Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 4, 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 Aimee Vaile, and Councilmembers Shane Bowman (arrived at 7:52 p.m.), Victoria Ferrer, Jeanie Kuypers, and Brian Munson

ABSENT: Councilmember Bowman (arrived at 7:52 p.m.) and Councilmember McCoy.

STAFF: City Manager Kristina Swanson, Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Police Chief Dennis Flynn, Communications Manager/PIO Alisha Smith, Acting City Attorney Seann Mumford (via Zoom), Acting City Attorney Kelsey Papst, and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

MOTION TO EXCUSE **7:01 p.m.**
MOTION: Deputy Mayor Vaile moved to excuse Councilmembers McCoy and Bowman from the meeting.
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer
VOTE: Motion carried 5-0
ABSENT: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA **7:02 p.m.**
MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to approve the agenda.
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
VOTE: Motion carried 5-0
ABSENT: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS **7:03 p.m.**
Councilmember Reports:

- *Councilmember Kuypers: Provided a report on the recent Regional Parks Task Force Board meeting*

Mayor's Report:

- **Salary Commission Position No. 3 Appointment: Carlie Myers; unexpired term ending December 31, 2027**

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to approve the appointment of Carlie Myers to the unexpired term of Salary Commission Position No. 3, ending December 31, 2027.
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
VOTE: Motion carried 5-0
ABSENT: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman

- **Proclamation: National Police Week, May 11-17, 2026**
  Mayor Eric Overholser proclaimed the week of May 11-17, 2026, as National Police Week and read the proclamation aloud.
  Battle Ground Police Chief Dennis Flynn accepted the proclamation and provided a brief statement.

- **Proclamation: Building Safety Month; May 2026**
  Mayor Eric Overholser proclaimed May 2026 as Building Safety Month and read the proclamation aloud.
  Battle Ground Building Official Josh Weeks accepted the proclamation and provided a brief statement.

- **Proclamation: National Day of Prayer; May 7, 2026**
  Mayor Eric Overholser proclaimed May 7, 2026, as National Day of Prayer and read the proclamation aloud.
  Deacon Becky Manning of Northwest Gospel Church accepted the proclamation and provided a brief statement.

Presentations:
- *None.*

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS **7:20 p.m.**
- *Jessica Cole provided public comment*
- *Missy Fant provided public comment*
- *Fia Maria provided public comment*
- *Simon provided public comment*

CONSENT AGENDA **7:34 p.m.**
- **A.** City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026
- **B.** City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026
- **C.** Claim Vouchers dated 04/16/2026 #99794-#99825 and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $548,066.35
- **D.** Claim Vouchers dated 04/24/2026 #99826-#99902 and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $1,528,290.46
- **E.** Claim Vouchers dated 04/29/2026 #99903-#99942 and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $382,646.49
- **F.** Payroll dated 04/24/2026, vouchers #29306-#29311 in the amount of $1,851.37 and direct deposits of $326,144.87 for a total payroll of $327,996.24
- **G.** Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) 3030 Interagency Agreement
- **H.** Spring Battle Ground Municipal Code Updates: Set a Public Hearing for May 18, 2026, for the following:
  - Ordinance No. 2026-05: Title 2 – Administration and Personnel
  - Ordinance No. 2026-06: Title 6 – Animals
  - Ordinance No. 2026-07: Title 8 – Health and Safety

- Ordinance No. 2026-08: Title 12 – Streets and Sidewalks
- Ordinance No. 2026-09: Title 13 – Water and Sewers
- Ordinance No. 2026-10: Title 15 – Buildings and Construction
- Ordinance No. 2026-11: Title 17 – Zoning
- Ordinance No. 2026-12: Title 18 – Environmental Protection

I. Growth Management Act (GMA) Required Battle Ground Municipal Code Updates: Set a Public Hearing for June 1, 2026, for the following:

- Ordinance No. 2026-13: Title 17 – Zoning

City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Ordinance Titles aloud (First Reading).

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Vaile moved to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
VOTE: Motion carried 5-0
ABSENT: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman

BUSINESS **7:40 p.m.**

Remy Park Improvements – Project Update: Presentation
Presented By: *Public Works Director Mark Herceg*
Summary: *The City Council received a presentation from Public Works Director Mark Herceg on the current status of the Remy Park Improvements project.*

Director Herceg provided a presentation.

Councilmember Bowman entered the Chambers and joined the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

The Council discussed the presentation
Director Herceg responded to questions from the Council.

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

- *Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier announced the opening of the application period for Battle Ground University (BGU), noting the registration period as May 4 through August 14, 2026. The class size is limited to twenty-five (25) participants, and classes will begin September 1, 2026*

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS **8:00 p.m.**

- *Councilmember Kuypers:*
    - *Noted that Ordinance 2026-04 Storage of Trailers and Recreations Vehicles in Residential Districts was adopted on April 20, 2026, and will be effective on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Councilmember Kuyper sought the interest of Council regarding revisiting this Ordinance at an upcoming meeting regarding new information/data that has come to light from the Fire Marshall.*
      The Council discussed the request.
      City Manager Swanson responded to questions from the Council.
      City Clerk Halili responded to questions from the Council

CONSENSUS was reached by the Council to place Ordinance 2026-04, relating to the storage of trailers and

recreational vehicles in residential areas, on the agenda for a future Study Session for additional review and discussion based on new data and information provided by the Fire Marshal and the City's Building Official. The Council further requested that the Fire District #3 Fire Marshal and the City Building Official attend the Study Session to respond to Council questions.
ABSENT: Councilmember McCoy

- *Councilmember Ferrer:*
    - *Requested that an item be placed on a future Council Meeting Agenda to allow for a discussion on invocations. She also asked staff to research how other cities handle invocations.*
      The Council discussed the request
      Acting City Attorney Mumford responded to questions from the Council.
      City Manager Swanson responded to questions from the Council.

CONSENSUS was reached by the Council to bring a discussion regarding Invocations to a future Council Meeting (in the next few meetings).
DISSENT FROM CONSENSUS: Councilmember Bowman
ABSENT: Councilmember McCoy

- *Mayor Overholser*
    - *Provided a brief update on the productivity of the Spring Legislative Trip to Washington, D.C., particularly regarding federal appropriations for the City of Battle Ground. The Mayor expressed appreciation to Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez and Senator Maria Cantwell for their advocacy and support on behalf of the City.*
    - *Mayor Overholser noted that the Council had received communications from the Battle Ground Art Alliance and acknowledged the significant role art plays in the community. He stated that he is interested in identifying ways for the City to celebrate and support local artists through the display of public art.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION **8:34 p.m.**
Mayor Overholser announced that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), the City Council will enter an Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.
Mayor Overholser stated the Executive Session would last ten (10) minutes, commencing at 8:40 p.m. and ending at 8:50 p.m., with no action to follow.

Mayor Overholser recessed the Regular meeting at 8:34 p.m.
The Council entered the Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.
The Council re-entered the Chambers at 8:50 p.m.
Mayor Overholser resumed the Regular Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION **8:50 p.m.**
Mayor Overholser announced that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the City Council will enter an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.
Mayor Overholser stated the Executive Session would last twenty (20) minutes, commencing at 8:55 p.m. and ending at 9:15 p.m., with possible action to follow.

Mayor Overholser recessed the Regular meeting at 8:51 p.m.
The Council entered the Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

At 9:14 p.m., Mayor Overholser re-entered the Chambers and announced the Executive Session would be extended for an additional twenty (20) minutes ending at 9:35 p.m.
Mayor Overholser rejoined the Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.

At 9:34 p.m., Mayor Overholser re-entered the Chambers and announced the Executive Session would be extended for an additional ten (10) minutes ending at 9:45 p.m.
Mayor Overholser rejoined the Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.

The Council re-entered the Chambers at 9:45 p.m.
Mayor Overholser resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor Overholser announced that no action would be taken.

ADJOURNMENT
The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 18, 2026 – No Study Session - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Overholser (May 21, 2026 18:50:29 PDT)

Eric Overholser
Mayor

Elizabeth Halili
City Clerk

Date of approval by the City Council: May 18, 2026

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