGMC 17.135.150 RV and Trailer Storage for April 6, 2026.
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer
VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS **8:11 p.m.**

- *City Manager Swanson report on the following:*
  - *Email sent to council regarding the Special Meeting/Council Retreat with a copy of the meeting agenda and links to documents for review prior to the meeting.*
  - *The Weaver Creek Project financial closing occurred last Friday.*
  - *Brief report regarding the WA DC Legislative Trip. City Manager Swanson noted that the trip was very productive. Ms. Swanson stated that the Earmark Portals have opened and the city will be applying for the "asks" as stated in the city's 2026 Federal Legislative Priorities.*
  - *Call with AWC: The WA State Legislative Session closes in 10 days. A final report will be provided after the session. Ms. Swanson noted that there are some pieces of legislation that*

are not beneficial for cities.
City Manager Swanson responded to questions from Council

- *Mayor Overholser:*
  - *Thanked City Manager Swanson & Councilmember McCoy for joining him on the WA DC Legislative Trip. Mayor Overholser also thanked Marie Gusencamp-Perez and the delegates for hosting the city's delegation so graciously.*

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS **8:16 p.m.**

- *None*

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 16, 2026 – No Study Session - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Overholser (Mar 19, 2026 16:10:11 PDT)

Eric Overholser
Mayor

Kelly Jensen for

Elizabeth Halili
City Clerk

Date of approval by the City Council: March 16, 2026

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