**Battle Ground City Council Study Session**
**Monday, May 18, 2026**

**The study session of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order in the Battle Ground Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Vaile. The meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.**

**The following were present:**

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Eric Overholser (via Zoom), Deputy Mayor Aimee Vaile (Serving as Chair), and Council Members Troy McCoy, Victoria Ferrer, Jeanie Kuypers, Brian Munson and Shane Bowman

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** City Manager Kris Swanson, Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett, Building Official Josh Weeks, Police Chief Dennis Flynn, Acting City Attorney Aziza Foster (via Zoom), and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili

**Deputy Mayor Vaile announced she would Chair the Study Session as the Mayor was attending the meeting via Zoom.**

**TOPIC: Ordinance 2026-04 Storage of Trailers and Recreational Vehicles in Residential Areas**
***Presented By:*** *Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier*
***Summary:*** *The Council received a presentation and discussed fire safety concerns and setback requirements associated with Ordinance 2026-04 Storage of Trailers and Recreational Vehicles in Residential Districts which was adopted on April 20, 2026. Fire District #3 Fire Marshal Chris Drone (via Zoom), and City of Battle Ground Building Official Josh Weeks attended the meeting to address Council questions.*

*Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier provided a brief presentation.*
*Fire Marshal Chris Drone provided a statement (via Zoom).*

*Discussion was held by Council.*

*Fire Marshal Chris Drone (via Zoom), Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, Acting City Attorney Aziza Foster (via Zoom), Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Building Official Josh Weeks, and City Manager Kris Swanson responded to questions from the Council.*

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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**Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes**
**Monday, May 18, 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 Deputy Mayor Aimee Vaile. The meeting was recorded via Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Deputy Mayor Vaile announced that due to Mayor Overholser's attendance via zoom, she would Chair the meeting.**

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

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Eric Overholser (via Zoom), Deputy Mayor Aimee Vaile (serving as Chair), and Councilmembers Troy McCoy, Shane Bowman, 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, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Building Official Josh Weeks, Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett (via Zoom), Police Chief Dennis Flynn, Acting City Attorney Aziza Foster (via Zoom), and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA** **7:01 p.m.**
**MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to add to the agenda consideration of Council waiving legal privilege (clarified as: Attorney Client Privilege) on our legal opinion on invocation (prayer)**
**SECOND: Councilmember Bowman**
**VOTE: Motion Failed 4-3**
**AYES: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Kuypers**
**NAYs: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson**

**MOTION: Councilmember Ferrer moved to approve the agenda in its entirety as presented.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Munson**
**VOTE: Motion carried 4-3**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson**
**NAYS: McCoy, Kuypers, Bowman**

**SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS** **7:05 p.m.**

**Councilmember Reports:**

- *Councilmember Kuypers: Provided a report that the Clark County Council will review information from the Regional Parks Funding Task Team at the County Council meeting on May 20, 2026. Councilmember Kuypers noted she would attend in person to listen to the meeting.*
- *Councilmember Ferrer: Provided a report on the recent Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO) Board meeting, noting she is now serving on an ECHO Outreach Services subcommittee.*
- *Councilmember McCoy: Provided a report on the recent Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Board Meeting noting a copy of a Resolution was provided to council regarding extending light rail stations. The Council discussed the report.*

**Mayor's Report:**

- **Proclamation: Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month, May 15, 2026 – June 15, 2026**
  *On behalf of Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile proclaimed May 15, 2026 – June 15, 2026, as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month in the City of Battle Ground and read the proclamation aloud. Stephanie Holt and her son Samson Ross accepted the proclamation and provided a brief statement.*

**Deputy Mayor Vaile recessed the meeting at 7:15 p.m.**
**Deputy Mayor Vaile reconvened the meeting at 7:21 p.m.**

- **Proclamation: National Therapeutic Court Month, May 2026**
  *On behalf of Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile proclaimed May 2026, as National Therapeutic Court Month in the City of Battle Ground and read the proclamation aloud. Battle Ground Municipal Court Administrator Carol Landwehr and Court Coordinator Kirstyn Kilbourne accepted the proclamation. Court Administrator Landwehr provided a brief statement and recognized Court Coordinator Kirstyn Kilbourne for her work on the Battle Ground Municipal Court.*

**Presentations:**

- None.

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS** **7:27 p.m.**

- *Skyler Martin provided public comment*
- *Wynn Grcich provided public comment and handouts to Council*
- *Xander Garcia provided public comment*
- *Alexander Gardner provided public comment*
- *Tyler Long provided public comment*
- *Sergio Ochoa provided public comment*
- *Vern Jeremica provided public comment*
- *Jessica Cole provided public comment and handouts to Council*
- *Simon provided public comment*

*At 7:55, Deputy Mayor Vaile extended the public comment period for an additional 15 minutes beyond the set 30-minute time limit.*

- *Ayo Idowu provided public comment*
- *Karin Idowu provided public comment*

- *Jordan Shaw provided public comment*
- *Sharon Murphin provided public comment*
- *Reggie Howell provided public comment*
- *Heidi provided public comment*

**Deputy Mayor Vaile recessed the meeting at 8:10 p.m.**
**Deputy Mayor Vaile reconvened the meeting at 8:15 p.m.**

**CONSENT AGENDA** **8:15 p.m.**

A. **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026**
B. **Claim Vouchers dated 05/11/2026 #99943-#100070 and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $1,332,342.14**
C. **Payroll dated 05/08/2026, vouchers #29312-#29315 in the amount of $1,850.91 and direct deposits of $306,227.41 for a total payroll of $308,078.32**
D. **Clark County Emergency Medical Service District #2 (EMSD2) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Amendment #1**
E. **NE 1st Street Sidewalk Improvements Phase 2 – Bid Award**
F. **West 15th Avenue/West Main Street – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval - Greenbridge**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING** **8:16 p.m.**

**Spring Battle Ground Municipal Code Amendments: Public Hearing/Motion**

- **Ordinance No. 2026-05:** Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 2 Administration and Personnel; Section 2.28.010 Planning Commission Terms; Section 2.60.010 PACE Board Youth Member Criteria; Section 2.8.050 LEOFF Officers
- **Ordinance No. 2026-06:** Adding Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 6 Animals; Section 6.10.400 Rabbits; 6.20 Feral Cats
- **Ordinance No. 2026-07:** Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 8 Health & Safety; Section 8.32 Regulatory Standards for Emergency Services; Section 8.36 Special Event Permits.
- **Ordinance No. 2026-08:** Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 12 Streets and Sidewalks; Chapter 12.108 Maintenance of Sidewalks; Chapter 12.116 Transportation Standards; Chapter 12.118 Construction in Public Right-Of-Way; Chapter 12.122 Street Use and Encroachment.
- **Ordinance No. 2026-09:** Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 13 Water and Sewers; Chapter 13.120 Sewer System – Connection; Chapter 13.126 Storm Drainage System; and Adding Chapter 13.130 Vacation of Utility Easements.
- **Ordinance No. 2026-10:** Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 15 Buildings and Construction; Chapter 15.104 Building Code; Chapter 15.136 Public Works Construction Specifications.
- **Ordinance No. 2026-11:** Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 17 Zoning; Chapter 17.118 Commercial Districts; Chapter 17.120 Light Industrial, Employment Campus, and Westside Employment Districts; Chapter 17.122 Mixed Use Districts.
- **Ordinance No. 2026-12:** Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 18 Environmental Protection;

Chapter 18.250 Stormwater Control and Drainage; Chapter 18.257 Clearing and Grading; Chapter 18.280 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas**.**

**Presented By:** *Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, and Public Works Director Mark Herceg*

**Summary:** *The City Council heard public testimony and considered the adoption of proposed revisions to the Battle Ground Municipal Code as defined in Ordinance No. 2026-05, Ordinance No. 2026-06, Ordinance No. 2026-07, Ordinance No. 2026-08, Ordinance No. 2026-09, Ordinance No. 2026-10, Ordinance No. 2026-11, and Ordinance No. 2026-12.*

*Deputy City Manager Ferrier, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, and Public Works Director Mark Herceg provided a brief presentation.*

**Deputy Mayor Vaile opened the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.**

- *Reggie Howell of Battle Ground provided public testimony.*

**Deputy Mayor Vaile closed the public hearing at 8:22 p.m.**

*City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-05 (2nd Reading)*

**MOTION: Councilmember Kuypers moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-05 amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 2 Administration and Personnel as presented.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer**
*The Council discussed the Motion*
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson**
**NAYS: None**

*City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-06 (2nd Reading)*

**MOTION: Councilmember Bowman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-06 adding Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 6 Animals as presented.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer**
*The Council discussed the Motion*
*Police Lieutenant Jim Keller, Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, City Manager Kris Swanson, and Community Development Director Kristin Lehto responded to questions from the Council*
**VOTE: Motion carried 6-1**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson**
**NAYS: Councilmember McCoy**

*City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-07 (2nd Reading)*

**MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-07 amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 8 Health and Safety as presented.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Munson**
*The Council discussed the Motion*
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson**

**NAYS: None.**

*City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-08 (2nd Reading)*

**MOTION: Councilmember Kuypers moved that we Table this particular Ordinance No. 2026-08 for further study.**
**SECOND: Mayor Overholser**
*The Council discussed the Motion*
*Public Works Director Mark Herceg responded to questions from the Council.*
*Acting City Attorney Aziza Foster responded to questions from the Council.*

**A Verbal Vote was taken by Council. As the results were unclear, Councilmember Bowman requested a Roll Call Vote be taken.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion Failed 4-3**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer**
**NAYS: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson**

Further discussion was held by the Council.

**MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to strike Chapter 12.108 in its entirety from Ordinance No. 2026-08**
**SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer**
*The Council discussed the Motion*

**VOTE: Main Motion: Carried 7-0**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson**
**NAYS: None.**

**MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-08 as amended with Chapter 12.108 and Chapter 12.116 subsection j struck from the Ordinance.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer**
*The Council discussed the Motion*

**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson**
**NAYS: None.**

*City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-09 (2nd Reading)*

**MOTION: Councilmember Ferrer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-09 amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 13 Water and Sewers as presented.**
**SECOND: Councilmember McCoy**
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer,**

**Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson**
**NAYS: None.**

*City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-10 (2nd Reading)*

**MOTION: Councilmember Ferrer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-10 amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 15 Buildings and Construction as presented.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers**
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson**
**NAYS: None.**

*City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-11 (2nd Reading)*

**MOTION: Councilmember Kuypers moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-11 amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 17 Zoning as presented.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer**
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson**
**NAYS: None**

*City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-12 (2nd Reading)*

*The Council discussed Ordinance No. 2026-12*
*Public Works Director Mark Herceg responded to questions from the Council*
*Acting City Attorney Aziza Foster responded to questions from the Council*

**MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-12 amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 18 Environmental Protection as presented.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers**
*The Council discussed the Motion*
Director Herceg responded to questions from the Council
City Manager Swanson responded to questions from the Council

**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**
**AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson**
**NAYS: None**

**BUSINESS** **9:39 p.m.**

**Battle Ground Police Department (BGPD) Annual Report: Presentation**
***Presented By:*** *Police Chief Dennis Flynn*
***Summary:*** *The council was presented with an annual report for the city's Police Department.*

*Police Chief Dennis Flynn provided a brief presentation.*

*The Council discussed the presentation*
*Chief Flynn, Police Lieutenant Jim Keller, and City Manager Swanson responded to questions from the Council.*

*A minor interruption to the Council Chambers sound and video system occurred at 10:12 p.m. The Council Chambers sound and video system was fully restored at 10:14 p.m.*

**2027-2032 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Presentation/Set Public Hearing**
***Presented by:*** *Public Works Director Mark Herceg*
***Summary:*** *The council set aside the presentation and considered setting a public hearing for the June 15, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting to hear public testimony regarding the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2027-2032.*

*Per the direction of Council, the presentation was set aside and not provided.*
*Director Herceg responded to questions from the Council.*

**MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to set a Public Hearing for the June 15, 2026, City Council Hearing to hear public testimony regarding the 2027-2032 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Bowman**
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**

**2026 Street Preservation Program Bid Award: Presentation/Motion**
***Presented by:*** *Public Works Director Mark Herceg*
***Summary:*** *The council received a presentation and considered awarding contracts related to the 2026 Street Preservation Program project.*

*Director Herceg provided a brief presentation*
*The Council discussed the presentation*
*Director Herceg responded to questions from the Council.*

**MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to Suspend the Rules**
**SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer**
**VOTE: Motion Carried 7-0**

*Further discussion was held by the Council regarding the 2026 Street Preservation Program Bid Award.*
*Director Herceg responded to additional questions from the Council.*

**MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to award the bid for the 2026 Street Preservation Program – Reconstruction – Project A to Western United Civil Group in the amount of $2,561,512.95 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Contract.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Munson**
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**

**MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to award the bid and alternate B1 for the 2026 Street Preservation Program – Reconstruction – Project B to Western United Civil Group in the amount of $1,477,540.50 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Contract.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Bowman**
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**

**MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to award the bid and alternate C1 for the 2026 Street Preservation Program – Reconstruction – Project C to Clark & Sons Excavating in the amount of $1,746,668.70 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Contract.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer**
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**

**MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to award the bid for the 2026 Street Preservation Program – Reconstruction – Project D to Western United Civil Group in the amount of $1,452,274.10 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Contract.**
**SECOND: Councilmember Bowman**
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**

*Director Herceg noted that an Open House Event was scheduled for May 27, 2026; from 5:00- 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers*

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** **10:34 p.m.**

- *None.*

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS** **10:34 p.m.**

- *Councilmember Kuypers:*
  - *Requested whether the Council would be interested in revisiting the RV Ordinance for further consideration*
    *The Council discussed the request*

**MOTION: Councilmember Kuypers moved to bring the RV Municipal Code Ordinance back for Reconsideration**
**SECOND: Councilmember McCoy**
**VOTE: Motion carried 7-0**

- *Councilmember Munson*
  - *Recognized the Prairie High School Softball team for advancing to the State Championship and congratulated players Mack and Miller for completing four years on varsity*

**ADJOURNMENT**
*The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.*

**Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 1, 2026 – Study Session at 6:00 p.m. - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Eric Overholser (Jun 4, 2026 06:43:49 PDT)

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Mayor

Elizabeth Halili

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