



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 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
Mayor Pro Tem Judy Chipman
Council Member Lee Wells
Council Member Clyde Burkle
Council Member Katie Favela
Council Member Rian Davis
Council Member Meghan Hamilton

- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

II. PROCLAMATION

- 1. Disability Employment Awareness Month**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Clyde Burkle
SECONDER:	Council Member Lee Wells
AYES:	Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Mayor Pro Tem Chipman, Council Member

1. **Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll**
2. **Approval of Minutes from the August 21, 2025 & August 28, 2025 Meeting**

V. PRESENTATION

1. Youth Commission - Lee Knottnerus, Deputy City Manager

At the May 2025 retreat, Council discussed establishing a Ridgefield Youth Commission to provide a youth perspective on community issues and directed staff to research and present options for a youth advisory board. Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus presented the proposed code and received feedback from Council.

2. Envision Ridgefield 2045 Draft Transportation and Public Facilities Elements - Claire Lust, Community Development Director

Staff presented draft Transportation and Public Facilities goals and policies for Envision Ridgefield 2045 and received Council feedback for the next draft.

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VII. COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

1. Council

Council Member Hamilton attended City Manager briefing, School Board meeting, Ridgefield Main Street board meeting, and noted November 1st Wine Walk reminder.

Council Member Burkle attended Multicultural Festival, City Manager briefing, and Port of Ridgefield meeting.

Council Member Wells attended City Manager briefing, Clark Regional Wastewater District meeting, and Port of Ridgefield meeting.

Council Member Davis attended meetings related to the C-Tran composition board, Multicultural Festival, and acknowledged 9/11 Day and its historical significance.

Council Member Favela reflected on and acknowledged 9/11 Day and its historical significance.

Mayor Pro Tem Chipman shared thoughts regarding ongoing issues at Ridgefield Heights and noted staff is addressing them, attended Clark Regional Wastewater District meeting and reminded of Give More 24 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

2. Mayor

Provided update on C-Tran composition board, attended Multicultural Festival and Budget Committee meeting, and congratulated Councilor Favela on Leadership Clark County Class of 2026.

3. City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart acknowledged 9/11 Day and thanked the American Legion for displaying American flags throughout town. Reminder about the upcoming Octoberfest, the next week's Study Session, and the C-Tran Open House on September 25 at 5:30 PM.

Public Works Director Ryan Thamert provided an update on the city's water conservation strategy.

Finance Director Kirk Johnson provided an update on the budget.

VIII. ADJOURN

8:24PM



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk



Matt Cole, Mayor