

City of Stanwood
Regular Meeting of the City Council
December 11, 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 Robb 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, Robert Hicks, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Tim Schmitt. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Finance Manager Tim Niebruegge, City Attorney Dan Curtis, Police Chief Jason Toner, Police Sgt. Kore Oyetuga, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik. Utilities Supervisor Leigh Danielson attended via Zoom.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Roberts requested to amend the agenda by removing item 4a Presentations Stanwood High School Update.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Metz to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Presentations

a. Stanwood High School Update - Alexa Lay

This item was removed from the agenda.

b. Service Award Councilmembers Marcus Metz and Tim Schmitt

Mayor Roberts presented plaques to councilmembers Metz and Schmitt and thanked them for serving on the city council for four years.

5. Public Comments

No public comments.

6. Staff/Department Reports

a. Police Compstat Report - November

7. Council Committee Reports

No council committee reports to review.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Vouchers and Payroll
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - November 24, 2025
- c. Appoint Mayor Roberts as the Stanwood Representative to Attend the Community Transit Board of Directors Selection Meeting
- d. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Snohomish County Interlocal Agreement for Drug Task Force Cooperation
- e. Approve Planning Commission Appointments - Rachelle Pedersen and Randall Burton
- f. Accept the Washington State Transportation Board (TIB) Grant

*Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Gaumond to approve consent agenda items A. approval of vouchers and payroll checks, B. approve city council regular meeting minutes for December 11, 2025, C. appoint Mayor Roberts as the Stanwood representative to attend the Community Transit Board of Directors Section Meeting, D. authorize the Mayor to sign the Snohomish County Interlocal Agreement for Drug Task Force Cooperation, E. approve Planning Commission appointments - Rachelle Pedersen and Randall Burton, and F. Accept the Washington State Transportation Board (TIB) grant. **Motion carried unanimously.***

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Approve Downtown Creative District / Main Street Program Approach

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Shepro to approve the \$45,000 budget request and direct staff to continue with the downtown initiative work in 2026 to pursue a creative arts district, main street program and historic preservation program. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- b. Approve Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 1555 Chapter 12—Utilities Re-write, System Development Charge and Rate Updates

Councilmember Hicks requested that Finance review two additional aspects of the utility rate structure; whether light commercial water accounts are structured equitably, especially very small companies that use very little water, and also he asked whether we can look at whether maintenance and operation expenses may be reduced in future by efficiencies gained by the capital investment program.

Motion by Councilmember Shepro, second by Councilmember Metz to accept the second reading and adopt Ordinance 1555.

*A roll call of votes was taken. **Motion carried unanimously.***

c. Approve Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 1553 Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustment

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Metz to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance 1553 Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustment. **Motion carried unanimously.***

10. Public Hearing

a. Approve First and Second Readings and Adopt Ordinance 1557 SEPA Code Amendment

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 9:29 p.m. With no public comments, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 9:30 p.m.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Bergman to accept the first and second reading and adopt Ordinance 1557. **Motion carried unanimously.***

b. Approve First and Second Readings and Adopt Ordinance 1558 Nonconforming Regulations Code Amendment

Mayor Roberts opened the Public Hearing at 9:45 p.m. With no public comments, Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 9:46 p.m.

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Robb to accept the first and second reading and adopt Ordinance 1558. **Motion carried unanimously.***

11. New Business

a. Adopt Resolution 2025-06 2026 Rate and Fee Schedule

*Motion by Councilmember Robb to extend the City Council business meeting for 10 minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.***

*Motion by Councilmember Metz, second by Councilmember Hicks to approve Resolution 2025-06 Updating the Consolidated Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2026. **Motion carried unanimously.***

12. Public Closing Comments

No closing comments.

13. Executive/Legislative Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- The Tree Lighting event was a huge success; it was estimated that 2,000 to 3,000 people attended. A big shout-out to Niki Strachila and others for all the hard work that went into putting on the event.
- Attended the Elected Officials training with Councilmember Elect Cowan and Wheatley.

b. City Administrator's Report

- The state is having historic flooding. The new floodwall is working, it's holding back the water and keeping the city dry. The projection was revised down, but when the water reached the valley, it came in fast. Up north, the Skagit river is at a record high; 60,000 people have been evacuated. Staff is watching and paying close attention as it looks like the water will reach 39 level and the levee is 40.5; it will be close. The EOC has been set up and plans have been made for evacuations in case the levee fails.
- Would like to put America's 250th Celebration on the February workshop agenda.
- Thanked the outgoing Councilmembers Metz and Schmitt.

c. Councilmember's Reports/Questions

- Schmitt attended the Christmas Tree Lighting event and suggested adding porta-potties, first aid station, and a lost child booth.
- Bergman thanked Police Chief Toner for his service to Stanwood and wished him well at his new assignment. Thanked Public Works for their hard work during the flood and keeping everyone informed.
- Shepro will postpone his rule 11 motion for America's 250th Celebration until the February workshop. Thanked Metz and Schmitt for serving on council, he enjoyed working with them and hopes they stay involved and attend future council meetings.
- Hicks expressed his gratitude to the Mayor, colleagues and Director Hammond for the debate and discussion tonight, and he appreciates the feedback. Congratulated Metz and Schmitt, wished them the best in their next endeavor. Thanked the Mayor, staff, emergency personnel, and volunteers for keeping watch on the flood. December 12th is Wreaths Across America.

*Motion by Councilmember Robb, second by Councilmember Hicks to extend the City Council meeting for 5 minutes, until 10:15 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- Robb thanked Metz and Schmitt and appreciated working with them. Although Council doesn't agree on all things, it was nice to know that this Council has the city's best interest at heart. Congratulated Chief Toner, he is leaving big shoes to fill. The Tree Lighting ceremony had an incredible turnout, need to figure out how to accommodate all the people next year.
- Metz said serving on the council has been a very valuable experience personally and professionally. Wished Council good luck going forward.
- Gaumond it was a pleasure working with both Metz and Schmitt and wished them best of luck.

14. Recess to Executive Session

15. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, and hearing no objection to adjournment, Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

City of Stanwood



Sid Roberts, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk