

CITY OF STANWOOD
Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 11, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Gaumond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

City Clerk Lisa Sokolik called the roll with the following Councilmembers Present: Dani Gaumond, Marcus Metz, Darren Robb, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Tim Schmitt. The meeting was quorate.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Gaumond, to excuse Councilmember Robert Hicks. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Finance Director David Hammond, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Engineer Alan Lytton, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Fire Chief Dave Kraski, Police Chief Jason Toner, Police Sgt. Kore Oyetuga, Communications and Marketing Specialist Niki Strachila, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik. Utility Supervisor Leigh Danielson and Public Works Office Specialist Amanda Slattery attended via Zoom.

3. Approval of the Agenda

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Shepro to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentations

a. Employee Recognition Awards

Mayor Roberts presented Kevin Pellham with the Internal Customer Service Award. Kevin is the city's park maintenance lead, construction inspector, landscaper, and all-around fix-it guy. Kevin has been with the city since 2019, he is always willing to help other departments, and he believes doing projects in house which saves the city money. Kevin is a benefit to the city as he knows how to do so many things and he always has a can-do attitude.

Mayor Roberts presented Niki Strachila the External Customer Service Award. Niki joined the city in January 2024 as the Communications and Marketing Specialist. The Mayor said he appreciates how Niki makes the city look better with her special touches to Facebook, other social media, City's Newsletter, and her timely communication to keep citizens updated,

whether it's good news or bad. Niki is very involved with supporting local businesses and with the City's special events. The City is very fortunate to have Niki and she is very deserving of this award.

b. Community Resource Center Program Updates

Executive Director Mary Brederick and Resources Director Andrea Wyatt presented an update on the Community Resource Center programs.

5. Public Comment

No public comments.

6. Staff / Department Report

- a. Police Compstat Report – August
- b. 2025 Key Legislation Update Timeline

7. Council Committee Reports

- a. Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes – August 7 & 13, 2025
- b. Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2025
- c. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2025

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll Checks
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2025
- c. Approve City Council Workshop Minutes – August 14, 2025
- d. A Snohomish County Drainage & Diking Improvement District 7 ILA for the Dike District 7 Levee Realignment and Repair Project

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Shepro to approve consent agenda items A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, B. approve City Council Regular Meeting minutes for August 14, 2025, C. approve City Council Workshop Minutes for August 14, 2025, and D. authorize the Mayor to sign the Snohomish County Drainage & Diking Improvement District 7 ILA for the Dike District 7 Levee Realignment and Repair Project. **Motion carried unanimously.***

9. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

10. Public Hearing

No public hearing.

11. New Business

- a. Authorize a New Position - Deputy Clerk/Finance Administrative Assistant

Director Hammond asked the Mayor to remove this item from the agenda, the item will be presented to Council on September 25, 2025.

- b. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Gray & Osborne for the Knittle Pump Station Replacement Project Design

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Bergman to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Gray & Osborne for the Knittle Booster Pump Station Replacement Project Design not to exceed \$167,300. **Motion carried unanimously.***

c. Irvine Slough Stormwater Separation Project – Phase II

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Bergman to authorize the Mayor to execute the grant agreement with the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians to receive Flood Plains by Design grant money for the Irvine Slough Stormwater Separation Phase 2 Project. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

No closing comments.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- The council workshop scheduled for October 9th has been moved to October 25th.
- Thank you to North County Regional Fire Authority for putting out the flags along SR 532 in honor of 911. Next year is the 25th year anniversary so the celebration will be much bigger.

b. City Administrator Report

- Reminder that there is a council workshop on September 25th.
- We have quite a few good employees here at Stanwood, but Kevin Pellham and Niki Strachila are considered AllStars!
- Alan Lytton was successful in getting a grant from PUD for \$11,600 for 20 trees, stakes, and water bags to be planted along the trail at Heritage park.

c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

- Councilmembers congratulated the Employee Award recipients and thanked the Chiefs for the 911 display of flags.
- Shepro visited the Oso mudslide two acer memorial. It took 10 years to raise the funds and design. It's a beautiful memorial and encourages everyone to visit.
- Schmitt asked Chief Toner about cashless bail and what it will do on jailing costs. Chief Toner answered that he doesn't think cashless bail will be coming to Washington anytime soon.

14. Executive Session

At 7:57 p.m., the Mayor, Council, Smith, Hammond, City Attorney Thompson, Chief Toner, and Sgt. Oyetuga recessed to Executive Session for a 10-minute discussion to discuss with legal counsel pending litigation per RCW 42.30.100(1)(i), no action will be taken.

The regular city council meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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Sid Roberts, Mayor

Darren Robb, Mayor Pro Tem for

ATTEST:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk