

**City of Stanwood
Workshop of the City Council
March 26, 2026 | 5:00 PM**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Present: Dani Gaumond, Earl Cowan, Darren Robb, Robert Hicks, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Jeff Wheatley. The meeting was quorate.

Also present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, City Engineer Alan Lytton, Communications and Marketing Specialist Niki Strachila, Deputy City Clerk Barbara Vasquez, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

2. New Business

a. Permitted Use Matrix Discussion

Community Development Director Love, provided an overview of proposed code amendments related to the Permitted Use Matrix and Development Standards.

The Council discussed the following key topics:

- The role of an adopted permitted use matrix in establishing overall land use rights.
- Terminology used within the matrix, including permitted uses, accessory uses, conditional uses, prohibited uses, and unclassified uses.
- The structure and organization of the updated matrix.
- The importance of including uses that support the Comprehensive Plan, particularly in relation to housing and economic growth.
- Consideration of uses that may be inappropriate or should be prohibited in a small urban city.

Staff noted that the Planning Commission will begin its public hearing process on the proposed amendments in April.

The Council expressed support for holding an additional workshop following the Planning Commission's recommendations.

b. Public Safety Sales Tax

Finance Director Hammond gave a presentation regarding Public Safety Sales Tax (RCW 82.14.450). This tax would enact a 0.1% sales tax in which revenues are partially restricted and 1/3 must be used for criminal justice and/or fire protection. Voter approval is required. If approved, the Stanwood sales tax rate would increase to 9.4%.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Attest:



Sid Roberts, Mayor



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk