Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order in the Battle Ground Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Eric Overholser. The meeting was recorded via Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Elizabeth Halili called the roll. The following were present:

COUNCIL:	Mayor Eric Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, and Councilmembers Troy McCoy, Shane Bowman (via Zoom), Victoria Ferrer, Jeanie Kuypers (via Zoom), and Brian Munson
ABSENT:	None.
STAFF:	City Manager Kristina Swanson, Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Police Chief Dennis Flynn, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Acting City Attorney Seann Mumford, and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA **7:01 p.m.**
MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the agenda as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer
VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS **7:02 p.m.**
Councilmember Reports:

- **None.**

Mayor's Report:

- **Proclamation: Black History Month February 2026**
  Mayor Eric Overholser Proclaimed February 2026 as Black History Month and read the proclamation. Paul Porter of the NAACP accepted the proclamation and provided a brief statement.
- **Proclamation: National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day, February 15, 2026**
  Mayor Eric Overholser Proclaimed February 15, 2026, as National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day and read the proclamation. School Resource Officers Philip Anderson (Battle Ground) and Chelsea Quiggle (Brush Prairie) accepted the proclamation and provided brief statements.
- *Mayor Overholser provided a brief report regarding the January 2026 CTRAN Board of Directors & Board Composition Committee meetings.*

Mayor Overholser requested guidance from the City Council regarding a statement of the City's position on the proposed voter-approved High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Subdistrict, as presented to the Clark County Council by C-TRAN representatives on February 4, 2026
Discussion was held by Council

CONSENSUS was reached by Council to bring back the proposed High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Subdistrict item with additional information at the March 2, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting for further discussion.

Presentations:

- **New Employee Introduction: Kelly Tepedino, Police Support Specialist**
  Chief of Police Dennis Flynn introduced Kelly Tepedino, Police Support Specialist, to the Council. Ms. Tepedino provided a brief statement and was welcomed by Council.

- **Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO) Systems Analysis and Cost Sharing**
  City Manager Kris Swanson provided the Council with information regarding the ECHO Systems Analysis and Cost Sharing and asked that Council provide staff with policy direction on participation in a county-wide homeless systems analysis with each participant providing a proportional share of the associated cost.

  The Council discussed the presentation.
  City Manager Swanson responded to questions from Council
  Councilmember Ferrer responded to questions from Council

MOTION: Councilmember Kuypers moved that we go ahead and support the portion of our budget portion of $7,400 to participate in that analysis.
SECOND: Councilmember McCoy
The Council discussed the Motion
The Motion was called by Mayor Overholser with a Friendly Amendment proposed by Councilmember McCoy: "Motion that we go ahead and pay the amount due from the City of Battle Ground towards that analysis."
Councilmember Kuypers concurred with the Friendly Amendment made to the motion
VOTE: Motion carried 5-2
AYES: Councilmembers Troy McCoy, Shane Bowman, Victoria Ferrer, Jeanie Kuypers, and Brian Munson
NAYS: Mayor Overholser and Deputy Mayor Vaile

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS **7:47 p.m.**

- *John Polos provided public comment*
- *Simon provided public comment*
- *Jessica Cole provided public comment*
- *Ally Strappazone provided public comment*

CONSENT AGENDA **7:58 p.m.**

A. City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026
B. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026
C. Claim Vouchers dated 02/02/2026 #99244-#99325, in the amount of $802,631.89
D. Claim Vouchers dated 02/10/2026 #99326-#99404, and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $1,176,552.38
E. Payroll dated 02/10/2026, direct deposits of $313,107.68 for a total payroll of $313,107.68
F. NE 1st Street Phase 2 – Right of Way Purchase Approval – T12, Property #1
G. NE 1st Street Phase 2 – Right of Way Purchase Approval – T12, Property #2

H. NE 1st Street Phase 2 – Right of Way Purchase Approval – Story
I. Resolution 26-02 Surplus of Utility Equipment: Set Public Hearing

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer
VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

BUSINESS **7:58 p.m.**

- **None.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS **7:58 p.m.**

- *City Manager Swanson:*
  - *An email was provided to the Council with an update regarding the NE 92nd Avenue closure and the remainder of the construction project. Additional information concerning the construction timeline and resident notifications will be provided next week.*
  - *City Manager Swanson, Mayor Overholser, and Councilmember McCoy will travel to Washington, D.C., next week to meet with the Federal Delegation and federal agencies to advocate for Battle Ground's 2026 federal legislative priorities.*
  - *During Kris Swanson's absence, Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier will oversee the Bi-Weekly meetings.*

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS **7:59 p.m.**

- *Councilmember Munson requested the anticipated date for receipt of a draft of the March 6, 2026, Special Meeting/Council Retreat agenda. City Manager Swanson responded that a draft agenda will be distributed on Friday, February 20, 2026*
- *Mayor Overholser:*
  - *Congratulated Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery on receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The City has received this award for 24 consecutive years.*
  - *Congratulated Police Chief Dennis Flynn on receiving The Reflector Newspaper's Person of the Year Award.*

ADJOURNMENT
The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 2, 2026 – No Study Session - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Overholser (Mar 3, 2026 15:48:08 PST)

Eric Overholser
Mayor

Elizabeth Halili
City Clerk

Date of approval by the City Council: March 2, 2026

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