



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2025**

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

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

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

Present:

Council Member Lee Wells
Mayor Pro Tem Judy Chipman
Council Member Clyde Burkle
Council Member Katie Favela
Council Member Rian Davis
Council Member Meghan Hamilton - Attended via Zoom

Absent:

Mayor Matt Cole

MOTION: COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO EXCUSE MAYOR COLE FROM THE MEETING.
SECOND: COUNCIL MEMBER BURKLE.
MOTION PASSED.

- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

II. PROCLAMATION

- 1. Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone requesting to speak to the Council regarding all items not subject to a specific Public Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and limit comments to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Comments received during public testimony can be heard on the City's website under [City Council Meeting Audio Files | Ridgefield, WA \(ridgefieldwa.us\)](https://www.ridgefieldwa.us/City-Council-Meeting-Audio-Files).

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

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

1. **Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll**
2. **Approval of Minutes from the September 18, 2025 & September 25, 2025 Meeting**
3. **Approval to Submit CDBG Grant Application for Hayden Park**
4. **Interlocal Agreement Between the Cities of Ridgefield and La Center for Code Enforcement Services**

V. PRESENTATION

1. **Pink Patch Presentation - Cathy Doriot, Police Chief**
2. **Police Department Body Camera Presentation - Cathy Doriot, Police Chief**
3. **Workforce as Economic Infrastructure: What It Means for the City of Ridgefield - Darcy Hoffman, Director of Business Services and Nolan Yaws-Gonzalez, Associate Director of Programs**

Representatives from Workforce Southwest Washington provided an update to City Council.

4. **Bee City USA: Process, Requirements, and Considerations - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager**

Staff presented the Bee City USA process and requirements and received feedback from City Council.

VI. BUSINESS

1. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1459 — Adoption of a Public Safety Sales Tax - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director**

Staff presented an ordinance for consideration to adopt a 0.1% sales and use tax authorized under HB 2015 to support ongoing criminal justice needs. The new law also establishes a grant program to help hire and train new officers. If adopted, the sales tax would be retained entirely by the City, less a small administrative fee from DOR. To implement the tax by January 1, 2026, notification to DOR must be submitted by October 18, 2025.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1459 AS PRESENTED.

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

2. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 1461 - Amendments to RMC Chapter 5.04 Business Licenses and Regulations - Kirk Johnson, Finance Director**

Staff presented an ordinance updating the City's business license provisions to align with the state's model business license requirements. The update increases the out-of-city business exemption threshold

from \$2,000 to \$4,000 effective January 1, 2026, and establishes automatic CPI-based adjustments every four years. The ordinance incorporates these state-mandated changes and provides the required notice for implementation through the state’s business licensing system.

MOTION: MOVED TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1461 AS PRESENTED.

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

VII. PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1462 - MAJ Boschma RMUO Zone Change - Claire Lust, Community Development Director

Staff presented a zone change application for Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 214224000, 214232000, and 213957000 (MAJ Boschma) to add the Ridgefield Mixed Use Overlay (RMUO) to approximately 9.26 acres. The overlay would allow future mixed commercial and multifamily residential development, whereas only commercial uses are currently permitted. The site is currently vacant and contains mapped critical areas in the southwest portion. Any future development under the RMUO would be subject to a Type III master planning process, including notice to nearby property owners and a public hearing before the Hearing Examiner. The Planning Commission discussed the proposal, noting support for potential affordable housing and concerns about preserving commercial space for large employers, and voted 4-1 to recommend approval to City Council. City Council conducted a discussion on the proposal and held a public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Chipman opened the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. No testimony was received. The public hearing was closed by Mayor Pro Tem Chipman at 8:05 p.m.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone requesting to speak to the Council regarding all items not subject to a specific Public Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and limit comments to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Comments received during public testimony can be heard on the City’s website under [City Council Meeting Audio Files | Ridgefield, WA \(ridgefieldwa.us\)](#).

IX. COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

1. Council

Council Member Burkle attended the First Saturday event, recognized the downtown trees lit in pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, attended the Port of Ridgefield meeting, and provided a reminder for the Green Bag Project to leave out food for pickup.

Council Member Wells attended a City Manager briefing and the open house at the Paradise Point subdivision.

Council Member Favela recognized Ridgefield Police and Officer Debiak for their work on the Pink Patch

Project and attended the Clark Cowlitz Fire Rescue meeting.

Council Member Davis attended and presented an award at Clark County's 25th Annual Celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Council Member Hamilton is currently attending the PLACES Conference and also attended meetings of the Chamber, Youth Commission, and Main Street Board.

2. Mayor

3. City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart reminded Council that the Boyse Park Groundbreaking Neighborhood Event will be held next Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. and provided an update on the Splash Pad project.

Public Works Director Ryan Thamert presented an update on the Water Conservation Strategy Plan.

PW Infrastructure Deputy Director Miiranda Lange provided an update on the Pioneer Widening Project.

Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus reported that recruitment is underway for the Youth Commission and other Boards and Commissions.

Community Development Director Claire Lust is currently attending a conference.

X. ADJOURN

8:29PM



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk



Matt Cole, Mayor