Battle Ground City Council Study Session
Monday, October 19, 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 Mayor Overholser. The meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.

The following were present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Eric Overholser, Deputy Mayor Aimee Vaile and Council Members Troy McCoy, Victoria Ferrer, Shane Bowman, Jeanie Kuypers and Brian Munson

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Planning Supervisor Sam Crummett, Chief of Police Dennis Flynn entered the council chambers at 6:17 p.m. Communications and Public Information Manager Alisha Smith and Executive Assistant Kelly Jensen

TOPIC: Comprehensive Plan Update

Presented by: *Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, and Planning Supervisor Sam Crummett*

Summary: *Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, and Planning Supervisor Sam Crummett provided a presentation to the Council regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update.*

The Council discussed the presentation.
Public Works Director Mark Herceg and Planning Supervisor Sam Crummett responded to questions from the Council.

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

Eric Overholser (Nov 3, 2026 13:08:24 PST)

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Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes
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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.

INVOCATION
Pursuant to Resolution 26-04, the Invocation was provided by Betty Curphey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL
Executive Assistant Kelly Jensen called the roll. The following were present:

COUNCIL:	Mayor Eric Overholser, Deputy Mayor Aimee Vaile, and Councilmembers, Troy McCoy, Victoria Ferrer, Shane Bowman, Jeanie Kuypers and Brian Munson
ABSENT:	None
STAFF:	Interim City Manager Robert Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Police Chief Dennis Flynn, City Attorney Lisa Marshall (via Zoom), Communications Manager/Public Information Officer Alisha Smith, and Executive Assistant Kelly Jensen.

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS **7:03 p.m.**

Councilmember Reports:

- *Councilmember McCoy provided a report regarding the recent RTC Meeting*
  Discussion was held by the Council
  Director Herceg responded to questions by council
- *Mayor Overholser provided a report regarding the recent EMS 2 Board Meeting held on October 12, 2026*
- *Mayor Overholser provided a report regarding the recent C-Tran Meeting held on October 13, 2026*

Mayor's Report:

- **Big Heart Citizen Recognition Award: Camp Hope of SW Washington,**
  Mayor Overholser presented the BiG Heart Citizen Recognition Award to Camp Hope of SW Washington in recognition of the heart they bring to the youth of our community. Mayor Overholser

noted that Camp Hope of SW Washington was nominated by Ann Croze. Acting Executive Director Kevin Girthright accepted the award and provided a brief statement.

- **Parks and Community Engagement (PACE) Board Member Position #7 appointment: Jody Shaw, unexpired term ending December 31, 2026, and subsequent term beginning January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2029**
  Mayor Overholser called for a motion to approve the appointment of Jody Shaw to the Parks and Community Engagement Board Position No. 7, for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026, and a subsequent term beginning January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2029.

  MOTION: Deputy Mayor Vaile moved to approve the appointment of Jody Shaw to the Parks and Community Engagement (PACE) Board Member Position No. 7, for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026, and a subsequent term ending December 31, 2029.
  SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
  VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

  Jody Shaw provided a brief statement

- **LEOFF-1 Disability Board Council Liaison Re-Appointment to Position #1: Deputy Mayor Vaile, 2-Year Term from January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2029**
  Mayor Overholser called for a motion to approve the re-appointment of Aimee Vaile to the LEOFF-1 Disability Board Council Liaison Position 1, for a 2-year term from January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2029.

  MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to approve the re-appointment of Deputy Mayor Vaile to the LEOFF-1 Disability Board Council Liaison Position #1, term beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2029.
  SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
  VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

Presentations:

- *None*

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA **7:21 p.m.**
MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
VOTE: Motion Carried 7-0

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS **7:21 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.

Mayor Overholser opened the floor for public comment at 7:24 p.m.

- *John Idsinga provided public comment*
- *James Newton provided public comment*
- *Judy Blevins provided public comment*
- *JD Hisey provided public comment*

- *Ed Stanton provided public comment*
- *Jessica Cole provided public comment*
- *Wynn Grcich provided public comment*

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

A. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2026
B. Claim Vouchers dated 10/02/2026 #100930-#100963, in the amount of $975,802.10
C. Claim Vouchers dated 10/12/2026 #100964-#101003, and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $1,961,475.96
D. Payroll dated 10/09/2026, vouchers #29384-#29386 in the amount of $1,826.60 and direct deposits of $316,559.79 for a total payroll of $318,386.39
E. SE Grace Avenue Phase 2 – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval – Thomas
F. Gordy Jolma Family Natural Area (GJFNA) – Public Trail and Access Easement
G. SW Eaton Boulevard Improvements – Local Agency Agreement Supplement with WSDOT
H. Preliminary Budget – Set Public Hearings
I. W 15th Avenue/W Main Street Intersection Improvements – Bid Award
J. Police Radio Purchase with Clark Regional Emergency Service Agency (CRESA) – Bulk Order
K. Ordinance No. 2026-23 Battle Ground Comprehensive Plan – Set Public Hearing
L. Ordinance No. 2026-24 Comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan Update – Set Public Hearing
M. Ordinance No. 2026-25 Transportation System Plan Update – Set Public Hearing
N. Ordinance No. 2026-26 Facilities Master Plan Update – Set Public Hearing
O. Ordinance No. 2026-27 Hockinson School District Capital Facilities Plan – Set Public Hearing
P. Ordinance No. 2026-29 Master Planned Developments – Set Public Hearing
Q. Ordinance No. 2026-30 Winters Rezone Request – Set Public Hearing

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A-P and remove item Q for discussion.
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer
VOTE: Motion Carried 7-0

Council discussed item Q
Community Development Director Kristin Lehto responded to questions.

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve item Q on the Consent Agenda
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
VOTE: Motion Carried 7-0

BUSINESS **7:45 p.m.**

2026 Quarter 3 Financial Review: Presentation
Presented By: *Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery*
Summary: *The City Council received a presentation of the city's 2026 third quarterly financial performance. Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery provided a brief presentation.*

Councilmember Ferrer thanked Director Lowery and staff

Discussion was held by council
Director Lowery responded to questions from council.

Mayor Overholser thanked staff for their hard work and approachability

Ordinance No. 2026-28 Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code (BGMC) Chapter 12.108 Maintenance of Sidewalks: Presentation/Set Public Hearing
Presented By*: Public Works Director Mark Herceg*
Summary: *The City Council received a presentation and considered setting a Public Hearing for November 16, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting to hear testimony regarding Ordinance No. 20026-28, which would amend Battle Ground Municipal Code (BGMC) Chapter 12.108 Maintenance of Sidewalks.*

Public Works Director Mark Herceg provided a brief presentation.
Discussion was held by council
Director Herceg responded to questions from council

Executive Assistant Jensen read the Title of Ordinance No. 2026-28

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to set a Public Hearing for the November 16, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting to hear testimony regarding Ordinance No. 2026-28.
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer
VOTE: Motion Carried 7-0

2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Proposals: Presentation
Presented By*: Public Works Director Mark Herceg*
Summary: *The City Council received a presentation of the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project proposals.*
Public Works Director Mark Herceg provided a brief presentation.

Discussion was held by council
Director Herceg responded to questions from council.

Director Herceg asked for 1 or 2 possible projects that council may be interested in.
Consensus was reached by Council in favor of moving forward with Remy Park Phase 3A and NE Grace Path Phase I projects

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS **8:28 p.m.**

- *Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier provided a brief presentation regarding the City Manager Internal Candidate Evaluation Proposal for the City of Battle Ground provided by GMP and asked for direction from council*

Discussion was held by council

City Attorney Lisa Marshall responded to questions from council

Tamara Gunter responded to questions from council

Consensus was reached by Council to direct staff to provide council with the job description and qualifications from the former City Manager search and once approved by council open the City Manager position to internal candidates and then determine the next steps.

- *Sewers - the EQ Basin Expansion – Public Works Director provided a brief presentation*

Consensus was reached by Council to direct staff to move forward with the EQ Basin Expansion

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS **8:58 p.m.**

- *Councilmember Bowman:*
  - *Councilmember Bowman noted that, on August 5, 2026, the Council moved to appoint the Deputy City Manager as Interim City Manager. He requested that an employment contract be placed on the November 2, 2026, meeting agenda for Council consideration and approval. Mayor Overholser stated that negotiations regarding the Interim City Manager's employment contract were underway.*

- *Councilmember Ferrer:*
  - *Asked Director Herceg about the striping on 20th Avenue.*
    Director Herceg responded to Councilmember Ferrer
    Discussion was held by council

- *Deputy Mayor Vaile:*
  - *Reported that she and Councilmember Ferrer attended the Pooch Parade. She described it as a successful event and thanked Alisha, Joanna, City staff, and volunteers for their contributions.*
  - *Mayor Overholser thanked everyone involved in the Pooch Parade.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION **9:04 p.m.**

Mayor Overholser announced that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the City Council would enter an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Mayor Overholser stated the Executive Session would last thirty (30) minutes, beginning at 9:05 pm and ending at 9:35 pm with no action to follow.

The City Council, Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, City Attorney Hillary Evans (via Zoom), and City Attorney Quinn Oppenheim (via Zoom) entered the Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

The Council re-entered the Chambers at 9:35 p.m.
Mayor Overholser reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:35 p.m.

No action was taken

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 2, 2026 – Study Session at 6:00 p.m. - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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