



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall 1104 Maple Street
July 20, 2026 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, Windish, Moericke, Palmer, Steffens, Raymond, Beagle, McCurdy, Kosa, and Converse

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

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Steve Starr

Roll Call: Elfers, Evers, Hochstatter, Kenna, Malcolm, and Wilsey

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY ELFERS SECONDED BY EVERS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA
CONSISTING OF:

1. Resolution No. 1754 - Sumner Municipal Court Grant Awards.
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from the regular meetings of April 6, and June 1, 2026, Special Study Session of June 29, 2026, and July 13, Study Session.
3. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$3,767,566.42.
4. Resolution 1755 - Setting Public Hearing for Intergovernmental Transfer of Bill Heath Sports Complex.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

2. Public Comment

Randall Adams, Sumner, WA.

3. New Business

a. Design Commission Appointment

MOVED BY HOCHSTATTER SECONDED BY ELFERS TO APPROVE THE
MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF JAMES MILL TO THE DESIGN COMMISSION

Senior Planner Scott Waller addressed the Council.

Mr. Mill thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. Council Regional Appointment

MOVED BY ELFERS SECONDED BY KENNA TO CHOOSE A NEW REPRESENTATIVE FOR PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL WITH A TERM ENDING IN 2027.

Deputy City Administrator Jeff Steffens spoke to the item.

Deputy Mayor Elfers nominated Councilmember Malcolm.

Councilmembers approved Malcolm as the representative for the Pierce County Regional Council.

4. Reports

a. City Administrator

City Administrator Jason Wilson's report included the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- July 27th – Study Session
- State of the Library Update
- Public Safety Sales Tax

- August 3rd – Regular Council Meeting
- Ordinance E-bikes / E-motorcycles
- Ordinance Food Truck Pods
- Resolution Annexation
- Ordinance Building Fees

Mr. Wilson then acknowledged City Attorney Andrea Marquez as this was her last council meeting. She will be moving on to a new position. Mr. Wilson highlighted her accomplishments with the City and the respect throughout the state. She will be very hard to replace and greatly missed. Mr. Wilson presented Ms. Marquez with the customary Sumner Street sign and wished her the best.

b. Council

Councilmember Malcolm spoke about Greg's celebration of life. He expressed appreciation to Andrea for her service. He ended his report speaking about Music Off Main concert series and the Night Market.

Councilmember Evers thanked Andrea for her service. He attended Greg Reinke's service and he saw several firefighters from Sumner. He ended his report by sharing an update of the Pierce County Regional Council.

Councilmember Hochstatter echoed thoughts about Greg Reinke's service and how wonderful and inspiring it was. He highlighted Greg's servant leadership. He thanked Andrea Marquez and her 'all in' commitment to the community. He ended his comments about the synergy created through with the Music off Main concert series.

Councilmember Wilsey was not able to attend the service though it sounded wonderful. There are two more Music off Main concerts in July and one in August which begins with the Chalk Art Festival. She commended Lana Hoover for her great job coordinating the events on behalf of the City, in partnership with the Sumner Main Street Association. She concluded her remarks by wishing Andrea Marquez blessings on her next journey.

Councilmember Kenna provided the Public Works report. He thanked Andrea for the

thoughtful and caring way she handles all questions, noting that her next employer will be fortunate to have her. He expressed his appreciation for her service. He concluded his comments by acknowledging Greg Reinke.

Deputy Mayor Elfers thanked JR Mill for his service on the Design Commission and reminded the audience that the Council vacancy remains open. He provided an update from the Finance Committee and noted his attendance at the memorial for Greg Reinke. He congratulated the Police Department on their recent operation and their ongoing work to keep the streets safe. He concluded by thanking Andrea Marquez for her service and wishing her well in her next position

c. Mayor

Thank you Mr. Mill for applying to the Design Commission. Thank you to Andrea for all your hard work and we appreciate everything that you have done.

We've had two concerts so far, and the new park design has proven to be a great setting for them. There has been discussion about expanding the beer garden. The night market has been a huge success, we've set the bar high and are using Hops Alley the way it was intended. The market begins at 5pm., with concerts starting at 7pm.

Last week the Tacoma News Tribune featured in the old Bank of America, they are investing their money in Sumner because we are investing in Sumner. Let's all make that commitment that this will be a positive addition to our community.

She shared there will be a pop-up at Lucy Ryan Park on July 21, asking what the community wants to see there. Thank you to the Parks Department for making sure the park is ready.

She ended her comments by highlighting a significant success by the Police Department. They shut down a street take-over which carries risk as these incidents increasingly occur during the day. This success will hopefully send a strong message to others. She also thanked the Bonney Lake and Puyallup Police Departments for their assistance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no other business before the Council, Mayor Bowman ended the meeting at 6:38pm. Councilmembers concurred.

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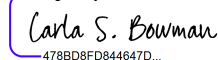
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