

CITY OF GEORGE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
April 21, 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, City Maintenance Norm Holden, City Engineer Mike Meskimen, City Planner Alex Kovach; City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman.

Guests in attendance: Patric Connelly

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

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

ABSENT: Melissa Maldonado

Council Member Debby Kooy made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Julia 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 #19568-19607 in the amount of \$71,588.54, and electronic checks in the amount of \$36,045.47. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Clerk Amy Grace explained to the Council the results of the RFQ scoring for the 2026-2028 Engineering Services and let the Council know that Gray & Osborne Inc received the highest score

Council Member Julia schooler made a motion to authorize the Mayor to work with the City Attorney and Clerk-Treasurer to negotiate the terms of an agreement for engineering Services with Gray & Osborne. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Planner Alex Kovach Report – RCO Grant Application (WWRP–Recreation Program)

The City Planner briefed the Council on an upcoming funding opportunity through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) under the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Recreation (WWRP-Recreation) category. He explained that the program could provide up to \$500,000 in grant funding, contingent upon a required local match of \$100,000.

The Planner outlined the potential project benefits and noted that submitting an application at this stage does not obligate the City to accept funding if awarded. He requested authorization from the Council to proceed with preparing and submitting the grant application.

Council Member Kate Schooler made a motion to authorize the City Planner to proceed with preparing and submitting the RCO WWRP-Recreation grant application. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Planner Alex Kovach’s Presentation – 2027 Periodic Update

The City Planner presented an overview of the 2027 Periodic Update, focusing on the City’s population allocation and the accompanying land capacity analysis report. He summarized the projected population growth assigned to the City and explained how the land capacity analysis evaluates whether existing zoning and available land can accommodate the anticipated growth.

The Planner discussed key findings, methodology, and next steps in the update process. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and engaged in general discussion.

No action was taken. The item was presented for discussion and informational purposes only.

The City Clerk presented Resolution 2026-342, *A Resolution of the City Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus to the Needs of the City*. The Clerk explained that the Resolution identifies a 2001 Ford Ranger VIN #1FTYR10C41PA35321 previously used by the City and determines that the vehicle is no longer required for municipal operations. The proposed action would authorize the vehicle to be declared surplus and made available for sale in accordance with City policy.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-342, declaring the 2001 Ford Ranger surplus to the needs of the City and authorizing its sale. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Maintenance staff, Norm Holden led a discussion with the Council regarding the possibility of installing a sprinkling system within the Colonial Market easement. Staff outlined preliminary considerations, including potential layout, maintenance needs, and coordination requirements for any future installation.

Council members asked questions and engaged in general discussion about feasibility, cost considerations, and next steps. The Council requested that Maintenance staff return with cost estimates for the proposed project for further review.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None

MEETINGS: Land Acquisition Committee meeting at George Community Hall following the City Council meeting.

Mayor Villalpando 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 7:30 p.m. the Council

came back into the regular meeting at 7:40 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 7:42 p.m.

Approved by the City Council at
an Open Public Meeting the
19th of May, 2026.

Juan Villalpando, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Grace, City Clerk-Treasurer