

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Monday, August 4, 2025**

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Wood 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	Present (virtual)
Councilmember McCluskey	Present
Councilmember Flemming	Present
Councilmember Grassi	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Wood	Present
Mayor Figueroa	Excused

Staff Present: City Manager Sugg, City Attorney Kaser, Police Chief Burke, Public Safety Director Hales, Public Works Director Ecklund, Administrative Services Director Petorak, and City Clerk Genetia.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Flemming led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Councilmember McCluskey, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to approve the agenda.

The motion carried.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Employee Recognition – Mayor Pro Tem Wood presented a proclamation to Dean Bentley in recognition of his nearly 30 years of service to the City of University Place. The proclamation highlighted his commitment to public safety, knowledge of building codes, and positive impact on the community. Community and Economic Development Director Briske also presented Dean with a plaque in appreciation of his hard work and dedication.

University Place Refuse Service Update – Michael Gruener and Brian Holden of the University Place Refuse Service, provided an update on the company's services, discussing the slow response to the first Saturday openings and the success of the bulky waste pickup service. They proposed a voucher system for year-round cleanups to improve service and reduce traffic issues.

Public Safety Update – Police Chief Burke provided a comprehensive public safety update, highlighting the impact of increased staffing on proactive policing, officer wellness, and community engagement. He emphasized the positive effects of the additional officers and the growing partnership with the University Place School District.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: By Councilmember McCluskey, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approve the minutes of the 07/12/25 and 07/21/25 Council meetings as submitted.
- B. Authorize the City Manager to execute payment to Pierce County in the amount of \$526,173.00 for the 2025 Chipseal/Fogseal Project.
- C. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Interlocal Agreement with University Place School District, substantially in the form attached.
- D. Adopt a Resolution directing the Park Advisory Commission to review a Legislative Proposal related to the renaming of Homestead Park. **(RESOLUTION NO. 1069)**
- E. Receive and File: Claims dated 07/31/25.

The motion carried.

8. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/REPORTS

City Manager Sugg provided an overview of upcoming City events, including National Night Out, Music on the Square, and a concert at the Curran Apple Orchard with potential appearance by special guest emcees.

Councilmember Fleming expressed his excitement for National Night Out, looking forward to meeting residents and appreciating the community-building aspect of the event. He also thanked Public Safety Director Hales for her efforts in organizing the event. He requested City Manager Sugg to provide quick updates on significant events happening in the City, whether sponsored by the City or not.

Councilmember Grassi echoed Councilmember Fleming's enthusiasm for National Night Out, expressing her love for the event and appreciation for Public Safety Director Hales' efforts in organizing it. She highlighted the success of the farmers market and the annual Movie in the Park at Cirque Park, thanking staff and the community for their participation. Councilmember Grassi mentioned the Twisted Cider Run event and acknowledged the participation of Mayor Pro Tem Wood and looks forward to the upcoming 30th Birthday bash, thanking the event sponsors. Lastly, she thanked the community for their patience with ongoing construction projects and acknowledged the hard work of the City's staff.

Councilmember McCluskey commented on the success of the Movie in the Park event, highlighting the large turnout indicating a high level of community engagement. She gave a shoutout to Sidney Davis and asked Council to consider recognizing her in front of Council for her remarkable achievements and perseverance following her extensive injuries.

Councilmember Boykin emphasized the importance of safety in the City and acknowledged the leadership and teamwork of the Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood reported on the success of the Twisted Cider 5K event, noting the large turnout and the positive feedback from participants. He also represented the City at the Samoan Community Banquet and recognized the contributions of the 100th of the 442nd Regiment Combat Team.

9. SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Public Works Director Ecklund presented an update to the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), which outlines key infrastructure projects scheduled for 2026 to 2031. State law requires the City to adopt and update this Plan annually. The primary changes to the TIP include the following:

- The Day Island Spit Road project has been added (Project 4)
- The 35th Street Phase 1 project has been removed
- The 35th Street Phase 2 project has been removed
- The 67th Ave Phase 2 project has been removed
- The Grandview Intersection (36th St Roundabout) project has been removed

- Funding statuses have been updated to reflect recent grant awards:
Project 6 – Chambers Creek Road Roundabout
Project 12 – 67th Ave Phase 3
Project 14 – 40th St Phase 3
- Project schedules and costs have been updated

He indicated that approval of the Six-Year Transportation Plan does not commit the City to any financial expenditures. Rather, each project will be reviewed individually by the City Council in each relevant budget cycle as a component of the Capital Improvement Plan. Approval of the Six-Year Transportation Plan, however, does create eligibility for the City to apply for various grant opportunities. Many grant funding sources require a project to appear in the City's TIP to be eligible. In addition, the TIP provides an indication to other jurisdictions of the City's planning direction for transportation needs.

Director Ecklund responded to several questions, addressing key transportation and infrastructure concerns.

A public hearing to consider this update is scheduled for September 2, 2025.

10. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. No other action was taken.

Submitted by,

Emy Genetia
City Clerk