

CITY OF GEORGE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
April 15, 2025

COUNCIL MEETING: Regular Meeting

PLACE: George Community Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Juan Villalpando, Council Member Debby Kooy, Council Member Julia Schooler, Council Member Patty Neff, City Planner Alex Kovach, City Engineer Mike Meskimen; City Clerk Amy Grace; City Deputy Clerk Ana Rodriguez; City Public Works Superintendent Aaron Harwood; City Attorney Kait Schilling.

ABSENT: Council Member Kate Schooler

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

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to excuse Council Member Kate Schooler. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the Agenda. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Public comment: City citizen Ed Seelbach made a public comment that suggested the City acquire more City security.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and approval of vouchers #19072 in the amount of \$137.47; vouchers #19108-19144 in the amount of \$74,654.61 and electronic checks in the amount of \$32,071.85. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Deputy Clerk Ana Rodriguez presented to Council the SSL Contract with CHP for the City Website. She recommended Council purchase the Premium Plan at an annual payment which includes a 10% discount for the total amount of \$810, and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the SSL Contract with CHP with the premium plan selected for \$810/year. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

City Engineer Mike Meskimen updated the Council on the Well 4 Project and let them know that the project is now complete. Mr. Meskimen recommends Council accept the Well 4 Project as complete.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to accept the Well 4 Project as complete. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Attorney Kait Schilling presented to Council Ordinance 2025-01 Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement City of George and Zayo Group LLC. She recommended that the Council approve Ordinance 2025-01 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Council Member Patty Neff made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-01 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Villalpando presented to Council a letter of interest from Melissa Maldonado for the vacant Council Seat 1.

Council Member Patty Neff made a motion to appoint Council Seat 1 to Melissa Maldonado. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 3-0. City Clerk Amy Grace swore in Melissa Maldonado with the Oath of Office for Council Seat 1.

City Clerk Amy Grace presented to Council the Grant County Development Council 2025 Municipal Service Agreement and recommended the Council authorize the Mayor to sign.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Grant County Economic Development Council 2025 Municipal Service Agreement. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

City Clerk Amy Grace gave an update to the WWTP. She mentioned that City Engineer Nancy Wetch has sent the City the first three chapters of the Facility Plan for the City's review. The chapters are the introduction, growth and regulatory chapters. City Clerk Grace let the Council know that the Chapters for review are available at City Hall.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved by the City Council at
an Open Public Meeting the
20th of May, 2025.

Juan Villalpando, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Grace, City Clerk-Treasurer

