



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2025**

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**

Present:

Mayor Matt Cole - Arrived 6:39PM
Mayor Pro Tem Judy Chipman
Council Member Lee Wells
Council Member Katie Favela
Council Member Rian Davis
Council Member Meghan Hamilton

Absent:

Council Member Clyde Burkle

MOTION: MOVED TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER BURKLE FROM THE MEETING.

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Council Member Lee Wells

SECONDER: Council Member Rian Davis

AYES: Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Mayor Pro Tem Chipman, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hamilton

- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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III. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Rian Davis
SECONDER:	Council Member Meghan Hamilton
AYES:	Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Mayor Pro Tem Chipman , Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hamilton

1. **Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll**
2. **Approval of Minutes from the April 10, 2025 & April 17, 2025 Meeting**

IV. PRESENTATION

1. **Discussion of Engineering Standards Vol. III - Parks, Trails, and Recreation Design and Construction Requirements - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager**

Staff presented an overview of Volume III – Parks, Trails, and Recreation Design and Construction Requirements, the third addition to Ridgefield’s Engineering Standards. The volume includes seven chapters addressing planning, design, amenities, and maintenance of parks and recreational infrastructure. Council reviewed the draft and provided feedback on the proposed principles and standards.

V. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Appointment of Parks Board Youth Member, Position No. 1**

MOTION TO APPROVE MAYOR'S CONFIRMATION OF ELIANNA GALVAN TO PARKS BOARD, POSITION NO. 1.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Rian Davis
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Judy Chipman
AYES:	Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Mayor Pro Tem Chipman, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hamilton

VI. BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 663 - Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposition - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director**

Council considered a request to sell approximately 13,000 sq. ft. of surplus land from parcel 214026-000 to an abutting property owner for buffering along Pioneer Canyon Road and Discovery Drive. The city identified over 21,000 sq. ft. as surplus without affecting current or future projects. The sale is valued at \$65,000 based on a comparable appraisal. No public hearing is required. Council was asked to confirm surplus status, with a purchase and sale agreement to be presented at a later date.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 663 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Katie Favela
SECONDER:	Council Member Rian Davis

AYES:	Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Mayor Pro Tem Chipman, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hamilton
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2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1443 - Royle Ridge RMUO Expansion - Claire Lust, Community Development Director

City Council held a public hearing and first reading of the proposed RMUO expansion on January 23, 2025. The applicant's representative spoke in support, and Council directed staff to prepare a draft concomitant rezone agreement addressing issues including tree retention, security near residential areas, salvaging historical features, affordable housing, trail development, and a pedestrian crossing over Allen Canyon Creek. The agreement outlines specific commitments from the applicant tied to future development of the site.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1443 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Meghan Hamilton
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Judy Chipman
AYES:	Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Mayor Pro Tem Chipman, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hamilton

3. Motion - Approval of 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request - Chuck Green, Public Works Director

Council adopted the 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on December 19, 2024. One of the projects, the Ridgefield/I-5 South Connector Project, Stage 2, received federal funding through the Regional Transportation Council. The City had planned to use a state planning grant as the local match, but was unable to secure the funds during the 2025 legislative session. Washington State Department of Transportation requires Council action to demonstrate the local match. The request is to replace the \$42,000 state funds with local funds, and an amendment to the TIP is requested. No other amendments to the TIP are proposed.

MOTION: MOVED TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Katie Favela
SECONDER:	Council Member Meghan Hamilton
AYES:	Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Mayor Pro Tem Chipman, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hamilton

VII. PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1450 - Establishing Speed Limits for Streets Built by New Development or by City project: Pioneer Canyon Drive from 56th Place to Pioneer Street, 53rd Drive from Pioneer to Pioneer Canyon Drive; Discovery Drive between S Wells Drive and Pioneer Street; S 6th Way between S 56th Place and Discovery Drive - Chuck Green, Public Works Director

Council reviewed several new Collector and Minor Arterial roadways completed or soon to be completed in central Ridgefield as part of City- and developer-built projects. These streets include N Pioneer Canyon

Drive, N 56th Place, N 53rd Place, S Discovery Drive, and S 6th Way. Built in accordance with the City’s Engineering Standards, the City Engineer proposed setting speed limits on these new roads based on their design speeds and the City’s Transportation Capital Facilities Plan.

Mayor Cole Opened the Public Hearing: 7:33PM

No testimony was received.

Mayor Cole Closed the Public Hearing: 7:33PM

MOTION: MOVED TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1450 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Rian Davis
SECONDER:	Council Member Lee Wells
AYES:	Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Mayor Pro Tem Chipman, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hamilton

2. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1451 - Marx Petition to Annex - Claire Lust, Community Development Director

Council reviewed a Petition to Annex two residentially-zoned parcels accessed via NE 259th Street. The parcels include a 10.59-acre developable parcel and a 0.61-acre flagpole parcel, located south of Greely Farms Phase 3 and east of Urban Downs II, both RLD-6 planned unit developments. These parcels are in the Ridgefield Urban Growth Area (UGA) and contiguous with the city limits, making them eligible for annexation. Council adopted Resolution No. 659 on February 27, 2025, approving the intent to annex the Marx property. The annexation petition was signed by Robert and Denise Marx, who own 100% of the land value, exceeding the 60% threshold required for the direct petition method of annexation.

Mayor Cole Opened the Public Hearing: 7:40PM

No testimony was received.

Mayor Cole Closed the Public Hearing: 7:40PM

First reading only.

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IX. COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

1. Council

Council Member Davis reminded that the upcoming Bike Safety Event will take place this Saturday. Provided brief updates from the recent CTRAN meeting and the Watershed Alliance fundraiser. Attending

a ribbon-cutting ceremony as well as participating in a spring clean-up event.

Council Member Favela welcomed the newest youth representative to the Park Board and congratulated Ridgefield High School student Sam Parker, who served as a page at the Washington State House, sponsored by Representative Ed Orcutt. Attended the spring clean-up event and participated in the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) luncheon. Shared an update on House Bill 2033. Noted that construction of the RORC Fieldhouse is progressing well. Reminded the public about the upcoming Drug Take-Back event and acknowledged National Telecommunications Week.

Council Member Hamilton participated in the City tour with City Manager, attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) luncheon, School Board meeting and CCRF meeting.

Council Member Wells attended 5 public meetings, including a spring clean-up event and the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) luncheon.

2. Mayor

Participated in the City's Take Your Kids to Work Day, enjoying breakfast with the kids. Acknowledged Volunteer Appreciation Week. Gave an update to the County Council on the resource lands discussion. Moderated a Town Hall with U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez.

3. City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart provided an update on Spring Clean-Up Day and participation in Take Your Kids to Work Day.

Public Works Director Chuck Green shared a reminder that tree planting is scheduled for May 10th, hosted by the Watershed Alliance. Updates were also provided on the Pioneer widening project and the railroad overpass art.

Finance Director Kirk Johnson announced that the financial audit entrance meeting is scheduled.

Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus provided an update on the First Saturday event.

X. ADJOURN

8:09PM



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk



Matt Cole, Mayor