Battle Ground City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 5, 2026

The special 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 Troy McCoy, Shane Bowman, Victoria Ferrer, Jeanie Kuypers, and Brian Munson
ABSENT:	None
STAFF:	City Manager Kris Swanson, Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier, Public Works Director Mark Herceg (via Zoom), Human Resources Manager Tamara Gunter, Communications Manager/Public Information Officer Alisha Smith, Police Lieutenant Jim Keller, Acting City Attorney Kirk Ehlis (via Zoom), Executive Assistant Kelly Jensen, and City Clerk Elizabeth Halili.

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved for the Council to enter an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee for a period of one (1) hour with possible action to follow.
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
VOTE: Motion Carried 5-2
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman

Mayor Overholser announced that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the City Council would enter an Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee. Mayor Overholser stated the Executive Session would last one (1) hour commencing at 7:02 pm and ending at 8:02 pm with possible action to follow.

Mayor Overholser recessed the Special Meeting at 7:02 p.m.
The Council entered Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

The Council re-entered the Chambers at 8:01 p.m.
Mayor Overholser reconvened the Special Meeting at 8:02 p.m.
Mayor Overholser announced that no action would be taken resulting from the Executive Session.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Overholser announced the duration of Citizen's Comments would be forty (40) minutes and that each speaker's time would be two (2) minutes.

Mayor Overholser opened the floor for public comment at 8:42 p.m.

- *Monica Stonier provided public comment*
- *LaDonna Kirkpatrick provided public comment*
- *Simon provided public comment*
- *Jessica Cole provided public comment*
- *Cherish DesRochers provided public comment*
- *Brad Vos provided public comment*
- *Ed Stanton provided public comment*
- *Judy Blevens provided public comment*
- *Mrs. Clark provided public comment*
- *Sharon Wodtke provided public comment*
- *Bev Jones provided public comment*
- *Lori Lindberg provided public comment*
- *Dave Barela provided public comment*
- *April Hall provided public comment*
- *Kathleen provided public comment*
- *Gary Obermeyer provided public comment*

BUSINESS

Resolution No. 26-06 Terminating and Suspending the City Manager Employment Contract and Providing Severance Pay Pursuant to the Employment Agreement: Presentation/Motion
Presented By: *Mayor Eric Overholser*
Summary: *The Council considered approval of Resolution No. 26-06, terminating and suspending the City Manager Employment Contract and providing severance pay pursuant to the employment agreement. Upon passage of this Resolution, the City Council by separate majority vote, suspended the City Manager from duty effective immediately.*

Mayor Overholser provided a brief presentation.
Acting City Attorney Kirk Ehlis responded to a question from Councilmember McCoy.

MOTION: Mayor Overholser moved to approve Resolution 26-06 Terminating the City Manager Employment Contract in its entirety as presented and to set the effective date as thirty days from today.
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
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

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to suspend the City Manager from duty effective immediately, with salary and benefits continuing until the removal becomes effective.
SECOND: Deputy Mayor Vaile
VOTE: Motion Carried 4-3
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Kuypers

DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER: DISCUSSION/MOTION
Presented By: *Mayor Eric Overholser*
Summary: *The Council discussed and considered the selection of an Interim City Manager.*

Mayor Overholser provided a brief presentation and recommended Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier to serve as Interim City Manager.
Discussion was held by the Council.
Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier responded to the Council stating he would be interested in serving as Deputy City Manager pending terms of the contract.

MOTION: Councilmember Bowman moved to appoint Robert Ferrier to serve as Interim City Manager, effective immediately.
SECOND: Councilmember Kuypers
The Council discussed the motion.
VOTE: Motion Carried 5-2
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Kuypers
NAYS: Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Munson

ADJOURNMENT
The Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, August 17, 2026 – Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Overholser (Aug 18, 2026 14:55:27 PDT)
Eric Overholser
Mayor

Elizabeth Halili
Elizabeth Halili
City Clerk

Date of approval by the City Council: August 17, 2026

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