

**CITY OF GEORGE**  
**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**October 21, 2025**

**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.

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

**Guests in attendance:** Patric Connelly, Bob Horst, Angel Diaz, Curt Morris, Tim Kovach, Gerene Nelson.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Juan Villalpando

City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman requested to remove Item 11. City Clerk Amy Grace requested Item 8C. be removed due to presenters not present.

**Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.**

Citizens wishing to speak under items 8 or 9 identified themselves as follows: None

Public comment: Curt Morris asked City Planner Alex Kovach about the status of the George Town Center Phase 2.

**Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and approval of vouchers #19312 in the amount of \$137.47; vouchers #19351- 19391 in the amount of \$234,327.97 and electronic checks in the amount of \$40,538.45. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.**

City Planner Alex Kovach presented to Council the 2027 Periodic Update work plan review.

City Engineer Mike Meskimen presented Progress Estimate No. 1 for the W. Montmorency Blvd. Multi-use Pathway project in the amount of \$100,841.18. He mentioned that the project is 100% funded by TIB. He recommends the Council authorize the release of funds for Odyssey Contracting.

**Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to authorize the release of funds for Progress No. 1 for the W. Montmorency Blvd. Multi-use Pathway project in the amount of \$100,841.18. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0**

City Engineer Mike Meskimen presented to Council the Final Progress Estimate No. 2 for the 2025 Pavement Preservation project that is TIB funded in the amount of \$21,386.28. He recommended the Council authorize the Mayor to accept the project as complete and execute final payment to Tommer Construction upon receipt of the final documents identified by the city Engineers.

**Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to authorize the Mayor to accept the project as complete and execute final payment to Tommer Construction upon receipt of the final documents identified by the City Engineers. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0**

City Engineer Nancy Wetch gave a brief update on the wastewater project. She mentioned that there are plans for a Stakeholder meeting in November and mentioned that the Public Works Board (PWB) funding applications for design funding will be opening in December/January time frame.

City Engineer Mike Meskimen opened a Public Hearing on well 4 CDBG project closeout at 7:42 p.m. and asked for any comments. Gerene Nelson asked how much extra capacity Well 4 gives after the new pump installation. No other comments were made. Mr. Meskimen closed the Public Hearing at 7:43.

Mayor Pro tem Julia Schooler opened a Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for the 2026 Budget and explained to the public that the Clerk was still waiting for the tax numbers from the County in order to move forward. Curt Morris asked if the County has given any numbers yet, and the Clerk said no. The Public Hearing remains open and will continue at the next regular scheduled Council meeting on November 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

On behalf of the Mayor, Deputy Clerk Ana Rodriguez presented a October 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Proclamation and recommended to Council to authorize the mayor to execute the Proclamation.

**Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the October 25, 2025 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Proclamation. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0**

Deputy Clerk Ana Rodriguez presented to Council a proposal to update GMC 12.04.100 "Utility Discount Rates" for low-income senior citizens. Council discussion took place. Council Member Julia Schooler mentioned that she is in support of this moving forward. Council asked Ms. Rodriguez to bring the matter back to a future meeting with more information.

Council comments and questions: Council Member Julia Schooler asked City Planner for an update on the PUD lighting on E. Montmorency Blvd. Mr. Kovach said that he has spoke with the PUD and they are aware we need the lights and that the project is in their work order queue.

Meetings: City Clerk Amy Grace updated Council on the Elected Officials essentials class that AWC will be hosting on Saturday December 6, 2025 and asked Council to let her know who will be attending so she can sign them up. Clerk Grace also mentioned that Clerks are now welcome to attend the class as well. The cost of the class is \$95.

**Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to send any elected official or staff to the class with class and travel reimbursement. Council Member Melissa Maldonado seconded. Motion passed 5-0.**

Council Member Debby Kooy invited the George City Council to an American 250 Event Meeting being held at the George Community Hall on November 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**Council Member Melissa Maldonado made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved by the City Council at  
an Open Public Meeting the  
18<sup>th</sup> of November, 2025.

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Juan Villalpando, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Grace, City Clerk-Treasurer