

CITY OF GEORGE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
November 18, 2025

COUNCIL MEETING: Regular Meeting

PLACE: George Community Hall

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

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.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Villalpando called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

ROLL CALL: All present

ABSENT: None

Council Member Julia 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: None

Public comment: Bob Horst, Assistant Chief Fire Marshal for Grant County Fire District #3 updated Council on an EMS study that has been conducted in the Quincy Valley area. He mentioned that the plan is to have three paramedics stationed in George full time by Fall of 2026.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and approval of vouchers #19393 in the amount of \$137.47; vouchers #19395-19424 in the amount of \$97,598.82 and electronic checks in the amount of \$26,839.25. Council Member Melissa Maldonado seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Villalpando opened up the continued Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 Ad Valorem Tax for the General-Purpose Levy, and the 2026 Preliminary Budget at 7:08 p.m. There was no comment. Mayor Villalpando closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

City Planner, Alex Kovach presented the 2027 Periodic Update Engagement Plan to Council for an update on the scope of work deliverables. No action

City Planner, Alex Kovach presented to Council the Climate Planning Element Engagement Strategy. No action

City Engineer Mike Meskimen updated Council on the funding needed for the Well 3 project. Mr. Meskimen recommended the City apply for funding through the DWSRF before the 11/30/2025 deadline.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to authorize City staff to apply for funding for the Well 3 project through DWSRF. Council member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

George Town Center Phase 2 preliminary major plat submittal with the planning agencies recommendations and Council consideration was tabled for next regular scheduled meeting.

City Clerk Amy Grace recommend the Council approve Resolution 2025-340; Establishing the Ad Valorem property tax levy for collections in 2026.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-340 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Melissa Maldonado seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Planner Alex Kovach opened up a Public Hearing to receive comment on the proposed 2025 Annual Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Map, and Development Regulation amendment cycle at 7:21 p.m. There was no comment. Mr. Kovach closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

City Planner Alex Kovach presented to Council Ordinance 2025-04; An Ordinance of the City of George, Washington, adopting the 2025 Annual Cycle Comprehensive Plan Amendments pursuant to the Washington State growth management act, Chapter 36.70A RCW; Containing a severability provision; and setting an effective date.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-04; An Ordinance of the City of George, Washington, adopting the 2025 Annual Cycle Comprehensive Plan Amendments pursuant to the Washington State growth management act, Chapter 36.70A RCW; Containing a severability provision; and setting an effective date. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0

City Clerk briefly discussed the 2026 Budget and timelines for the public hearings. She explained the need to set the date for the next public hearing on the Final 2026 Budget.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to set the Final Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget on December 16, 2025 at 7 p.m. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Josie Hernandez from the Grant County Health Department updated Council on the third quarter reports and thanked the City for their continued support.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Approved by the City Council at
an Open Public Meeting the
16th of December, 2025.

Juan Villalpando, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Grace, City Clerk-Treasurer