



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 30, 2026**

**Regular Meeting - 4:00 PM**

**I. STUDY SESSION - 4:00 P.M.**

**Present:**

Mayor Matt Cole  
Council Member Lee Wells  
Mayor Pro Tem Judy Chipman  
Council Member Katie Favela  
Council Member Meghan Hamilton

**1. Critical Area Ordinance Updates and Comprehensive Plan Environment Element - Claire Lust, Community Development Director**

The City is updating Ridgefield Development Code Chapter 18.280 (Critical Areas) as part of the state-required 10-year review. Consultants prepared proposed amendments based on staff input, legislative updates, Best Available Science, and stakeholder interviews. Key issues reviewed included avoidance, mitigation, buffer widths, and critical aquifer recharge areas. Draft materials were presented to the Planning Commission in February and March, followed by a public hearing on April 1, 2026. The Commission forwarded recommendations to Council, and staff initiated the required Department of Commerce review and SEPA comment period. Council reviewed the proposed amendments during the April 30 study session, and an updated draft will be presented at a public hearing on May 28, with final Council action targeted for June 25.

**II. ADJOURN**

5:18PM

Julie Ferriss, City Clerk

Matt Cole, Mayor