

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Monday, June 16, 2025**

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Figueroa called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by the City Clerk as follows:

Councilmember Boykin	Present
Councilmember Worthington	Excused
Councilmember McCluskey	Present
Councilmember Flemming	Present
Councilmember Grassi	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Wood	Present
Mayor Figueroa	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Sugg, City Attorney Kaser, Community and Economic Development Director Briske, Administrative Services Director Petorak (virtual), Senior Project Engineer Mauren, Public Safety Director Hales (virtual), and City Clerk Genetia.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Wood led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Mayor Pro Tem Wood, seconded by Councilmember McCluskey, to approve the agenda.

The motion carried.

5. PRESENTATIONS

28th Legislative District Report/Update – Senator Nobles, Representative Dan Bronoske and Representative Mari Leavitt of the 28th District updated Council on various legislative actions and initiatives for which they advocated during the last legislative session.

Juneteenth Proclamation – Councilmember Grassi read a proclamation encouraging all citizens to observe Juneteenth as a reminder of the progress needed towards social equality.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: By Mayor Pro Tem Wood, seconded by Councilmember McCluskey, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A.** Approve the minutes of the June 2, 2025 Council meeting as submitted.
- B.** Receive and File: Payroll for period ending 05/31/25; and Claims dated 05/30/25.
- C.** Receive and File: 2025 First Quarter Financial Report.
- D.** Pass an Ordinance amending Chapter 10.50 of the University Place Municipal Code, relating to Commute Trip Reduction Plan. **(ORDINANCE NO. 789)**
- E.** Authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Pierce County Sheriff's Office relating to Law Enforcement Services.

- F. Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design to provide additional support with the implementation of the Middle Housing Ordinance and related Design Standards that align with the requirements of HB 1110.
- G. Approve the cancellation of the August 18, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

The motion carried.

8. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS

City Manager Sugg announced the ribbon cutting for the ARPA funded sewer extension project. The event will take place at Paradise Pond Park on June 20 at 11:00 a.m., with Congresswoman Strickland in attendance. He also informed Council about the upcoming Music on the Square concert series starting on July 9 and running every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. until the end of August.

Councilmember Grassi thanked City staff and the community for their participation in the Duck Daze event. She shared her positive experience at the Farmers Market; noted her attendance at the annual senior barbeque hosted by Community Connection Place; and the 10th anniversary celebration of the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay. Lastly, she participated in a meeting with state legislators and National Safe Parents in Seattle.

Councilmember Flemming shared budget/funding information discussed at a recent South Sound Housing Affordability Partners meeting he attended. He commented on his visit to the Farmers Market and praised the event and expressed hope for its continuation throughout the summer. Councilmember Flemming announced his appointment to one of Washington State's medical boards by the Governor's office.

Councilmember McCluskey shared her involvement with the newly established UP for Art and disclosed her appointment as a board member. She shared information from the following meetings/events she attended: Small Cities Council, UP Historical Society Museum Tour, Zoo Trek Authority, and the Day Island sewer project public outreach.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood concurred with previous comments about the Duck Daze event highlighting the support from City staff and West Pierce Fire and Rescue. He announced the upcoming Cider Squeeze event on July 26 at the Curran Apple Orchard and encouraged people to participate or hang out to enjoy music and vendors offerings. He shared upcoming changes to the Pierce County Climate Commission which will focus on turning educational components into practical actions; he agreed to co-chair a committee for a year and evaluate progress.

Councilmember Boykin talked about the 2025 annual Home Building bus tour sponsored by the Master Builders Association. He shared his experience at the Duck Daze and emphasized the importance of community events, praising the City's efforts in organizing them. He remarked on the Small Cities Council's objectives; mentioned attending the 10th anniversary celebration of the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay; and shared his thoughts about the Juneteenth proclamation and the City's efforts to promote inclusivity and encouragement.

Mayor Figueroa shared positive feedback from the community about the Duck Daze event, including the use of golf carts, West Pierce Fire and Rescue's participation and its overall organization. He discussed the Rainier Communications Commission's report, highlighting the need for a new model to address reductions in revenue, staff, and services.

At 8:14 p.m. and 8:29 p.m., motions were made and were carried to extend the meeting to 8:30 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. respectively.

9. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. No other action was taken.

Submitted by,

Emy Genetia
City Clerk