

CITY OF GEORGE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
June 17, 2025

COUNCIL MEETING: Regular Meeting

PLACE: George Community Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Juan Villalpando, Council Member Melissa Moldonado, Council Member Kate Schooler (remote), 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: None

Mayor Juan Villalpando called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

Mayor Villalpando opened the Public Hearing on the 2026-2031 Preliminary Six Year Transportation Program at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Villalpando asked the public if there was any questions or comments. There was no public comment. Mayor Villalpando closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

City Clerk Amy Grace requested to add Item 7C to the Consent Agenda; Central Bonded Collectors Request for Consent to Transfer Agreement, and item 8D Alignment of the Park Pathway-discussion.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Council Member Debby Kooy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Citizens wishing to speak under items 8 or 9 identified themselves as follows: Gerene Nelson on items 9b, 9c, and 8c.

Public comment: None

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and approval of vouchers #19192 in the amount of \$137.47; vouchers #19194-19231 in the amount of \$76,792.38 and electronic checks in the amount of \$29,253.99. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Planner Alex Kovach updated the Council on the 2025 Comp Plan Amendments drafts. He has set a Public Hearing Date for public review on July 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.

City Engineer Jamin Ankney presented to Council the Water System Plan Amendment draft. The City Council authorized submission to DOH. The formal presentation, public comment, and adoption will be scheduled for a council meeting later this year

City Engineer Jamin Ankney updated Council on the Well 3 Test Well drilling. The project was open for bids on June 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. and received no bids. Engineering will reach out to The Public Works Boards Project Manager for further guidance on bidding requirements.

City Engineer Michael Woodkey presented to Council a map with different options to choose from for the alignment of the Park Pathway Project. Council discussion took place. Council directed Engineers to keep the pathway South of the trees.

City Clerk Amy Grace presented Resolution 2025-338 A Resolution adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for the period 2026 to 2031.

Council Member Debby Kooy made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 2025-338 A Resolution adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for the period 2026 to 2031. Council Member Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Clerk Amy Grace presented to Council regarding Ordinance 2025-02 Amending portions of GMC Chapter 12.04 and 12.08 regarding past due charges for Utility Bills. Council discussion followed.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-02. Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

City Deputy Clerk Ana Rodriguez presented to Council multiple online bill pay options for considerations.

Council Member Julia Schooler made a motion to direct the Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Xpress Bill Pay for online payment software for utility billings. Patty Neff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Council Comments: Debby Kooy spoke about the 4th of July Celebration and encourages everyone to come out.

Angel Diaz asked the Council what time the fireworks need to be stopped.

Attorney Kait Schilling announced she is leaving Ogden Murphy Wallace and will be working to transition the role of City Attorney to Heidi Greenwood and Emily Romanenko. Kait introduced Heidi Greenwood from Ogden Murphy Wallace who attended the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Approved by the City Council at
an Open Public Meeting the
15th of July, 2025.

Juan Villalpando, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Grace, City Clerk-Treasurer

