



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 2026**

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. Great Outdoors Month**
- 2. Pride Month**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Council Member Burkle

SECONDER:	Council Member Davis
AYES:	Mayor Cole, 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 May 7, 2026 & May 14, 2026 Meeting**
3. **Approval of City Manager 2025-2026 Initiatives**
4. **Approval of Resolution No. 677 - N 1st Circle Right-of-Way Vacation - Claire Lust, Community Development Director**
5. **Approval of Contract for the Design of the Union Ridge Parkway Rehabilitation Project**
6. **Approval to Submit an Application for a Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Application for the Downtown Risk Reduction Project**
7. **Approval of Resolution No. 678 - Submit an Application for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant for the Downtown Lighting Project**
8. **Approval of Resolution No. 679 — Designation of the Official Newspaper**

V. BUSINESS

1. **Motion - Contract Award for the Construction Management Contract for the Ridgefield Community and Recreation Center - Miranda Lange, PW Infrastructure Deputy Director**

Council reviewed a proposed construction management contract for project oversight, including ensuring compliance with approved plans and specifications, coordinating inspections, and managing required project reporting. The proposed contract amount is \$897,980.

MOTION: MOVED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF THE RIDGEFIELD COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTER PROJECT TO CUMMINGS GROUP.

RESULT:	(5-1)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Chipman
SECONDER:	Council Member Wells
AYES:	Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Council Member Burkle, Council Member Hamilton, Council Member Davis
NAYS:	Council Member Favela

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VII. COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

1. Council

Council Member Wells – No report.

Council Member Brukle attended the ribbon cutting for The Barbers Grand Opening, the Junction Neighborhood Association meeting, the Port of Ridgefield meeting, the Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony, the Ridgefield Economic Development Corporation meeting, and the ribbon cutting for Dental Care at Union Ridge.

Council Member Hamilton expressed appreciation for being part of a community where residents feel seen and heard. She also recognized the Public Works team for their work in preparing the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex for opening day.

Council Member Davis attended the Junction Neighborhood Association meeting, a School District event honoring Det. King, and the Bike Safety event.

Council Member Favela recognized the Public Works team for their work in preparing the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex for opening day and attended two events honoring Det. King.

Mayor Pro Tem Chipman attended many of the same meetings and events as other Council members, as well as a Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

2. Mayor

Participated in welcoming third-grade students at City Hall and providing a tour. Attended an event honoring Det. King, the State of Clark County Address, the Junction Neighborhood Association meeting, and Council Chat with Councilor Hamilton. Also attended ribbon cutting ceremonies and recognized the Public Works Department for their work in preparing the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex for opening day. Expressed condolences to the residents of Longview regarding the tragic event at Nippon Dynawave Packaging Co.

3. City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart reminded Council that the Council Coffee Chat with Councilors Brukle and Wells is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at 7:30AM. A reminder was also provided regarding the First Saturday Big Paddle event.

Public Works Director Ryan Thamert expressed appreciation for Council's recognition of the Public Works team and noted he will relay the feedback to staff.

Finance Director Kirk Johnson presented an update on House Bill 2015 and recognized Chief Doriot and Kristin Lashua for their efforts.

Interim Lieutenant Andy Marvitz provided an update on the officer recruitment project. He noted the City was awarded funding from the State and shared the current status of the project. He also acknowledged Det. King and his recent awards.

VIII. ADJOURN

7:46PM

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Julie Ferriss, City Clerk

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Matt Cole, Mayor