

CITY OF GEORGE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
February 17, 2026

COUNCIL MEETING: Regular Meeting

PLACE: George Community Hall

PRESENT: 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, Bob Horst

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Juan Villapando at 7:00 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to excuse Council Member Melissa Maldonado. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 4-0

ABSENT: Council Member Melissa Maldonado.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Citizens wishing to speak under items 7 or 8: None

Public comment: None

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and approval of vouchers #19497-19534 in the amount of \$56,352.85, and electronic checks in the amount of \$23,186.67. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Planner Alex Kovach presented to Council a request from Brian Nixon for a property Annexation. Mr. Kovach explained the steps the annexation process will take. Council discussion took place.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to permit the applicant to move forward at this juncture with the understanding that the annexation application will be subject to assumption of City indebtedness, zoning in accordance with the existing City Comprehensive Plan and pre-annexation zoning, and subject to further consideration by the City Council at the time of the Public Hearing to consider the annexation. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 4-0

City Planner Alex Kovach updated Council on the 2027 Periodic update – he stated that the City of George Critical Area Ordinance checklist work has been completed.

City Clerk Amy Grace presented to the Council a Lodging Tax Fund Grant Application, with clean-up/deposit/permit fees and George Business License requirements waivers, for the George Community Hall (including the Georgettes) Fourth of July event.

Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to approve the Lodging Tax Funds for the George Community Hall (including the Georgettes) as presented. Council Member Julia Schooler seconded. Motion passed 3-0 (abstentions from Council Member Debby Kooy)

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None

MEETINGS: Land Acquisition Committee is scheduled to meet on 3/13/2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Mayor 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 7:35 p.m. and at 7:45 p.m. the Mayor announced an extension to the Executive Session of 10 minutes. At 7:55 p.m. the Mayor announced an extension to the Executive session of 10 minutes. At 8:05 p.m. the Mayor announced an extension to the Executive session of 5 minutes. The Council came back into the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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

Juan Villalpando, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Grace, City Clerk-Treasurer

