Battle Ground City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 21, 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, Troy McCoy, Victoria Ferrer, and Brian Munson

ABSENT: Councilmembers Jeanie Kuypers and Shane Bowman

STAFF: Acting Interim City Manager Robert Ferrier, Finance and Information Services Director Meagan Lowery, Community Development Director Kristin Lehto, Public Works Director Mark Herceg, Police Chief Dennis Flynn, Acting City Attorney Hillary Evans (via Zoom), Communications Manager/Public Information Officer Alisha Smith, Parks and Recreation Manager Joanna Martin, City Clerk Elizabeth Halili, and Executive Assistant Kelly Jensen.

MOTION TO EXCUSE **7:02 p.m.**
MOTION: Councilmember Ferrer moved to excuse Councilmember Kuypers and Councilmember Bowman.
SECOND: Deputy Mayor Vaile
VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

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

- *Councilmember Munson*
  - *Provided a brief Budget Advisory Committee Meeting report. Councilmember Munson requested the interest of council in seeking relief at the state level regarding the Climate Commitment Tax with the assistance of the city's lobbying firm.*
    Discussion was held by Council.

Mayor's Report:

- **Big Heart Citizen Recognition Award: Jessica Cole,**
  Mayor Overholser presented the BiG Heart Citizen Recognition Award to Jessica Cole in recognition of the heart she brings to the community. Mayor Overholser noted that Ms. Cole was nominated by Bev

Jones, LaDonna Kirkpatrick, Michele Black, Missy Fant, and Stephanie Kendall. Ms. Cole accepted the award and provided a brief statement.

- *Mayor Overholser announced that he will recuse himself from an upcoming Ethics Committee Review Board meeting, stating that it is in the best interest of the process for him not to participate. He noted that, due to his recusal, he will need to appoint a new chair and an additional member to the Board.*

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to approve Councilmember Ferrer as a alternate for this upcoming Ethics Review Committee.
SECOND: Deputy Mayor Vaile
VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

Mayor Overholser appointed Councilmember Munson to serve as the Chair at the upcoming Ethics Committee Review Board Meeting.

Presentations:

- **Humane Society for Southwest Washington Annual Report**
  Megan Dennis, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Jenn Rylander, Vice President of Operations, and Jason Hudson, HSSW Board Member from the Humane Society for Southwest Washington provided a presentation to Council.
  The Council discussed the presentation.
  Megan Dennis, Jenn Rylander, and Jason Hudson responded to questions from the Council.
- **Regional Parks Funding Task Team Report**
  Ross Hoover, Clark County Parks & Nature Division Manager provided a presentation to Council.
  The Council discussed the presentation.
  Ross Hoover responded to questions from the Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA **7:53 p.m.**
***MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented minus the City Manager Executive Search.**
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer
VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS **7:54 p.m.**

Mayor Overholser announced the duration of Citizen's Comments would be thirty (30) minutes and that each speaker's time would be two (2) minutes.

Mayor Overholser opened the floor for public comment at 7:57 p.m.

- *Colleen Eubanks provided public comment*
- *Autumn Flores provided public comment*
- *Liz S. provided public comment*
- *Wynn Grcich provided public comment and handouts to the Council.*

- *Karen Falk provided public comment*
- *Missy Fant provided public comment*
- *Kevin Callahan provided public comment*
- *Alex Rheinhold provided public comment*
- *Sue Marshall provided public comment*
- *Simon provided public comment*
- *Jessica Cole provided public comment*
- *Sharon Murphin provided public comment*

EXECUTIVE SESSION **8:21 p.m.**

Mayor Overholser announced that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the City Council would enter an Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee and 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 thirty (30) minutes, beginning at 8:25 pm and ending at 8:55 pm with possible action to follow.

Mayor Overholser recessed the Regular Meeting at 8:22 p.m.
The Council (including Councilmember Bowman) and Acting City Attorney Hillary Evans entered the Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Overholser re-entered the Chambers at 8:54 p.m. and announced the executive session would be extended for an additional fifteen (15) minutes ending at 9:10 p.m.

Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier entered the executive session at 8:56 p.m.

The Council re-entered the Chambers at 9:10 p.m.
Mayor Overholser reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION: Mayor Overholser moved to schedule a public hearing for November 2nd pursuant to RCW 35A.13.140 City Manager Removal Reply and Hearing.
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

CONSENT AGENDA **9:10 p.m.**

A. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026
B. Claim Vouchers dated 09/08/2026 #100761-#100794 in the amount of $771,955.46
C. Claim Vouchers dated 09/11/2026 #100795-#100842 in the amount of $1,309,788.59
D. Payroll dated 09/10/2026, vouchers #29374-#29379 in the amount of $5,081.52 and direct deposits of $339,100.68 for a total payroll of $344,182.20
E. Interim City Manager Employment Agreement

Councilmember Ferrer requested to remove Consent Agenda Item E.

VOTE: Motion Carried 4-1
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Vaile, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Councilmember McCoy
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

MOTION: Councilmember Munson moved to approve Consent Agenda items A through D.
SECOND: Deputy Mayor Vaile
VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

The Council discussed Item E.

MOTION TO RESCIND: Councilmember Ferrer moved to rescind the Council's prior action appointing Robert Ferrier as Interim City Manager. She confirmed that she voted on the prevailing side of the motion originally made by Councilmember Bowman and approved at the August 5, 2026, City Council Special Meeting.
SECOND: Councilmember Munson
VOTE: Motion Failed with 3 votes in favor, 1 vote against, and 1 abstention (5 total members present)
AYES: Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Councilmember McCoy
ABSTAIN: Mayor Overholser
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to approve Item E on the Consent Agenda
Motion Failed due to lack of a second

MOTION TO RECONSIDER: Deputy Mayor Vaile moved to reconsider the action that was just taken with the Interim City Manager Agreement. I would like to ask for a revote.
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer
VOTE: Motion Carried 4-1
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Councilmember McCoy
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

POINT OF ORDER: Mayor McCoy raised a Point of Order that the Motion to Reconsider may only be made by a Councilmember who voted on the prevailing side of the original motion.

City Clerk Elizabeth Halili and Acting city Attorney Hillary Evans responded to questions from the Council.

The Motion to Reconsider was found to be out of order as Deputy Mayor Vaile did not vote on the prevailing side of the Motion to Rescind.

Further discussion was held by the Council.

PUBLIC HEARING **9:22 p.m.**

Ordinance No. 2026-16 Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code (BGMC) Section 17.135.150 Storage of Trailers and Recreational Vehicles in Residential Districts: Presentation/Public Hearing/Motion

Presented By**:** *Community Development Director Kristin Lehto*
Summary: *The council heard public testimony, received a presentation, and considered approval of Ordinance 2026-16 Amending Battle Ground Municipal Code (BGMC) Section 17.135.150 Storage of Trailers and Recreational Vehicles in Residential Districts.*

Community Development Director Lehto provided a brief presentation

Mayor Overholser opened the public hearing at 9:23 p.m.

- *None provided public testimony.*

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

City Clerk Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-16 (2nd Reading)

The Council discussed the presentation

MOTION: Councilmember Ferrer moved to adopt this with these amendments for it to say, however, so it says recreational vehicles and trailers should not be parked in the front yard. However, recreational vehicles or trailers are allowed to be parked on a legally established driveway. And then remove Section E in its entirety.
SECOND: Deputy Mayor Vaile
The Council discussed the motion.
VOTE: Motion Carries 4-1
AYES: Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember McCoy, Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson
NAYS: Mayor Overholser

BUSINESS **9:36 p.m.**
***Item removed per prior motion**
City Manager Executive Search: Presentation

Community Services Status Report: Presentation
Presented By*:* *Police Chief Dennis Flynn*
Summary: *The City Council received a presentation regarding the current status of the community services operations.*

The Council discussed the presentation.
Chief Flynn responded to questions from Council

Ordinance No. 2026-02 SW Eaton Boulevard Improvements – Right of Way (ROW) Final Action – Matoy: Presentation/Motion
Presented By*:* *Public Works Director Mark Herceg*
Summary: *The City Council received a presentation and considered adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-02 authorizing the Acting City Manager to commence condemnation actions to acquire land, rights-of-way, and/or easements for the Matoy properties related to the SW Eaton Boulevard Improvements Project.*

Public Works Director Mark Herceg provided a brief presentation
Mayor Overholser opened the meeting to public comment regarding the item at hand.
None provided comment.

City Clerk Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-02 (2nd Reading)
MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-02 authorizing for the condemnation of real property interests for the Matoy properties related to the SW Eaton Boulevard Project.
SECOND: Mayor Overholser
The Council discussed the motion.
Director Herceg responded to questions from the Council
VOTE: Motion Carried 3-2
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember McCoy
NAYS: Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

Ordinance No. 2026-14 SW Eaton Boulevard Improvements Right of Way (ROW) Final Action – Peru: Presentation/Motion
Presented By: *Public Works Director Mark Herceg*
Summary: *The City Council received a presentation and considered adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-14 authorizing the Acting City Manager to commence condemnation actions to acquire land, rights-of-way, and/or easements for the Peru properties related to the SW Eaton Boulevard Improvements Project.*

Public Works Director Mark Herceg provided a brief presentation
Mayor Overholser opened the meeting to public comment regarding the item at hand.
None provided comment.

City Clerk Halili read the Title of Ordinance 2026-14 (2nd Reading)

MOTION: Councilmember McCoy moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-14 authorizing for the condemnation of real property interested for the Peru properties related to the SW Eaton Boulevard Project.
SECOND: Mayor Overholser
The Council discussed the motion.
VOTE: Motion Carried 3-2
AYES: Mayor Overholser, Deputy Mayor Vaile, Councilmember McCoy
NAYS: Councilmember Ferrer, Councilmember Munson
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

Mobile Home Parks Summary: Presentation
Presented By: *Community Development Director Kristin Lehto*
Summary: *The City Council received a presentation and provided direction to staff.*

Community Development Director Lehto provided a brief presentation

MOTION (as Restated and Clarified): Mayor Overholser moved to direct staff to draft an emergency moratorium for all mobile home parks within Battle Ground city limits that would essentially not allow development of non-mobile home use currently as it sits for a period of six months and bring that back to Council as soon as possible.
SECOND: Councilmember Ferrer.
Acting City Attorney Hillary Evans responded to questions from the Council.
The Council discussed the motion.
Director Lehto responded to questions from the Council.
VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0
ABSENT: Councilmembers Kuypers and Bowman

Further discussion was held by the Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS **10:25 p.m.**

- *Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier introduced Public Works Director Mark Herceg:*
  - *Public Works Director Mark Herceg provided an update on the city's road projects*

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS **10:27 p.m.**

- *Councilmember McCoy:*
  - *Thanked Alisha, the Mayor and the Fire Department for their work and assistance with the Richardson Flag Ceremony.*

- *Mayor Overholser:*
  - *Thanked Alisha, and everyone involved with the Richardson Flag Ceremony*

- *Councilmember Ferrer:*
  - *Explained why she made the motion to rescind the Deputy City Manager as Interim City Manager*

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 5, 2026 – No Study Session - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Overholser (Oct 6, 2026 13:02:24 PDT)

Eric Overholser
Mayor

Elizabeth Halili
City Clerk

Date of approval by the City Council: October 5, 2026

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