Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6, 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 Aimee Vaile, and Councilmembers Troy McCoy, Victoria Ferrer, Jeanie Kuypers, and Brian Munson

ABSENT: Councilmember Shane Bowman.

STAFF: City Manager Kristina Swanson, Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Police Chief Dennis Flynn, Police Lieutenant Jim Keller, City Engineer Ryan Jeynes, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto (via Zoom), Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett, Acting City Attorney Kirk Ehlis (via Zoom), and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

MOTION TO EXCUSE **7:01 p.m.**
MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to excuse Councilmember Bowman from the meeting.
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer
VOTE: Motion carried 6-0
ABSENT: Councilmember Bowman

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA **7:02 p.m.**
MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the agenda as presented.
SECOND: Deputy Mayor Vaile
VOTE: Motion carried 6-0
ABSENT: Councilmember Bowman

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS **7:02 p.m.**
Councilmember Reports:

- **April 19, 2026, Regional Parks Task Team Meeting: Councilmember Kuypers provided a report that focused on funding and potential revenue sharing.**
- **Urban County Policy Board: Councilmember Ferrer noted there will not be a meeting this month.**

Mayor's Report:

- **Proclamation: Student Artist Week; April 12 – 17, 2026**
  Mayor Eric Overholser proclaimed April 12-17, 2026, as Student Artist Week and read the proclamation aloud.
  Natalie Worthy accepted the proclamation, provided a brief statement, and took a group photo with the Council.

Presentations:

- **New Employee Introduction: Construction Project Manager, Callie White**
  City Engineer Ryan Jeynes introduced Construction Project Manager, Callie White, who was welcomed by the Council.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS **7:16 p.m.**

- *Michele Black provided public comment*
- *Jordan Esposito provided public comment*
- *Jessica Cole provided public comment*

CONSENT AGENDA **7:25 p.m.**

- **A.** City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2026
- **B.** Claim Vouchers dated 03/17/2026 #99610-#99662, in the amount of $175,802.06
- **C.** Claim Vouchers dated 03/25/2026 #99663-#99700 and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $1,441,155.20
- **D.** Payroll dated 03/25/2026, vouchers #29299-#29302 in the amount of $1,310.76 and direct deposits of $320,115.99 for a total payroll of $321,426.75
- **E.** NE 1st Street Sidewalk Improvements Phase 2 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement
- **F.** Parkway/Main – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval – Battle Ground School District (BGSD)
- **G.** Parkway/Main – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval – North Parkway LLC
- **H.** Parkway/Main – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval – DCCIP LLC

MOTION: Councilmember Ferrer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
VOTE: Motion carried 6-0
ABSENT: Councilmember Bowman

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2026-04 Municipal Code Amendments: Chapter 17.135 Supplementary Regulations for Specific Uses: Public Hearing/Motion **7:26 p.m.**

Presented by Police Chief Dennis Flynn
Summary: The Council heard public testimony and considered the adoption of Ordinance 2026-04 amending regulations related to the storage of recreational vehicles and trailers in residential districts.

Chief Flynn provided a brief presentation.

Mayor Overholser opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

- *Joshua Nelson of Battle Ground provided public testimony.*
- *Toni Smiley of Battle Ground provided public testimony.*
- *Sharon Murphin of Battle Ground provided public testimony.*

- *Jessica Cole of Battle Ground provided public testimony.*
- *Beth Weston of Battle Ground provided public testimony.*
- *Matthew Luster of Battle Ground provided public testimony.*

Mayor Overholser closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-04

Discussion was held by the Council.

MOTION: Councilmember Ferrer moved that we go with the original 17.135.150 adding an exemption for frontline build to be parking in the front building line if they have a driveway and then add no parking in the front yard.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Further discussion was held by the Council.

MOTION (AS AMENDED): Councilmember McCoy moved to amend the Ordinance in front of us to eliminate Section "a. No more than three recreational vehicles or trailers may be parked outside on a single-family lot":, revise Section b from "However, one (1) recreational vehicle or trailer is allowed to be parked on a legally established driveway" to "However, any recreational vehicle(s) or trailer(s) is allowed to be parked on a legally established driveway"; and to (separately) direct Staff to review the Ordinance within one calendar year.
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
The Council discussed the motion.
City staff responded to questions from the Council.
VOTE: Motion Carried 6-0
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Bowman

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-04 amending regulations related to storage of recreational vehicles and trailers in residential areas as amended.
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
VOTE: Motion carried 5-1
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Councilmember McCoy
ABSENT: Councilmember Bowman

Mayor Overholser recessed the meeting at 8:39 p.m.
Mayor Overholser resumed the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

BUSINESS **8:45 p.m.**

Spring 2026 Battle Ground Municipal Code Updates: Presentation

Presented by Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, City Engineer Ryan Jeynes, and Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett

Summary: The City Council was presented with an overview of proposed changes to the Battle Ground Municipal Code.

Deputy City Manager Ferrier provided a presentation.
The Council discussed the presentation as related to Rabbits 6.10. and Feral Cats 6.20.
Police Lieutenant Jim Keller and Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier responded to questions from the Council.

CONSENSUS was reached by the Council directing staff to revise 6.10.420 restricting the number of rabbits on a single residential lot.

City Engineer Ryan Jeynes provided a presentation.
The Council discussed the presentation as related to the following:

- *12.108.020 Hazardous Conditions in the Public Right of Way*
- *12.108.020(c) Defects in sidewalks or public ways caused or contributed to by the roots of trees or similar growth.*

City Manager Swanson responded to questions from the Council
City Engineer Jeynes responded to questions from the Council.
Acting City Attorney Kirk Ehlis responded to questions from the Council.

The Council discussed the presentation as related to 12.116.060(F) ADA Compliance (Existing Transit Stops)
City Engineer Jeynes responded to questions from the Council.
The Council discussed 12.118.060(c) regarding the acronym "MUTCD"
City Engineer Jeynes responded to questions from the Council.
The Council discussed 12.116.180(J) CTRAN Transit Stops
City Engineer Jeynes and Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett responded to questions from the Council.

City Engineer Jeynes and Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett continued the presentation.

The Council discussed the presentation as related to Collective Gardens 17.135.065
Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett responded to questions from the Council
City Manager Swanson responded to questions from the Council

Planning Supervisor Crummett and City Engineer Jeynes continued the presentation
The Council discussed 13.120.010(D) Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) shall make connection to the city's sewage system
The Council discussed 8.36.010.E Special Events Definitions – Circuses
Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier responded to questions from the Council.

Development Regulations Update (Growth Management Act Required): Presentation

Presented by Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier and Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett

Summary: The City Council was presented with an overview of proposed updates to Development Regulations designed to align with recent state legislation and support implementation of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett provided a presentation.
The Council discussed the presentation.

Supervisor Crummett responded to questions from Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS **10:03 p.m.**

- *Police Chief Dennis Flynn recognized Police Lieutenant Jim Keller for graduating from Northwestern University School of Police and Staff Command in the top 97%*
- *City Manager Swanson reported on the following:*
    - *The Battle Ground 75th Anniversary "Buzzing Through the History of Battle Ground Washinton with Bennie the Bee" coloring book has been completed and is being distributed at no cost. Ms. Swanson thanked Kendra Laratta, business owner of Ink Ability, for her generous sponsorship of the coloring book, and Battle Ground Communications Manager/Public Information Officer Alisha Smith for her work on the project.*
- *City Engineer Ryan Jeynes briefly reported on the SE Grace Avenue Phase 2 Project Right of Way purchases, and requested consensus from the Council to move forward with the offers for the Right of Way for this project*

CONSENSUS was reached by the Council to direct staff to move forward with the offers for the Right of Way Purchases for the SE Grace Avenue Phase 2 Project.

- *Ryan Jeynes briefly reported on the Railroad Stormwater Facility Project Right of Way purchases, and requested consensus from the Council to move forward with the offers for the Right of Way for this project*

CONSENSUS was reached by the Council to direct staff to move forward with the offers for the Right of Way Purchases for the Railroad Stormwater Facility Project.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS **10:09 p.m.**

- *Councilmember Munson:*
    - *Noted that the Governance Coordination Manual Committee meeting has been scheduled*
    - *Requested consensus from the Council to repeal Ordinance 2021-40 and dissolve the Salary Commission.*

CONSENSUS was reached by the Council to place this item on a future Council meeting agenda for formal review and consideration.

- *Councilmember Ferrer:*
    - *The April 14, 2026, Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO) meeting will include a Panel featuring officers from law enforcement agencies across Clark County*
    - *The 2026 Southwest Washington Civics Bee will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2026.*

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 20, 2026 – Study Session at 6:00 p.m. - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Overholser (Apr 21, 2026 13:16:40 PDT)

Eric Overholser
Mayor

Elizabeth Halili
City Clerk

Date of approval by the City Council: April 20, 2026

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