

CITY OF GEORGE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
May 20, 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, City Planner Alex Kovach, City Engineer Michael Woodkey; City Clerk Amy Grace; City Attorney Kait Schilling.

ABSENT:

Mayor Juan Villalpando called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Resolution 2025-337 to agenda item 8E. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Public comment: Travis Herring of Herring Farms presented to Council a map of the City's property that he currently farms. He asked the Council to consider purchasing property to the East of and adjacent to the spray fields that he currently operates. He believes the additional acreage could help alleviate the wastewater capacity concern.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and approval of vouchers #19145-19191 in the amount of \$92,407.34; and electronic checks in the amount of \$47,936.91. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Planner Alex Kovach updated the Council on HB 1181, which involves a requirement for a Climate Planning Element to be added to the Comprehensive Plan. He explained that there is a Grant available through the Department of Commerce that the City can apply for. Mr. Kovach requests that Council authorize the Mayor to sign the authorization form to apply for grant funding through the Department of Commerce.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the authorization form to apply for a grant through the Department of Commerce. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Engineer Michael Woodkey updated Council on the 2025 Pavement Preservation Construction Project BID that took place on 5/16/2025 at City Hall. He announced that the lowest responsive bidder was Tommer Construction Company, Inc. of Ephrata, Washington. Mr. Woodkey recommended the City move to award the contract for the 2025 Pavement Preservation project to Tommer Construction Company of Ephrata in the amount of \$472,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts, all contingent upon TIB funding approval.

Council Member Patty Neff made a motion to award the contract for the 2025 Pavement Preservation project to Tommer Construction Company of Ephrata in the amount of \$472,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts, contingent upon TIB funding approval for the project. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Engineer Michael Woodkey presented to Council the TIB Consultant Supplemental Agreement for the 2025 Pavement Preservation Project. Mr. Woodkey recommended Council approve the consultant supplemental Agreement for construction administration services with Gray & Osborne for the 2025 Pavement Preservation project with a maximum amount payable of \$94,400, contingent upon TIB funding approval.

Council Member Patty Neff made a motion to approve the consultant supplemental Agreement for construction administration services with Gray & Osborne for the 2025 Pavement Preservation project with a maximum amount payable of \$94,400, contingent upon TIB funding approval. Council Member Julia Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Clerk Amy Grace explained to the Council that the 2026-2031 Six Year Transportation Plan (STIP) would need a Public Hearing date set and requested the Council set a Public Hearing date for June 17, 2025 at 7 p.m. before the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to set a Public Hearing date for the 2026-2031 Six Year Transportation Plan (STIP) on June 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. before the regularly scheduled Council meeting. Council Member Kate Schooler seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Clerk Amy Grace request from Council to Surplus the Clerk's old computer that is approximately 10 years old and that has already been replaced. She asked the Council to pass Resolution 2025-337 Declaring a City computer surplus to the needs of the city and authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to dispose of the same.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to pass Resolution 2025-337 Declaring a City computer surplus to the needs of the city and authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to dispose of the same. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Approved by the City Council at
an Open Public Meeting the
17th of June, 2025.

Juan Villalpando, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Grace, City Clerk-Treasurer

