



City Council Meeting Minutes

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor • Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

June 2, 2025

Workshops: 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

The City Council Meeting was held on 6/2/2025 at 5:15 PM in the Vancouver City Hall, Council Chambers 415 West 6th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660.

Workshops were conducted in person in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, or www.facebook.com/VancouverUS.

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2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

(Approximately 45 minutes)

Chris Malone, Public Works Finance and Asset Manager,
chris.malone@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Councilmember Stober was absent from the workshop.

Councilmember Paulsen was late to the workshop.

Councilmember Hansen joined the workshop remotely.

Regular Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with in person and remote viewing and participation over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook

page, www.facebook.com/VancouverUS. Public access and testimony on Consent Agenda items and under the Community Forum were also facilitated in person and via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, including both in person and remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmember Harless, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Paulsen, Councilmember Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: Councilmember Stober

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to excuse Councilmember Stober from the meeting. Absent from vote: Councilmember Stober.

Councilmember Hansen joined the meeting remotely.

Proclamations

Pride Month

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Terah Ebie, Co-founder Queer Community Network, and Kat Stein, Cofounder Queer Community Network, proclaiming June 2025 as Pride Month.

Community Communication

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to Council regarding any matter on the Agenda not already scheduled for Public Hearing. (Separate instructions are provided for offering testimony on Public Hearing when applicable.) This includes the option to testify about Workshops. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio

record. Speakers are to limit their testimony to a total of three minutes for all items combined. RCW 42.17A.555 and City Council Policy 100-32 prohibit the use of public facilities to support or oppose any ballot measure, or to support or oppose any candidate for elective office. Any violation of these rules could result in a suspension of speaking privileges during public comment periods at City Council Meetings for 90 days or longer for multiple offenses.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter on the agenda not scheduled for a Public Hearing:

- *Wynn Grcich, Vancouver*
- *Carmen DeLeon, Vancouver*
- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*
- *Heidi Cody, Vancouver*
- *Albert Schlotfeldt, Vancouver*

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda

The following items will be passed by a single motion to approve all listed actions and resolutions. There will be no discussion on these items unless requested by Council. If discussion is requested, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered separately – after the motion has been made and passed to approve the remaining items.

Council pulled items 6, 7, and 8 for discussion.

Council remanded Item 8 back to staff.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Items 1-7 and 9-10 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Stober.

- 1. Bid Rejection - Evergreen Trail, SE Chelsea Avenue to SE Image Road (Project # PRJ071455) - ITB #25-06**

Staff Report: 104-25

Request: On Monday, June 2, 2025, reject all bids to facilitate rebidding the project at later date.

Leslie Degenhart, Civil Engineer 3, Hassan Abdalla, Engineering Manager, Leslie.Degenhart@cityofvancouver.us, hassan.abdalla@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

2. Bid Award – West 16th Pump Station Improvements – ITB 25-21

Staff Report: 105-25

Request: On Monday, June 2, 2025, award a contract and authorize the City Manager, or designee to execute a construction contract and any required amendments with Colf Construction of Vancouver, WA for the W 16th Pump Station improvements at the Westside WWTF at their bid price of \$1,688,168, which includes Washington State sales tax and apprenticeship utilization.

Frank Dick, Wastewater Treatment Program Manager, frank.dick@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

3. Master Interlocal Services Agreement - SW Washington Regional Transportation Council

Staff Report: 106-25

Request: On Monday, June 2, 2025, adopt the Master Interlocal Service Agreement with the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

Kate Drennan, Transportation Planning Program Manager, Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director, kate.drennan@cityofvancouver.us, rebecca.kennedy@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

4. 2025 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) State Grant

Staff Report: 107-25

Request: On Monday, June 2, 2025, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to. Authorize the City Manager or designee to approve the 2025 ICAC State Grant.

Daphine Harris, Police Business Services Manager, daphine.harris@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

5. 2025 Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority (WATPA) Grant

Staff Report: 108-25

Request: On Monday, June 2, 2025, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve the 2025 Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Grant.

Daphne Harris, Police Business Services Manager,
daphne.harris@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

6. 2025-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement with OPEIU Local 11

Staff Report: 109-25

Request: On Monday, June 2, 2025, authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026, Collective Bargaining Agreement with the OPEIU by executing the same.

Lee Lofton, Deputy Human Resources Director,
lee.lofton@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

7. Right-of-way Telecommunications Franchise Agreement for Flying Bull Internet LLC, d/b/a Novos Fiber and Prime Fiber

AN ORDINANCE relating to management of the public rights-of-way, granting to Flying Bull Internet, LLC d/b/a Novos Fiber, Prime Fiber, LLC, and their affiliates ("Grantee"), a limited liability company (collectively "Parties"), a non-exclusive and revocable Franchise to install, operate and maintain a telecommunication system in, on, over, upon, along, and across Public Ways of the City of Vancouver, Washington ("City"), establishing certain rights, duties, terms, and conditions with respect to the Franchise; and setting an effective date and conditions.

Staff Report: 110-25

Request: On Monday, June 2, 2025, advance ordinance on first reading, setting a date for second reading and public hearing on July 7, 2025.

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager, Cary Driskell, Assistant City Attorney, aaron.lande@cityofvancouver.us,
cary.driskell@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

8. Adoption of Rental Registration Program Code

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver relating to the creation of a rental registration program; adopting a new Chapter 5.08 to the Vancouver Municipal Code; enacting new sections VMC 5.08.010, 5.08.020, 5.08.030, 5.08.040, 5.08.050, 5.08.060, 5.08.070, 5.08.080, 5.08.090, 5.08.100, 5.08.110, and 5.08.120; amending VMC 22.01.030; providing for the implementation of the rental registration program; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 111-25

Request: On Monday, June 2, 2025, advance the ordinance creating a Residential Rental Registration Program and set the date for the second reading and public hearing for June 9, 2025.

Patrick Quinton, Economic Development Director, Samantha Whitley, Housing Programs Manager, patrick.quinton@cityofvancouver.us, samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us

Item remanded back to staff and to be brought back at a later date.

9. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Appointment

Request: On Monday, Monday, June 2, 2025, reappoint Valerie Striplin and Angilo Fletcher to a full-term positions on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, with a terms beginning July 31, 2025 and expiring July 31, 2028.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Motion approved the request.

10. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for June 2, 2025.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$22,272,308.16.

Public Hearings

The following item(s) are scheduled for public hearing. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Unless otherwise announced by the Presiding Officer, speakers are to limit their testimony to three minutes for each public hearing.

11. Right-of-Way Telecommunications Franchise Agreement for Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC (Ezee Fiber)

AN ORDINANCE relating to management of the public rights-of-way, granting to Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC and its affiliates (“Grantee”), a limited liability company (collectively “Parties”), a non-exclusive and revocable Franchise to install, operate and maintain a telecommunication system in, on, over, upon, along, and across Public Ways of the City of Vancouver, Washington (“City”), establishing certain rights, duties, terms, and conditions with respect to the Franchise; and setting an effective date and conditions.

Staff Report: 087-25

Request: On Monday, June 2, 2025, upon second reading and a public hearing, approve the ordinance allowing the City to sign the franchise agreement with Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC.

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager, Cary Driskell, Assistant City Attorney, aaron.lande@cityofvancouver.us, cary.driskell@cityofvancouver.us

Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Development Manager, Cary Driskell, Assistant City Attorney, provided an overview of the Right-of-Way Telecommunications Franchise Agreement for Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC (Ezee Fiber).

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

- *Carmen DeLeon, Vancouver*
- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4503. Absent from vote: Councilmember Stober.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Parking Minimum Update

Chim Chune Ko, Principal Project Manager, discussed the Parking Minimum Update.

Countywide Parks Funding Discussion

David Perlick, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, discussed the Countywide Parks Funding Discussion.

Councilmember Hansen left the meeting during the Countywide Parks Funding Discussion.

Adjournment

9:07 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

DocuSigned by:

Natasha Ramras

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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From: [City of Vancouver, WA](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council
Date: Friday, May 30, 2025 11:26:34 AM

Contact the City Council

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Subject
Share an Opinion of a City project or Initiative
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All the Council
Message
On behalf of The AI Angleo Company we are writing the Vancouver City Council to express our opposition to the Proposed Rental Registration Program. . This proposed ordinance will drive prices up for rental housing and will not be effective in reigning in problematic landlords. The annual \$30 per unit fee to the City for the program will be expensive for landlords, as will the fees to hire the inspectors to conduct the inspection. A more effective and less costly approach is to increase vigilance with Tenant complaints and then focus inspections on complexes with repeat problems.

From: [City of Vancouver, WA](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 11:23:16 PM

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Subject
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Message
I oppose initiatives considered by the City. Reg/Rental Unit = Annual Reg FEE(S). Reg/Per Rental Unit = Annual Reg FEE(S) for each legal parcel in City limits. Reg/ Rental Unit = Annual Business License FEE for each legal parcel or per assigned UBI Number. Why? Detrimental to affordable housing, and will increase homeless camps in the city. If The City of Vancouver passes this, I shall consider and many constituents upon selling our rentals creating more expensive housing, shortage. Crime will increase, my property damaged by street person, on cam from camp, police did nothing!

From: [City of Vancouver, WA](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 11:45:14 PM

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Subject
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Message
Rental Registration Program is designed by this city to increase housing expenses, creating government bureaucracy to force the small landlord out of business just trying to stay afloat! It was not enough that landlords had no means to protect their property during Covid by squatters, damages, subletting, and no means to get destructive people out of their homes! Now homeless camps are many, crime increased, and now the city sugar coating this bill by saying, " this will unite landlord, tenant, and the city together? A local property owner from USSR said, "I had more propety rights in USSR"

From: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Submission: Contact City Council
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 11:52:09 AM

6-2 written public testimony.

Sarah Dollar | Executive Assistant to the City Council
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Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 11:50 AM
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Message

The AI Angelo Co. is expressing our opposition to the Proposed Rental Registration Program and have submitted our rebuttal to all Council members and Mayor.

Craig E. Angelo

Downtown Parking Petition

We are concerned members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and friends who are disappointed that the Vancouver City Council made the decision that parking would not be free on the weekends. This will greatly impact our small church and possibly cause it to fail. (We are fighting hard to stay alive!)

It will also impact the city in ways you haven't imagined. The list that follows are the services that will be lost if St. Paul goes under.

- The Outsiders Inn Men's shelter supporting 30 homeless men
- The only downtown daycare/preschool
- The post office for the unhoused
- The warming shelter and cooling shelter for many (the only daytime one in Clark County)
- Three AA groups
- Two other congregations who worship at St. Paul on Saturday and Sunday afternoon
- Space shared for art shows, musical events and much more.

Furthermore, there is a plan that an app on the cellphone must be used to make the payment for parking. Many older folks do not have cellphones and/or do not download apps. This part will affect St. Paul and other older folks who will not be coming downtown for dinner or other services.

Please rethink this horrible decision!!!!

Good evening City Councilors,

My name is Kari Jackson, I live in the uptown area of Vancouver and I attend St. Paul Lutheran Church. When our church heard from a Columbian article in March that charging for parking would be implemented on weekends, we met with Gabe Montez and Chris Strider to try and come up with solutions that would accommodate the four different organizations that gather in our building on weekends. These are the options the city returned to us:

- 1) Have members apply for ADA permits with the state.
- 2) The city will create a drop off zone for those who need help walking while the driver parks elsewhere.
- 3) Partner with the County Courthouse to use their unused spaces during the weekend.
- 4) Purchase an hourly wage permit at \$20 per month.

These perceived accommodations are not sufficient for our congregation and some of them, such as the partnership with the county courthouse, seem to be at odds with what the county says it's interested in doing.

Option 1: More than half of our congregation would need to apply and receive ADA permitting, not including temporary injuries, just to participate in community. Additionally this will not guarantee available parking spots as the June 1st changes move visitors north of the market and retail areas.

Option 2: This is a kind option from the city supposing that there were available somewhere to park or that there was a valet to park for individuals. Currently there isn't.

Option 3: Dovetailing with Option 2, I spoke to every office secretary/ manager and have received responses from half the property owners/ managers within a two to three block circumference of our church about the possibility of our church parking in their lots. Parking demand planners plan for private lot owners to share their lots with the public, yet for every single one they have said "No".

Surprisingly this includes the County Courthouse lots and Parking garage. The reason I received from Michelle Schuster, Director of Internal Services, is the county issues 24/7 permits for which members pay. Every single reserved spot in their lots and garage are permitted so that their departments that work during the weekend or need access during the weekend have it."

Option 4: A significant portion of our congregation is on low, fixed incomes in addition to caring for their disabled partners. All but a handful of our members are retired, which means their income will not increase permanently. An additional \$20 a month for a parking permit is not tenable. And the homeless who use our church as their mailbox and/or shelter certainly cannot afford it.

We suggested other options at the meeting with Gabe Montez and Chris which were not taken up.

Community outreach for this plan has not included large quantities of stakeholders. Neither our church or organizations, none of the property managers I spoke to and none in a room of 30 from esther short park neighborhood were informed of what stakeholder meetings are. That's at least 200 stakeholders whose voices and perspectives have been left out regarding this major change.

City councilors, please delay changing the municipal code and the enforcement of parking changes until the wider perspective of downtown residents, city members and organizations that are not businesses or private retailers has been expressly solicited and city officials have reported back to you, city councilors, with adjustments made to meet the real needs expressed by everyday people who live here, build the community here, and strengthen this city with the heartbeat of their very lives.

Sincerely,
Kari Jackson, congregant at St. Paul Lutheran Church