



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 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. America250 Commemoration and Independence Day**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Burkle
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Chipman
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 June 4, 2026 Meeting**
3. **Approval of Contract for the Enhanced Crossing at Hillhurst and Carty Road (Carty Road Trail Crossing – Phase I Hillhurst Crosswalk)**
4. **Motion to Approve an RTC Grant Application for the South Hillhurst Multi-Modal Trail Project**

V. BUSINESS

1. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 1483 - Stormwater Management Code Update - Ryan Thamert, Public Works Director**

Staff reported that the City's existing stormwater regulations are currently located in multiple sections of the Ridgefield Municipal Code, including Chapters 13.80 (Illicit Discharge) and 18.755 (Erosion Control). As the City moves toward full MS4 Permit compliance, updates are needed to align with current regulatory requirements. Staff presented a proposed ordinance to consolidate and update stormwater regulations into a new Title 19 – Stormwater Management, establishing a unified framework consistent with MS4 Permit requirements and Washington State Department of Ecology standards. The proposed Title 19 includes provisions for general requirements, source control of pollutants, illicit discharge detection and elimination, and erosion and sediment control. The ordinance also updates related code sections and repeals Chapters 13.80 and 18.755.

The first reading of the Ordinance was conducted.

2. **Approval of Water Conservation Strategy Updates - Ryan Thamert, Public Works Director**

Staff presented a Water Conservation Plan developed to provide the City with a structured approach to managing water demand during system outages, emergencies, and periods of peak seasonal demand that may exceed current production and storage capacity. Staff noted that while the City has made significant investments in water infrastructure over the past 15 years, system capacity remains constrained during peak demand periods. Additional capital improvements are planned but are not yet complete. The proposed plan establishes five conservation phases with increasing levels of customer and City actions, triggered by system conditions such as water production and available storage, to reduce seasonal peak demand. City Council conducted a discussion and provided feedback on the proposed plan.

MOTION: MAYOR PRO TEM CHIPMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE WATER CONSERVATION STRATEGY PLAN AS PRESENTED.

SECOND: COUNCIL MEMBER WELLS.

MOTION AMENDMENT: COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE CAR WASHES TO BE INCLUDED WITH RECREATIONAL WATER FEATURE ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN.

SECOND: COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON.

MOTION PASSED.

APPROVE THE WATER CONSERVATION STRATEGY PLAN AS AMENDED.

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)

AYES:	Mayor Cole, Council Member Wells, Mayor Pro Tem Chipman, Council Member Burkle, Council Member Favela, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hamilton
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VI. PUBLIC HEARING/BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1482 - N 1st Circle Right-of-Way Vacation - Claire Lust, Community Development Director

Staff reported that the City of Ridgefield owns right-of-way (ROW) along N 1st Circle, formerly part of the State Route 501 overpass and Interstate 5 interchange prior to reconstruction in 2009. The excess ROW width remains beyond the needs of the current dead-end local street configuration. Staff noted that during a November 7, 2025 pre-application conference for a proposed veterinary clinic at 6325 N 1st Circle (North County Animal Hospital), the applicant identified the potential to incorporate adjacent ROW into the developable site area and requested initiation of a ROW vacation. Council previously reviewed the request on May 28, 2026 and approved a resolution authorizing the ROW vacation process to proceed. A public hearing and first reading of the ordinance were subsequently scheduled in accordance with state requirements. The subject area consists of approximately 7,307 square feet. Based on an estimated valuation of \$5.83 per square foot, the total value is approximately \$42,599.81, with the standard 50 percent vacation fee estimated at \$21,299.91.

Mayor Cole Opened the Public Hearing: 8:05PM

No testimony was received.

Mayor Cole Closed the Public Hearing: 8:05PM

MOTION: MOVED TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1482 AS PRESENTED.

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

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VIII. COUNCIL/PRESIDING OFFICER/STAFF REPORTS

1. Council

Mayor Pro Tem Chipman presented the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Hometown Hero Award to Council Member Burkle, Mayor Cole, and Kelliana Cole.

Council Member Hamilton attended the Port of Ridgefield meeting and expressed appreciation for public feedback and participation.

Council Member Burkle provided an update on the Green Bag program and attended the Port of Ridgefield meeting, Clark Regional Wastewater District meeting, and the 35th Avenue Extension Project site visit.

Council Member Wells attended the Port of Ridgefield meeting and the Clark Regional Wastewater District meeting.

Council Member Favela attended the View Ridge Middle School graduation and provided updates on the ECHO law enforcement panel and crisis collaborative session.

Council Member Davis attended meetings related to C-TRAN and will attend the upcoming AWC Conference in Spokane.

2. Mayor

Participated in the Youth Commission End of Year Celebration Lunch. Will present at the AWC Conference in Spokane on the Youth Commission. Participated in the 35th Avenue Extension Project site tour with Council Member Burkle and attended Chamber Wine Down Wednesday.

3. City Manager

Finance Director Kirk Johnson presented an update on the State Audit.

IX. ADJOURN

8:35PM



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk



Matt Cole, Mayor