



**Battle Ground City Council Study Session  
Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

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The study session of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Johnson.

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Philip Johnson, Deputy Mayor Cherish DesRochers (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), and Council members Adrian Cortes (arrived at 5:43 p.m.), Shane Bowman (via Zoom), Tricia Davis, Troy McCoy, and Dan Dingman (via Zoom).

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** City Manager Erin Erdman, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

**TOPIC: 2024 Budget**

Presented by Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery.

Summary: Council was presented with information about the 2024 Budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Philip Johnson  
Mayor

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Elizabeth Halili  
City Clerk

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**Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Philip Johnson, Deputy Mayor Cherish DesRochers, and Council members Tricia Davis, Shane Bowman (via Zoom), Troy McCoy, Adrian Cortes, and Dan Dingman (via Zoom).

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** City Manager Erin Erdman, Deputy Manager Rob Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Recreation and Facilities Manager Kim Cederholm, Police Chief Mike Fort, Communications Manager/ Public Information Officer Alisha Smith (via Zoom), Community Economic Development Director Sam Crummett, Acting City Attorney Kirk Ehlis (via Zoom), and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

**MOTION:** Mayor Johnson to amend the meeting agenda to add the Revenue Projections for 2024 to the Business section of the agenda.

**SECOND:** Councilmember McCoy.

**VOTE:** Motion carried. 7-0

**SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**7:01 p.m.**

Councilmember Reports

None

Mayor's Report

None

Presentations

- Summer Playground Program Recap (presented prior to the Multi-Family Tax Exemption presentation)  
Presented by Recreation and Facilities Manager Kim Cederholm  
The Council discussed the presentation.

- Multi-Family Tax Exemption Eaton Park-Remy Heights Apartment Projects, TJ Fontenette  
Presented by TJ Fontenette of Principal Properties, LLC  
The Council discussed the presentation.

**COUNCIL DIRECTION:** Council directed staff to review the proposal and bring it back before the Council at the City Council meeting on October 2, 2023.

**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

7:48 p.m.

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

7:48 p.m.

- A. City Council meeting minutes of August 21, 2023.
- B. Claim Vouchers dated 8/14/2023, #93339-93402, and bank drafts, in the amount of \$704,118.04.
- C. Claim Vouchers dated 8/18/2023, #93403-93431, in the amount of \$141,521.72.
- D. Claim Vouchers dated 8/28/2023, #93432-93433, and bank drafts, in the amount of \$159,008.62.
- E. Payroll dated 8/10/2023, vouchers #29079 through #29086 in the amount of \$30,559.57 and direct deposits of \$261,659.37 for a total payroll of \$292,218.94.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cortes moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**SECOND:** Councilmember McCoy.

**VOTE:** Motion carried. 7-0

**BUSINESS**

7:49 p.m.

**Revenue Projections for 2024**

Presented by Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery  
Summary: The Council was presented with the Revenue Projections for 2024.  
The Council discussed the presentation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8:01 p.m.

**Update to SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project**

Presented by Public Works Director Mark Herceg  
Summary: The Council was presented with an update to the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project.  
The Council discussed the update.  
Councilmember McCoy thanked Public Works Director Mark Herceg for his constant communication with the council on this project.

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

8:07 p.m.

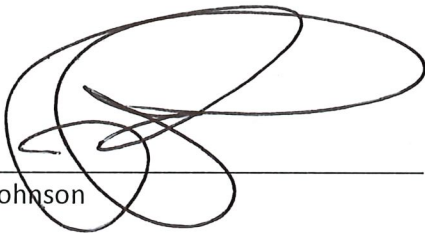
Mayor Johnson:

- Session 1 – City Administration of Battle Ground University was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, and was well attended. Session 2 – Community Development is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023.
- Suggested a walk-through of Battle Ground Health during a Study Session in late Fall, 2023.
- Expressed concern about heavy vehicles improperly traveling on 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. and NW Onsdorff Blvd. Public Works Director Mark Herceg stated that the City Inspector has talked to contractors, and signage is in the works.
- Received complaints regarding parking, grass height, and trash on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Expressed concern about vehicles with out-of-state plates and tagless vehicles.
- Requested the City set up a radar schedule in school zones.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Philip Johnson  
Mayor



Elizabeth Halili  
City Clerk



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