

City of Stanwood
Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 9, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Shepro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

Councilmembers absent: Dani Gaumond, Darren Robb and Robert Hicks.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Shepro, to excuse Councilmembers Gaumond, Robb and Hicks. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Engineer Alan Lytton, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Police Chief Jason Toner, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Presentations

No presentations.

5. Public Comments

No public comments.

6. Staff/Department Reports

a. Police Compstat Report - September

7. Council Committee Reports

a. Parks & Trails Advisory Committee Minutes - August

b. Public Works Committee Minutes - September

8. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approve Vouchers and Payroll**
- b. **Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - September 25, 2025**
- c. **Approve City Council Workshop Minutes - September 25, 2025**

*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 September 25, 2025, and C. approve city council workshop minutes for September 25, 2025. **Motion carried unanimously.***

9. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

10. Public Hearing

- a. **Approve First Reading of Ordinance 1549 Missing Middle Housing, Ordinance 1550 Land Division, and Ordinance 1551 Street and Utility Standards**

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm. Mayor Roberts noted that the Public Hearing will remain open until after the second reading on October 23, 2025.

Director Love presented three ordinances; 1549 Missing Middle Housing, 1550 Land Division, and 1551 Street and Utility Standards. Love explained that the three ordinances are combined as they compliment each other and work together as a package.

Hearing no public comments, the Mayor opened the floor for Council's questions and comments.

Councilmember Bergman asked if the zero lot line applies only to cottages. Love answered that in earlier drafts the zero lot line could include cottages, but after receiving feedback, it will only be applied to developments that have common walls. Councilmember Shepro thanked Love for the responses to council's requested amendments.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Shepro, to approve first reading of Ordinance 1549 Missing Middle Housing, Ordinance 1550 Land Division, and Ordinance 1551 Street and Utility Standards. **Motion carried unanimously.***

11. New Business

a. Approve First Reading of Ordinance 1552 Clarifying Language of Ordinance 1547

Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Bergman, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 1552 as set forth in Attachment A.
Motion carried unanimously.

b. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract Extension with the Community Resource Center of Stanwood-Camano for Rental Assistance

Motion by Councilmember Bergman, second by Councilmember Metz, to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with the Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano to administer rental assistance funds on behalf of the City of Stanwood.

Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Metz, to amend the motion by adding the following language to the end of the original motion: an additional \$7,000 will be added to the approximate \$14,000 of revenue derived from the sales and use tax for affordable housing. The additional funds will come from the city's general fund and be approved by City Council during budget proceedings.

Roll call of votes was taken:

Councilmember Metz	– No
Councilmember Shepro	– Yes
Councilmember Bergman	– Yes
Councilmember Schmitt	– No

The amended motion fails 2 yeas to 2 nays.

Roll call of votes was taken on the original motion:

Councilmember Metz	– Yes
Councilmember Shepro	– Yes
Councilmember Bergman	– Yes
Councilmember Schmitt	– Yes

Motion passes with 4 yeas and 0 nays.

12. Public Closing Comments

No public comments.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor attended a ribbon cutting at Heritage Park for the dedication of the new Playground Equipment and the Pump Track. It was a great turnout, and many people are already using these new features.
- The Mayor reminded council that there is a workshop on October 23rd.

b. City Administrator's Report

- Smith said at the last council meeting, Councilmember Hicks mentioned that in 2022, Council passed Resolution 2022-15 making Stanwood a Purple Heart City. A sign has been ordered and will be placed on SR532 at the city limits.
- Smith said the Everett Herald had an article about the City of Edmonds being over budget. The Edmonds Mayor was quoted saying every city in the state is over budget. Stanwood is not over budget, the city's budget is in a very good spot due to the hard work of the Public Works, Community Development, and Finance directors, and because of Council's hard work on the budget, spending money wisely.

c. Councilmember's Report/Questions

- Councilmember Metz said he was excited for BECU to open in Stanwood. Mayor Roberts added the ribbon cutting is scheduled for November 4th and encouraged council to attend.
- Councilmember Shepro said at the time he saw Niki Strachila's Facebook post on the new Heritage Park Pump Track and Playground, he was amazed that it had 957 likes, it must be a record for the city. The Mayor added that Niki has done a great job engaging with the community. In two years, Niki has grown the Facebook followers from 5,300 to 9,000.
- Councilmember Bergman asked about the construction project on Main Street; will it be completed by Halloween? Smith answered, no, but the contractors will have it cleaned up so for the trick-or-treaters.
- Councilmember Schmitt said ballots are being mailed out next week and encourages everyone to get out and vote.

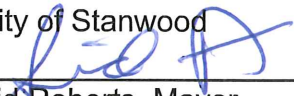
14. Recess to Executive Session

No executive session scheduled for this meeting.

15. Adjourn

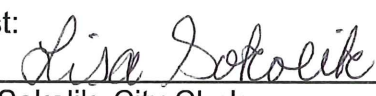
There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

City of Stanwood



Sid Roberts, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk