



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 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. American's with Disabilities Act**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Burkle
SECONDER:	Council Member Favela
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 11, 2026 and June 18, 2026 Meeting**
3. **Contract Award for the 2026 Roundabouts and 4th Avenue Striping Project**
4. **Motion to Approve the Submittal of Grant Applications**
5. **Resolution No. 680 - Approval to Submit an Application for a Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Application for the Downtown Risk Reduction Project**

V. PRESENTATION

1. **Community in Motion - Walt Gordon, CIM Board of Directors**

Community in Motion staff presented an update to City Council.

VI. BUSINESS

1. **Second 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.

MOTION: MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1483 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Hamilton
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Chipman
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 participated in the Fourth of July Parade.

Council Member Favela attended the City Tour with Board and Commission members and participated in the Fourth of July Parade.

Council Member Davis attended the City Tour with Board and Commission members, participated in the Fourth of July Parade, and attended the AWC Annual Conference.

Council Member Wells participated in the Fourth of July Parade and attended the City Tour with Board and Commission members.

Council Member Burkle attended the City Tour with Board and Commission members, participated in the Fourth of July Parade, and attended the Port of Ridgefield meeting.

Council Member Hamilton attended the State Auditor's exit interview, the Ridgefield Chamber Lunch & Learn, the Ridgefield Main Street Board of Directors meeting, the City Tour with Board and Commission members, the Fourth of July Parade, and the Main Street Board meeting. Invitation to the public to attend the April 15 YWCA Community Changemakers event at the Neighborhood Refuge.

2. Mayor

Attended the AWC Annual Conference, participated as a panelist on the Ridgefield Youth Commission presentation, and participated in the Fourth of July Parade.

3. City Manager

City Manager Steve Stuart recognized staff for their work on the City Tour and thanked the Public Works and Police Department teams for their efforts before and during the Fourth of July celebration. He also reminded Council of the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies.

Public Works Director Ryan Thamert acknowledged the Public Works team for their efforts leading up to and during the Fourth of July event.

Police Chief Cathy Doriot presented call statistics for July 3 and July 4.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), (c), and (d): Consideration of real property acquisition, the minimum price for the sale or lease of real property, and review of negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts.

8:05PM: Mayor Cole announced that the City Council would recess into Executive Session until 9:05PM pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), (c), and (d).

Executive Session Attendees: Mayor Cole, Council Members, City Attorney Janean Parker, City Manager Steve Stuart, Finance Director Kirk Johnson, Public Works Director Ryan Thamert, Parks Manager Corey Crownhart, Public Works Infrastructure Deputy Director Miranda Lange, and Dirges Patel, Bluerock Ventures, LLC.

8:27PM. – Dirges Patel exited the Executive Session.

9:05PM. – The Executive Session was extended to 9:35PM.

9:35PM. – The Executive Session was extended to 10:05PM.

10:05PM. – The Executive Session was extended to 10:20PM.

10:20PM. – The Mayor reconvened the regular meeting. No action was taken, and the meeting was adjourned.

X. ADJOURN

10:20PM



Julie Ferriss, City Clerk



Matt Cole, Mayor