

CITY OF GEORGE  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
March 17, 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, Bob Horst, Norm Holden, Angel Diaz, Dan Couture, Travis Herring, Elliot Kooy, Nancy Wetch, Tim Kovach.

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

**ROLL CALL:** All present

**ABSENT:** None

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the agenda with the following corrections:

- Correct agenda Item Number 10. to set land acquisition committee meeting from 3/06/2026 @ 9:00 a.m. to 3/27/2026 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Removal of Executive Session
- Add Agenda Item 8C Department of Revenue and Business Licensing Service Agreement.

Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0

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 #19535-19567 in the amount of \$70,801.11, and electronic checks in the amount of \$26,082.65. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Engineer Nancy Wetch provided an update regarding the wastewater treatment plant project and informed the Council of the May 1, 2026 deadline for submitting funding applications.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to authorize G&O to move forward with funding applications to obtain funding for design of an estimated \$9.7 million dollar construction project to

expand the lagoons to serve city needs and improve the two lift stations with the design portion of the project estimated at \$1,000,000 of the \$9.7 million dollar project. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Planner Alex Kovach updated Council on the 2027 Periodic update Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Checklist.

Port of Quincy Security Dan Couture presented to Council an Interlocal Agreement between Grant County Port District No.1 and City of George for protection services.

**Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Grant County Port District No.1 and City of George for protection services and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Melissa Maldonado seconded. Motion passed 5-0.**

Mayor Villalpando presented Emergency Resolution No. 2026-341; A Resolution of the City of George declaring an emergency due to a broken pipe creating a public safety hazard and establishing the need for immediate action to protect public safety as well as an emergency small public works contract between the City of George and Aldrich Co. LLC. for excavation work to repair a broken water pipe at City Hall.

**Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to authorize the Emergency Resolution No. 2026-341; A Resolution of the City of George of declaring an emergency due to a broken pipe creating a public safety hazard and establishing the need for immediate action to protect public safety as well as the Emergency small public works contract between the City of George and Aldrich Co. LLC for excavation work to repair a broke water pipe at City Hall and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Melissa Maldonado seconded. Motion passed 5-0.**

City Clerk Amy Grace presented to Council the Business Licensing Service Agreement through the Department of Revenue. Ms. Grace explained to Council that the City has partnered with the Department of Revenue for Business Licensing Services in 2019 and recommended the Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

**Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to approve the Business Licensing Service Agreement through The Department of Revenue and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Melissa Maldonado seconded. Motion passed 5-0.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None

MEETINGS: Land Acquisition Committee is scheduled to meet on 3/27/2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approved by the City Council at  
an Open Public Meeting the  
21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2026.

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Juan Villalpando, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Grace, City Clerk-Treasurer