



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 18, 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  
Council Member Lee Wells  
Council Member Clyde Burkle  
Council Member Katie Favela  
Council Member Rian Davis  
Council Member Meghan Hamilton

**Absent:**

Mayor Pro Tem Judy Chipman

MOTION: COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO EXCUSE MAYOR PRO TEM CHIPMAN FROM THE MEETING.  
SECOND: COUNCIL MEMBER FAVELA.  
MOTION PASSED.

**3. Late changes to the agenda**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>(UNANIMOUS)</b>    |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Council Member Burkle |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Council Member Wells  |

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| <b>AYES:</b> | Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Council Member Burkle, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hamilton |
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1. **Approval of Claims And/Or Payroll**
2. **Approval of Minutes from the December 4, 2025 Meeting**
3. **Approval to Submit an Application to the Department of Commerce for a Climate Planning Grant**
4. **Approval of Washington State Legislative Agenda**

#### **IV. PRESENTATION**

1. **Salary Commission Update - Shaun Ford, Commission Chair**

Salary Commission Chair Shaun Ford presented an update from the Salary Commission.

2. **Federal Legislative Update - Joel Rubin & Page Strickler, CFM Advocates**

Page Strickler and Joel Rubin presented a federal legislative update.

#### **V. BUSINESS**

1. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 1470 — Ordinance of the City of Ridgefield Revising the Corporate Boundary of the City of Ridgefield to Include a Portion of South Royle Road - Miranda Lange, PW Infrastructure Deputy Director**

During preliminary design for Royle Road, staff identified that a segment was omitted from the original land conveyance but has been maintained by the City of Ridgefield for many years.

MOTION: MOVED TO WAIVE SECOND READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1470 AS PRESENTED.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>(UNANIMOUS)</b>                                                                                                            |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Council Member Favela                                                                                                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Council Member Davis                                                                                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Council Member Burkle, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hamilton |

2. **Motion - Approval of S. Royle Road & S. Wells Drive/S. 15th Street Roundabout Conceptual Design - Miranda Lange, PW Infrastructure Deputy Director**

Staff presented the conceptual design for the S. Royle Road and S. Wells Drive/S. 15th Street roundabout. The design includes mid-size plantings and a large metal sculpture depicting a farmer with a horse and plow. Council discussed the proposal and provided feedback to staff.

#### **VI. PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS**

1. **Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1471 - Oberreuter & Degenhardt Petition to Annex - Claire Lust, Community Development Director**

Staff presented that the proposed annexation includes three residential parcels in the southwest portion of the Gee Creek Plateau Subarea within the Ridgefield Urban Growth Area and contiguous with the City limits. The parcels are eligible for annexation and would require concurrent rezoning from County zoning to City zoning. The Comprehensive Plan and Gee Creek Plateau Subarea Plan designate the area as Urban Low Density Residential with RLD-6 zoning, and the UH-10 overlay would remain in place upon annexation.

until capital facilities deficiencies are resolved. Council conducted a discussion on the proposed annexation.

Mayor Cole opened the public hearing at 7:40PM.

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The public hearing was closed by Mayor Cole at 8:03PM.

The first reading of the Ordinance was conducted.

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## **VIII. COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Council**

Council Member Davis attended the Hometown Celebration event, the CTRAN Board of Directors meeting, and the Greater Vancouver Chamber 2026 Legislative Outlook.

Council Member Favela attended the Hometown Celebration event, the Greater Vancouver Chamber 2026 Legislative Outlook, and the A Night of 1,000 Stars event.

Council Member Wells attended the Hometown Celebration event, ribbon cuttings for new businesses, and the Greater Vancouver Chamber 2026 Legislative Outlook.

Council Member Burkle attended nine meetings and the Hometown Celebration event, provided an update on the Green Bag food project, attended ribbon cuttings for new businesses, and the Port of Ridgefield meeting.

Council Member Hamilton attended the Hometown Celebration event, the Greater Vancouver Chamber 2026 Legislative Outlook, and participated in the Heron Future Fair.

### **2. Mayor**

Attended several of the same events and meetings as other Council Members, including the Hometown Celebration and ribbon cuttings for new businesses.

### **3. City Manager**

Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus provided an update on the Circle of Trees, including the selected winner, and also provided a Youth Commission update.

Public Works Director Ryan Thamert provided an update on the recent winter storm and the City's Public Works response timing.

PW Infrastructure Deputy Director Miranda Lange provided an update on the artwork installation at the roundabout at Discovery Drive.

Police Chief Cathy Doriot recognized officers who were honored at the Night of 1,000 Stars event and provided an update on the Shop with a Cop program.

**IX. ADJOURN**

8:32PM



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk



Matt Cole, Mayor