

CITY OF GEORGE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
January 20, 2026

COUNCIL MEETING: Regular Meeting

PLACE: George Community Hall

PRESENT: Council Member Melissa Maldonado, Council Member Kate Schooler, Council Member Debby Kooy, Council Member Julia Schooler, Council Member Patty Neff (remote).

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: City Clerk Amy Grace, Public Works Superintendent Aaron Harwood, City Engineer Mike Meskimen, City Planner Alex Kovach; City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman.

Guests in attendance: Patric Connelly

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Julia Schooler at 7:00 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Melissa Maldonado made a motion to excuse Mayor Juan Villalpando. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0

ABSENT: Mayor Juan Villalpando.

Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Citizens wishing to speak under items 7 or 8 identified themselves as follows: Austin Hicks with Live Nation gave gratitude to the City Council and Gray & Osborne. Mr. Hicks said he is eager to see the WWTP feasibility study presentation with emphases on the priority for waste water.

Public comment: Patric Connelly with the Port of Quincy made an announcement stating that The Port of Quincy will host a public Town Hall Meeting on February 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Quincy Business & Event Center to discuss the Port of Quincy Columbia Basin Power Project.

Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and approval of vouchers #19460-19496 in the amount of \$192,769.48, and electronic checks in the amount of \$34,914.08. Council Member Melissa Maldonado seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Engineer Nancy Wetch presented to Council a power point presentation on the waste water feasibility study. A lengthy discussion followed. Plans of a stakeholder meeting in the near future was discussed.

City Engineer Michael Woodkey presented to Council a change order for the West Montmorency Blvd. Multi-use pathway project.

Council Member Melissa Maldonado made a motion to approve Change order No. 1 on the West Montmorency Blvd Multi-Use Pathway project. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed

5-0.

City Engineer Michael Woodkey presented to Council Progress Estimate No. 2 for the West Montmorency Blvd. Multi-Use Pathway project in the amount of \$16,183.25. Mr. Woodkey recommended Council approve Progress Estimate No. 2.

Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to approve Progress Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$16,183.25. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0

City Engineer Jamin Ankney presented to Council the Public Works Board Construction Funding Agreement for the Well 3 Improvements project in the amount of \$2,550,000. Mr. Ankney recommended Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to approve the Public Works Board Construction Funding Agreement for the Well 3 Improvements project in the amount of \$2,550,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Planner Alex Kovach provided the Council with a report on the Climate Change and Resiliency Sub-Element which explores climate impacts on the City of George.

The City Clerk asked Council to appoint an elected official to be a representative for the City to sit on the Quincy Valley Regional Parks District

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to appoint Council Member Debby Kooy as the City's representative to sit on the Quincy Valley Regional Parks District board. Council Member Melissa Maldonado seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Clerk Amy Grace asked Council to authorize the surplus of the old KONIKA MINOLTA copy/fax machine.

Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to declare the KONIKA MINOLTA copy/fax machine surplus and authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to dispose of it by giving it to the City's current service maintenance provider to dispose of at no cost to the City as the City Council finds the machine has no value. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk ask the Council for approval and authorize sending her to the 2026 Professional Development "PD II" class in June of 2026.

Council Member Melissa Maldonado made a motion to approve and authorize sending the City Clerk to the 2026 Professional Development "PD II" class in June of 2026. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk asked the Council for approval and authorize sending her to the 2026 WMCA Annual Conference/Class in March 2026.

Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to approve and authorize sending the City Clerk to the 2026 WMCA Annual Conference/Class in March 2026. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Council Member Julia Schooler asked City Planner Alex Kovach if there was any update on the E. Montmorency lighting with PUD. Alex said he would call the PUD and ask again for an update. Council Member Melissa Maldonado asked Alex if there is any update on moving forward with the Parks Plans and an addition of a splash pad. Mr. Kovach said the update to the park and addition of a splash pad will be part of the land acquisition committee meeting. Council Member Kate Schooler thanked City Engineer Nancy Wetch and the Gray & Osborne team for their presentation and update on the WWTP.

MEETINGS: Land Acquisition Committee is scheduled to meet on 1/23/2026 at 9:00 a.m.

The City Attorney announced an Executive Session to discuss possible real property acquisition - RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) that would last 10 minutes. Council went into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m. and at 9:18 p.m. the City Attorney announced an extension to the Executive Session of 5 minutes. The Council came back into the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Melissa Maldonado seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Approved by the City Council at
an Open Public Meeting the
17th of February, 2026.

Juan Villalpando, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Grace, City Clerk-Treasurer

