Battle Ground City Council Study Session
Monday, June 1, 2026

The study session of the Battle Ground City Council was called to order in the Battle Ground Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Overholser. The meeting was live-streamed on YouTube and recorded via Zoom.

The following were present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Eric Overholser, Deputy Mayor Aimee Vaile, and Council Members Troy McCoy, Jeanie Kuypers, Victoria Ferrer, and Brian Munson.

ABSENT: Councilmember Shane Bowman.

STAFF: City Manager Kris 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, Acting City Attorney Kenneth Harper (via Zoom), and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili

TOPIC: Public Works Priorities
Presented By: *Public Works Director Mark Herceg*
Summary: *The Council received a presentation and discussed potential public works priorities for the 2027 budget cycle.*

Public Works Director Mark Herceg provided a brief presentation.

Discussion was held by Council.

Director Herceg responded to questions from the Council.
Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery responded to questions from the Council.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Eric Overholser (Jun 16, 2026 16:01:40 PDT)
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Mayor

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Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 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 Ovderholser. 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 Troy McCoy, Shane Bowman (via Zoom), Victoria Ferrer, Jeanie Kuypers, and Brian Munson

ABSENT: None.

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, Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett (arrived at 9:16 p.m. via Zoom), Police Chief Dennis Flynn, Acting City Attorney Kenneth Harper (via Zoom), and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS **7:01 p.m.**

Councilmember Reports:

- *Councilmember Kuypers:*
  - *Provided a report on the Clark County Regional Parks Funding Task Force findings presentation that was delivered to the Clark County Council. Requested staff be directed to reach out to Ross Hoover, Task Force Lead, to schedule a presentation in June or July for a Study Session.*
  - *Provided a report on the recent Columbia River Economic Development Council Board of Directors (CREDC) meeting.*

MOTION: Councilmember Kuypers moved to Suspend the Rules for two minutes to make a Council Member statement.
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
VOTE: Motion Carried 6-1
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Deputy Mayor Vaile

Councilmember Kuypers provided the following statement:

- *"I just would like to reiterate that proclamations are not City policy. They do not reflect a formal Council discussion or a vote of this Council. As such, Proclamations do not result in changes to our city operations. However, it's evident that they can create division rather than unity, distraction and unnecessary financial and public relation impacts.*
  While the intentions may be good, I think that we need to reduce the temperature around some of the Proclamations being presented today. So I'm requesting that the ICE and ANTIFA proclamations be removed from today's agenda and excluded from future agendas. I also respectfully remind this Council that our responsibilities are to set goals, establish policy and adopt budgets. I encourage all of us to remain focused on these duties and consider whether personal or political interests may be influencing our actions, and to remain diligent in fulfilling the roles to which we were elected."

MOTION: Councilmember Kuypers moved to amend the agenda to remove the ICE and ANTIFA proclamations from the agenda tonight and exclude them from future agendas.
Second: Councilmember McCoy
The council discussed the motion
Acting City Attorney responded to the questions from Council
VOTE: Motion Failed 2-5
AYES: Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember McCoy
NAYS: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson

- *Councilmember Munson*
  - *Provided a report on the recent Governance Coordination Manual Committee Meeting.*
  - *Provided a report on the recent City Manager Evaluation Committee meeting*
- *Mayor Overholser:*
  - *Provided a report on the recent C-TRAN Board of Director's Meeting.*
    The council discussed the C-TRAN Board of Director's meeting report and Small City board member representation.
  - *Thanked the Councilmembers Kuypers, Councilmember Munson, and Human Resources Manager Tamara Gunter for their work on the City Manager Evaluation Committee.*
- *Councilmember McCoy:*
  - *Stated that, as directed by Council, he would be voting no on the Resolution brought by the City of Vancouver to extend the Light Rail to the Evergreen Station at the Regional Transportation Council meeting scheduled for June 2, 2026.*

Mayor's Report:

- **Proclamation: Get Outdoors Month; June 2026**
  Mayor Overholser proclaimed the month of June 2026, as Get Outdoors Month, and June 13, 2026, as Get Outdoors Day in the City of Battle Ground and read the proclamation aloud.
  Mayor Overholser stated the proclamation request was submitted by Jane Tesner Keliner, Program Manager of the Lower Columbia Nature Network.
  Jane Tesner Kleiner, Program manager of the Lower Columbia Nature Network and Evan Seidl, Battle Ground Area Manager for Washington State Parks accepted the proclamation and provided a brief statement.

Mayor Overholser issued a warning to a disruptive member of the public.

- **Proclamation: Recognizing the Federal Executive Designation of ANTIFA as a Domestic Terror Organization & Affirming the Importance of Public Safety, the Rule of Law, and Peaceful Civic Engagement**

At 7:28 p.m., the meeting was disrupted by another member of the public

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to recess the meeting for two minutes
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
Mayor Overholser requested Police Chief Dennis Flynn remove the disruptor from the Chambers.
VOTE: Motion Carried 7-0
Mayor Overholser recessed the meeting at 7:29 pm
Police Chief Dennis Flynn escorted the disruptive member of the public from the chambers
Mayor Overholser reconvened the meeting at 7:31 pm

Mayor Overholser issued a proclamation Recognizing the Federal Executive Designation of ANTIFA as a Domestic Terror Organization & Affirming the Importance of Public Safety, the Rule of Law, and Peaceful Civic Engagement and read the proclamation aloud.
Mayor Overholser stated the proclamation request was submitted by Jesse McCarty.
Jesse McCarty accepted the proclamation and provided a brief statement.

- **Proclamation: Supporting US Immigration and Customs Enforcement**
  Mayor Overholser issued a proclamation in Support of US Immigration & Customs Enforcement and read the proclamation aloud.
  Mayor Overholser stated the proclamation request was submitted by Paula Ochoa.
  Paula Ochoa accepted the proclamation and provided a brief statement.

Presentations:
- None.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA **7:45 p.m.**

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the agenda in its entirety as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS **7:46 p.m.**

Mayor Overholser announced the duration of Citizen's Comments would be extended from thirty (30) minutes to one hour, and that the speaker time would be reduced from three () minutes to one (1) minute.

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to Suspend the Rules and increase the time limit to three minutes.
SECOND: Councilmember Bowman
The council discussed the motion
VOTE: Motion Failed 3-4
AYES: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Kuypers

NAYS: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson

- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon provided public comment via Zoom*
- *Jessica Cole provided public comment*
- *Ally Strappazon provided public comment*
- *David Terry provided public comment*
- *Simon provided public comment*
- *Liz Shaw provided public comment and handouts to Council*
- *Barbara provided public comment*
- *Jay provided public comment and handouts to Council*
- *Mrs. Clark provided public comment and handouts to Council*
- *Greg provided public comment*
- *Christina Dowell provided public comment*
- *Vern Jeremica provided public comment*
- *Justin Hornbaker provided public comment*
- *Michelle Black provided public comment*
- *Sarah Newhouse provided public comment*
- *Emily Crowe provided public comment*
- *Tyler Long provided public comment*
- *LaDonna Kirkpatric provided public comment*
- *Jeshaiah Green provided public comment*
- *Laurie Schacht provided public comment*
- *Julie Koepp provided public comment*
- *James Townley provided public comment*
- *Caiden Mizrahi-Boyarsky provided public comment*
- *Jesadia Merino provided public comment*
- *Kathy P. provided public comment*
- *Gideon Faulconer provided public comment*
- *Christopher Brooden provided public comment*
- *Chris Berkompas provided public comment*
- *Joey DeRontz provided public comment*
- *Judy Blevens provided public comment*
- *Shirley Waltz provided public comment*
- *Shannon Clarno provided public comment*
- *David Bowman provided public comment*
- *Jennifer Heine-Withee provided public comment*
- *Jay Allen provided public comment*
- *Fia Alvez provided public comment*
- *Allen Halgren provided public comment*
- *Darlene Kulla provided public comment*
- *Daniel Estrada provided public comment*
- *Bruce Barnes provided public comment*
- *Troy Rasband provided public comment*

- *Charles Polacek provided public comment*
- *Dave Barela provided public comment*
- *Wynn Grcich provided public comment*
- *Gary Obermeyer provided public comment*
- *Max Kojenova provided public comment*
- *Kristine White provided public comment*
- *Brent Hennrich provided public comment*
- *Stefanie Adams provided public comment*
- *Missy Fant provided public comment*
- *Dawn Doutrich provided public comment*
- *Jan Paulini provided public comment*
- *Susan Fredrickson provided public comment*
- *Linda Kliewer provided public comment*
- *John Parsons provided public comment*
- *Beth Ludvigsen provided public comment*

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved for a recess for ten minutes
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
Vote: Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Overholser recessed the meeting at 9:08 p.m.
Councilmember Bowman left the meeting at 9:08 p.m.
Mayor Overholser reconvened the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA **9:18 p.m.**

- **A.** City Council Study Session Minutes of May 18, 2026
- **B.** City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2026
- **C.** Claim Vouchers dated 05/18/2026 and 05/22/2026 #100071-#100111 and Bank Drafts, in the amount of $759,816.87
- **D.** Payroll dated 05/22/2026, vouchers #29316-#29323 in the amount of $2,318.42 and direct deposits of $331,918.40 for a total payroll of $334,236.82
- **E.** July 1, 2026 – July 1, 2031, Interlocal Agreement with Clark County for Prosecution Services
- **F.** Parkway/Main Intersection Improvements – Bid Award
- **G.** SE Grace Avenue Phase 2 – Right of Way (ROW) Purchase Approval - Haberman

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember McCoy
VOTE: Motion Carried 6-0
ABSENT: Councilmember Bowman

PUBLIC HEARING **9:19 p.m.**

Battle Ground Municipal Code Updates – GMA Required: Public Hearing/Motion

- **Ordinance No. 2026-13:** Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 17 Zoning; Chapter 17.103 Definitions; Chapter 17.106 Residential Districts; Chapter 17.118 Commercial

Districts; Chapter 17.120 Light Industrial, Employment Campus, And Westside Employment Districts; Chapter 17.122 Mixed Use Districts; Chapter 17.133 Parking And Loading Requirements; Chapter 17.135 Supplementary Regulations For Specific Uses; Providing For Severability; Providing For Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Presented By: *Community Development Director Kristin Lehto*
Summary: *The City Council heard public testimony and considered the adoption of proposed revisions to the Battle Ground Municipal Code as defined in Ordinance No. 2026-13 that are intended to comply with recent state laws surrounding housing, the Growth Management Act (GMA), and to implement the City's Comprehensive Plan.*

Community Development Director Kristin Lehto provided a brief presentation and noted that page 27 of Ordinance No. 2026-13 includes a new section 17.133.072 titled "Residential Parking Design Standards." She recommended that subsection (A.) be revised to align with RCW 36.70A.622(e) to read: "Parking spaces may not be required to exceed 8 feet by 20 feet, except for parking spaces required for people with disabilities."

The Council discussed the proposed revision to 17.133.072(A.)

CONSENSUS was reached by Council to accept the revision of Section 17.133.072(A.) as proposed.

Mayor Overholser opened the public hearing at 9:24 p.m.

- *Derek Huegel of Wolf Industries of Battle Ground provided public testimony.*

Mayor Overholser closed the public hearing at 9:28 p.m.

City Clerk Elizabeth Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-13 (2nd Reading)

The Council discussed the proposed Ordinance.
Director Lehto and Planning Supervisor Samuel Crummett responded to questions from Council.

Consensus was reached by Council directing staff to amend Ordinance No. 2026-13 Section 17.106.060(c) Cottage Housing Standards to add language stating that more than one cluster would be allowed.

MOTION: Councilmember Ferrer moved to remove permitting of apartments in R7 zones stated on Table 17.106-1 in order to review it as a council for other options. (Maintain as Conditional Use)
Director Lehto and Planning Supervisor Crummett responded to questions from Council
SECOND: Deputy Mayor Vaile
The Council discussed the motion.
Planning Supervisor Crummett responded to questions from Council
VOTE: Motion Carried 4-2
AYES: Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Mayor Overholser, Councilmember Kuypers
ABSENT: Councilmember Bowman

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Vaile moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-13 amending Battle Ground Municipal Code Title 17 Zoning as amended.
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
VOTE: Motion Carried 6-0
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Bowman

BUSINESS **9:55 p.m.**

Invocation at City Council Meetings: Presentation/Discussion
Presented By: *City Manager Kris Swanson and Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier*
Summary: *The council received a presentation and discussed the topic of adding an invocation or moment of silence at City Council meetings. Policy direction was provided to staff.*

City Manager Kris Swanson provided a brief presentation.
Councilmember Bowman rejoined the meeting at 10:07 p.m.
The Council discussed the presentation
Acting City Attorney Kenneth Harper responded to questions from the Council
City Manager Kris Swanson responded to questions from the Council

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Vaile moved to direct staff to draft a resolution to amend the Governance Manual to place invocation on the agenda of every council meeting to occur immediately after the convening of the meeting and prior to the pledge of allegiance.
SECOND: Mayor Overholser
The Council discussed the motion
VOTE: Motion Carried 4-3
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Kuypers

Councilmember Bowman left the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS **10:22 p.m.**

- *City Manager Kris Swanson:*
  - *Thanked city staff for their work making this meeting successful and safe*

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS **10:22 p.m.**

- *Councilmember Munson:*

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to make a budget amendment in the amount of $50,000 for our Mayor to hire an independent counsel/investigator for a review of city departments.
SECOND: Deputy Mayor Vaile
The council discussed the motion
Acting City Attorney Harper responded to questions from Council.
Further discussion was held by council.

MOTION: Mayor Overholser moved to Suspend the Rules
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
Motion carried 6-0

Absent: Councilmember Bowman

VOTE: Motion Carried 4-2
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Kuypers

- *Councilmember McCoy :*
  - *Expressed thoughts & prayers for people in Longview. Requested the Mayor write a letter of support to the Nippon Mill and Longview residents.*
    Mayor Overholser stated he would write a letter.
- *Councilmember Kuypers:*
  - *Expressed support for people in Longview. Thanked staff for their work this evening.*
- *Councilmember Munson:*
  - *Attended the BGPD Award ceremony uninvited. Asked why Council was not invited.*
    City Manager Swanson responded to questions from Council and noted that a quorum of council would require Public Notice.
- *Mayor Overholser:*
  - *Attended the BGPD Award ceremony. Expressed that in the future, he would like all of Council to be able to attend, and requested a Public Notice of Quorum be posted for future BGPD Award Ceremony Events.*
  - *Stated he planned to attend the upcoming Battle Ground Staff Appreciation Event*
- *Deputy Mayor Vaile:*
  - *Thanked staff for their work this evening.*
  - *Did not attend the BGPD Award ceremony. Requested that Council receive notice of these events.*
- *Councilmember Kuypers:*
  - *Would have liked to attend BGPD Award ceremony. Noted that Council has a lot of opportunities to represent the city. Encouraged Council to attend these.*
- *Mayor Overholser:*
  - *Provided an update regarding ongoing federal legislation as it pertains to the City of Battle Ground.*

ADJOURNMENT
The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 15, 2026 – Study Session at 6:00 p.m. - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

E.O.H.
Eric Overholser (Jun 16, 2026 16:01:40 PDT)

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Mayor

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