



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall – 1104 Maple Street
July 21, 2025 6:00 PM

The city conducted this public meeting using a hybrid model, in-person and on the Zoom platform.

Staff present: Wilson, Marquez, Windish, Moericke, Steffens, Palmer, Raymond, Beagle, Kosa and Converse

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUMNER CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAYDEN AT 6:00PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation Pastor Chris Lumsden

Roll Call: Bitetto, Bowman, Clerget, Cole, Elfers, Kenna and Reinke

COUNCILMEMBERS ELFERS, KENNA AND DEPUTY MAYOR BOWMAN WERE ABSENT. PROPER NOTIFICATION WAS MADE.

MOVED BY COLE SECONDED BY CLERGET TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER KENNA. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY REINKE TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER ELFERS. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

MOVED BY REINKE SECONDED BY BITETTO TO EXCUSE DEPUTY MAYOR BOWMAN. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Mayor Hayden announced that tonight's agenda has been amended to include an Executive Session for the purposes of discussing with legal counsel pending or threatened litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY BITETTO SECONDED BY CLERGET TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF:

1. Fryar Ave Trail Partial Land Acquisition - Raymond Tibeau Living Trust
2. Fryar Ave Trail Partial Land Acquisition - Crane
3. Fryar Ave Trail Partial Land Acquisition - Park Plaza
4. Resolution No.1725 - Port of Everett Interlocal Agreement Cooperative Purchasing
5. Purchase and Sale Agreement with Sonoco for Acquisition of Water Rights
6. Resolution No. 1726 - Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bonney Lake for Municipal Court Services
7. Annual Microsoft License Renewal
8. Resolution No. 1727 - Therapeutic Court Grant Acceptance
9. Pavement Crack Seal - Change Order

10. Approval of the checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$12, 667,834.64

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

a. Ordinance No. 2931 - Forming a Transportation Benefit District

MOVED BY COLE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2931 – FORMING A TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT. SECONDED BY REINKE.

Communications Director Carmen Palmer addressed the Council.

Since there was a Public Hearing on July 7th, there were no Public Comments taken.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

2. Public Comment

Randall Adams, 15013 63rd Street Court East.

3. New Business

a. Resolution No. 1728 - Setting a Public Hearing Date for Transportation Benefit District Assumption

COUNCILMEMBER CLERGET MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1728 – SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE.

Communications Director Carmen Palmer spoke to the item.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. Ordinance No. 2930 - Amending Sumner Municipal Code 2.100.670 - Bereavement Leave

COUNCILMEMBER REINKE MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2930 – AMENDING SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.100.670 – BEREAVEMENT LEAVE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BITETTO.

Deputy City Administrator Jeff Steffens spoke.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

c. Ordinance No. 2929 - Amending the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget

COUNCILMEMBER BITETTO MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2929 – AMENDING THE 2025/2026 BIENNIAL BUDGET SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER REINKE.

Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond spoke.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

3. Reports

a. Council

Councilmember Cole gave a report for the June 17, 2025, Pierce County Regional Council meeting. Councilmember Elfers also attended. The meeting primarily focused on a Pierce County Transit update.

Councilmember Clerget had no comments this evening.

Councilmember Reinke shared that he recently attended an event at Loyalty Park with his grandchildren, hosted by Faith Covenant Church. He extended his thanks to the church for organizing it. He also announced the passing of an East Pierce Fire and Rescue firefighter and offered his condolences. He concluded his remarks by reminding everyone to stay cool and hydrated during the hot weather.

Councilmember Bitetto announced the passing of a former long-serving Sumner Police Chief earlier today and extended her heartfelt condolences. She concluded her report by expressing gratitude to first responders for their dedicated service to the community and asked everyone to keep their families in their thoughts and prayers.

b. City Administrator

City Administrator Jason Wilson shared the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- July 28, 2025 – Study Session
 - Mid-Year workplan updates
 - Heritage Park Update
- August 4, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting
 - Public Hearing for the Assumption of the Transportation Benefit District
- August 4, 2025 – Special Study Session
 - Strategic Tourism Plan Update

Miscellaneous:

- The City is currently asking water customers to reduce their water use. This is necessary because our storage capacity is not recovering overnight (meaning we are using more water than we are pumping). Please consider taking steps to reduce water use by irrigating less frequently, not washing your car at home, not pressure washing, taking shorter showers and running full loads of dishes and laundry. Every little bit helps. For the foreseeable future, the City will be suspending all irrigation of city parks and facilities, focusing our efforts only on our tree and plant assets that will not survive without routine watering.
- The Finance and Personnel Committee approved the surplus of 13 benches that were formerly located in Heritage Park and downtown. These benches will be available on a first come first serve basis on Tuesday, July 29th from 8-10am. There is a limit of one per person. Any remaining benches will be disposed of via public auction or disposal. More information will be posted on our website tomorrow.

c. **Mayor**

Mayor Hayden shared the remainder Music off Main schedule.

MAYOR HAYDEN RECESSED THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:37PM FOR A PERIOD OF 15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION. THERE WILL BE NO ACTION TO FOLLOW.

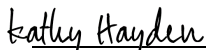
4. Executive Session

5. Adjournment

Mayor Hayden reconvened the regular meeting at 6:55pm and announced the meeting was adjourned.

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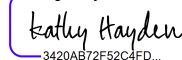
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