Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 20, 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 Ovderholser. 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, Shane Bowman, Victoria Ferrer, and Jeanie Kuypers
ABSENT:	Councilmember Brian Munson
STAFF:	City Manager Kristina Swanson, Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, City Engineer Ryan Jeynes, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Police Lieutenant Jason Perdue, Acting City Attorney Kirk Ehlis (via Zoom), and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

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

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

- *Councilmember Kuypers*
  - *Provided a report on the recent meeting held by the Governance Coordination Manual Committee.*
- *Mayor Overholser:*
  - *Provided a report regarding the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) District #2 Board meeting held on July 13, 2026.*
    The Council discussed the EMS District #2 meeting report. Mayor Overholser responded to questions from the Council.

- *Provided a report on the C-TRAN Board of Directors meeting held on July 14, 2026. Mayor Overholser noted that the C-TRAN Facility & System Tour will occur on August 11, 2026, and that Councilmembers are invited to attend. Council members were reminded to RVSP to the City Clerk should they plan to attend the tour.*

Mayor's Report:

- **Big Heart Citizen Recognition Award: Rego Athletic Scholarship Fund and Founder Kimberlee Roaden**
  Mayor Overholser presented the BiG Heart Citizen Recognition Award to the Rego Athletic Scholarship Fund and to Kimberlee Roaden in recognition of outstanding service to the youth of the City of Battle Ground. Founder Kimberlee Roaden accepted the award and provided a brief statement.

Presentations:

- **New Employee Introduction: Brittany Peterson, Battle Ground Municipal Court Clerk**
  Battle Ground Municipal Court Judge introduced Brittany Peterson to the Council and provided a brief Statement. Ms. Peterson provided a brief statement and was welcomed by the Council. Judge Wheeler announced the Battle Ground Community Court will hold a One-year Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, July 30, 2026, and invited the Council to attend.
- **Battle Ground Art Alliance Presentation**
  Battle Ground Art Alliance (BGAA) President JoyLynn Woodard provided a brief statement and introduced Randy Ahmann, BGAA Treasurer. Mr. Ahmann provided a brief presentation noting the Alliance would like to partner with the City of Battle Ground. Sonny Flink of the BGAA provided a brief statement.
  The Council discussed the presentation.
  Mr. Ahmann responded to questions from the Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA **7:38 p.m.**

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

Mayor Overholser recessed the meeting at 7:39 p.m.
Mayor Overholser reconvened the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS **7:44 p.m.**

Mayor Overholser announced the duration of Citizen's Comments would be thirty (30) minutes and that each speaker's time would be three (3) minutes.

- *Judy Blevens provided public comment*
- *Teri Carroll provided public comment*
- *John Idsinga provided public comment*
- *Hollen Martin provided public comment*
- *Wynn Grcich provided public comment*
- *Nancy Tarr provided public comment*
- *April Hall provided public comment*
- *Jessica Cole provided public comment*
- *Simon provided public comment*

- *Betty Kirby provided public comment*

CONSENT AGENDA **8:14 p.m.**

A. City Council Study Session Minutes of June 15, 2026
B. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2026
C. City Council Special Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2026
D. Claim Vouchers dated 06/12/2026 #100177-#100246 and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $1,101,466.16
E. Claim Vouchers dated 06/18/2026 #100247-#100291, in the amount of $983,273.68
F. Claim Vouchers dated 06/26/2026 #100292-#100325 and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $973,797.76
G. Claim Vouchers dated 07/02/2026 #100326-#100362, in the amount of $326,238.54
H. Claim Vouchers dated 07/10/2026 #100363-#100444 and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $1,050,301.94
I. Payroll dated 06/25/2026, vouchers #29332-#29342 in the amount of $8,222.52 and direct deposits of $344,700.55 for a total payroll of $352,923.07
J. Payroll dated 07/10/2026, vouchers #29343-#29351 in the amount of $7,636.66 and direct deposits of $361,143.23 for a total payroll of $368,779.89
K. NW 20th Avenue/NW9th Street – Local Agency Agreement Supplement
L. NW 20th Avenue/NW9th Street Intersection Improvements – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval - Petersen
M. NW 20th Avenue/NW9th Street Intersection Improvements – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval – Battle Ground Investment Group (BGIG)
N. NW 20th Avenue/NW9th Street Intersection Improvements – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval – Kennedy
O. SW Eaton Boulevard Improvements – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval - Mancia
P. SE Grace Avenue Phase 2 – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval – Wong
Q. Resolution No. 26-05: Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Authorization

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
VOTE: Motion Carried 6-0
ABSENT: Councilmember Munson

BUSINESS **8:14 p.m.**

2026 Q2 Financial Review
Presented By: *Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery*
Summary: *The City Council was presented with an overview of the city's 2026 second quarter financial performance report.*

Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery provided a brief presentation.
The Council discussed the presentation and expressed appreciation to Director Lowery for her work for the City.
Director Lowery responded to questions from the Council.

Ordinance 2026-15 Lightcurve Franchise Agreement: Presentation
Presented By: *City Engineer Ryan Jeynes*
Summary: *The council received a presentation on a Franchise Agreement with Mashell Telecom, Inc., dba*

Lightcurve.

City Engineer Ryan Jeynes provided a brief presentation.
Lightcurve Chief Operations Officer Pao Lo made a brief statement

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS **8:26 p.m.**

- *City Manager Kris Swanson:*
  - *Announced the Battle Ground Community Court would hold a One-Year Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, July 30, 2026, and encouraged Council members to attend*
  - *Provided a brief report on the 2026 Event Center noting that one-time and long-term rentals and collected fees are up over those in 2025.*
  - *Provided a brief report regarding the city's wells noting that a hydrologist has been hired and a report should be available by year end 2026.*
  - *Stated the Council Retreat originally scheduled for July 31, 2026, is being rescheduled - date to be announced.*

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS **8:30 p.m.**

- *Mayor Overholser*
  - *Announced that the 2026 National Night Out Event will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Chief Umtuch Middle School and encouraged the community to attend.*
  - *Issued a formal apology regarding a statement he made during the June 15, 2026, Council Meeting related to potential ethics violations including matters involving sexual harassment. He stated that he regretted his tone and offered a formal apology.*
  - *Requested additional information on the report detailing time and expenditures associated with proclamations, specifically asking how many public records request were submitted and the related staff time and cost during the reporting period.*
    City Manager Swanson responded to the Mayor.
    City Clerk Elizabeth Halili responded to the Mayor.
    Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery responded to the Mayor.
  - *Thanked Battle Ground Festivals Association Board Members Councilmember Shane Bowman, John Idsinga, and Kendra Laratta for their work on the Battle Ground Harvest Days festival, noting it was a huge success.*

- *Councilmember McCoy*
  - *Commented on the number of Right of Way Agreements included on Consent Agenda and thanked staff for their work*
  - *Expressed appreciation to city staff and community volunteers for their support and efforts during the Harvest Days Festival.*
  - *Recognized the first-ever 5K event, noting that 144 participants registered.*

- *Councilmember Bowman*
  - *Thanked City staff for their work on the Harvest Days Festival and encouraged the public to volunteer for future events. He noted that those interested in volunteering may contact BattleGroundFestivals.com.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION **8:47 p.m.**

Mayor Overholser announced that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the City Council would enter an

Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee. Mayor Overholser stated the Executive Session would last one (1) hour, commencing at 8:50 pm and ending at 9:50 pm with no action to follow.

Mayor Overholser recessed the Regular Meeting at 8:48 p.m.

The Council entered Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Overholser re-entered the Chambers at 9:50 p.m. and announced the Executive Session would be extended an additional thirty (30) minutes ending at 10:20 p.m.

Councilmember Ferrer left the Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.
Councilmember Ferrer rejoined the Executive Session at 9:52 p.m.

Mayor Overholser re-entered the Chambers at 10:18 p.m. and announced the Executive Session would be extended for an additional twenty (20) minutes ending at 10:40 p.m.

The Council reentered the Chambers at 10:40 p.m.
Mayor Overholser reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:40 p.m.
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT
The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 3, 2026 – No Study Session - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Overholser (Aug 4, 2026 17:38:06 PDT)

Eric Overholser
Mayor

Elizabeth Halili

Elizabeth Halili
City Clerk

Date of approval by the City Council: August 3, 2026

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