



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall – 1104 Maple Street
September 15, 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, Ruth, Moericke, Palmer, Steffens, 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 – David Barnes

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

PRESENTATION

City Administrator Jason Wilson introduced Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Director Josh Brown, Mr. Brown presented the Vision 2050 Award to the City for the White River Restoration project. Development Services Director Doug Beagle, Engineering Specialist Robby Wright and City Attorney Andrea Marquez accepted the award on the City's behalf.

PROCLAMATION

Engineering Specialist Robby Wright read the Stormwater Awareness Week proclamation into the record. He then introduced two students from the Sumner High School Stem program. Their group participated in a national competition and placed 15th.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$8,540,569.71
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from the August 18th regular council meeting and the August 25th and September 8th study sessions.
3. Heritage Park Remediation - Consultant Contract Amendment
4. Hops Alley Temporary Construction Easement - Nicholson's Pharmacy
5. Operations Facility - Security and Access Control Contract Award
6. Fryar Avenue Trail Partial Land Acquisition- K & E Investments

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

2. Public Comment

Nick Biermann, 5802 Parker Road East
Randall Adams, 15013 63rd Street Court East
Amanda Henderson, Sumner, WA
Casey Henderson, Sumer, WA

3. New Business

a. Sumner – BrightNight (Gree) Easement

COUNCILMEMBER ELFERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE BRIGHTNGHT (GREE) EASEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SUMNER.

Deputy City Attorney Doug Ruth addressed the Council.

There was a lengthy question and answer period between staff, Councilmembers, the public, and members from the BrightNight team.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. Ordinance No. 2927 – Funding Sumner’s Transportation Benefit District

DEPUTY MAYOR BOWMAN MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2927– FUNDING SUMNER’S TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KENNA.

Communications Director Carmen Palmer spoke to the topic.

Discussion included comments from:

Randall Adams, 15013 63rd Street Court East

Councilmember Kenna, Reinke, Bitetto, Elfers, and Cole all commented.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

3. Reports

a. Council

Councilmember Kenna reminded everyone to be mindful of students walking and biking to and from school.

Deputy Mayor Bowman highlighted the Mother 2 Many youth outreach program and shared ways the public can support their efforts.

Councilmember Clerget had no report this evening.

Councilmember Cole had no report this evening.

Councilmember Elfers had no report this evening.

Councilmember Bitetto noted two items 1) The upcoming 10-year anniversary of the YMCA; and 2) A reminder for the public to be mindful not only of students traveling to and from school, but also of safety at railroad crossings.

Councilmember Reinke attended the Titus – Will grand opening. This will be a good benefit to the City. He also attended the YMCA grand opening, he recognized Councilmember Bitetto and audience members of the Pederson family who along with many others were instrumental in bringing the organization to Sumner. He ended his comments by announcing a few upcoming events.

b. **City Administrator**

City Administrator Jason Wilson shared the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

September 22, 2025 – Study Session

- Donation/Memorial Policy
- Sk8 Park Demolition
- Library Update and Lease Agreement Extension

September 29, 2025 – 5th Monday, No Meeting

October 6, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting

- Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Resolution No. 1730 - Authorizing Petty Cash
- Sk8 Park Demolition Contract Approval

Commission Updates:

Last week the Planning Commission held four public hearings related to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. The Planning Commission will continue their review of the proposed amendments and make a recommendation in October. Council is scheduled to begin reviewing the proposals in mid-October.

Miscellaneous:

- Over the past week the City experienced challenges with our utility billing software's ability to accept credit cards and process auto payments. The system is back up and autopayments were processed. The issue occurred due to work associated with an impending credit card processor upgrade that is scheduled in a few weeks. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- On October 1st, the City will provide the Ryan heirs and descendants with the opportunity to review and collect any items that were salvaged from the Ryan House. More information about the process can be found on our website.

c. **Mayor**

Mayor Hayden spoke about two upcoming events – the Open House on September 30th and Come Walk with Me on October 4th. The Come Walk with Me will begin and end at the Old Cannery Warehouse, along Main Street to Sunset Stadium.

This continues to be one of the area's largest walks to support breast cancer services. The event started in Sumner and remains in Sumner. It's not too late to sign up a team, by going to their website. With an event this big, traffic will be affected and a map showing road closures will be on the website as the date draws nearer.

4. Executive Session

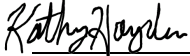
There was no Executive Session tonight.

5. Adjournment

With no additional business before the council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the meeting at 7:22pm. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

Signed by:



Kathy Hayden, Mayor

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Michelle Converse, CMC, City Clerk