



City Council Meeting Minutes

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

August 18, 2025

Council Dinner / Executive Session Re: Threatened or Potential Litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Real Estate Negotiations RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) (5:30 - 6:30 PM)

Mayor McEnery-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 5:30-6:30 p.m. to discuss Threatened or Potential Litigation and Real Estate Negotiations.

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 McEnery-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 Stober, Councilmember Hansen, Mayor McEnery-Ogle

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - August 11, 2025

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve the August 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

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 McEnery-Ogle opened Community Communication and received no testimony from community members regarding any matter on the agenda not scheduled for a Public Hearing.

There being no testimony, Mayor McEnery-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 item 2 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Items 1 and 3 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 2 on the Consent Agenda.

1. Contract for Washington State Government Relations - C-102017

Staff Report: 175-25

Request: On Monday, August 18, 2025, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Arbutus Consulting for the provision of Washington State government relations on an as-needed basis for five years. The total value of the contract will not exceed \$475,000 for the 5-year life of the contract.

Aaron Lande, Assistant City Manager, aaron.lande@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

2. Contract Amendment - United Rentals for Hygiene Units at Safe Stay and Safe Park Communities - C-101224

Staff Report: 159-25

Request: On Monday, Monday, August 18, 2025, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract amendment for rental, waste removal and water fills of restroom/shower units (hygiene) to our safe stay and safe park communities.

Kimbra Ledbetter, Financial Analyst,
Kimbra.Ledbetter@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

3. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for August 18, 2025.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$13,152,692.69.

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.

4. Right-of-way Telecommunications Franchise Agreement for Metro Fibernet LLC (Metronet)

AN ORDINANCE relating to management of the public rights-of-way, granting to Metro Fibernet, LLC and its affiliates (“Grantee”), a Nevada 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: 155-25

Request: On Monday, August 18, 2025, advance ordinance on first reading, setting a date for second reading and public hearing on August 18, 2025.

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

Aaron Lande, Assistant City Manager, Cary Driskell, Assistant City Attorney, provided an overview of the Right-of-way Telecommunications Franchise Agreement for Metro Fibernet LLC (Metronet).

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Mayor McEnery-Ogle opened the public hearing and did not receive testimony from community members.

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

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4511.

5. Ordinance Amending Vancouver Municipal Code to Provide Impact Fee Deferral for Multi-family Residential Development

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver relating to changes to the City’s Impact Fee Ordinance; adopting an amendment to section 20.915, of the Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC); allowing for a deferral of traffic and park impact fee payment, providing for severability, and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 173-25

Request: On Monday, August 18, 2025, upon second reading and a public hearing, finalize and approve the ordinance.

Bryan Monroe, Associate Housing Project Coordinator, bryan.monroe@cityofvancouver.us

Bryan Monroe, Associate Housing Project Coordinator, provided an overview of the Ordinance Amending Vancouver Municipal Code to Provide Impact Fee Deferral for

Multi-family Residential Development.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Mayor McEnery-Ogle opened the public hearing and did not receive testimony from community members.

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

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4512.

6. Ordinance Amending Vancouver Municipal Code to Provide System Development Charge Deferral for Multi-Family Residential Development

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver relating to changes to the City's Water And Sewer Use – Regulations And Charges Ordinance; adopting an amendment to section VMC 14.04, of the Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC); allowing for a deferral of utility system development charges for connecting to city utility services, providing for severability, and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 174-25

Request: On Monday, August 18, 2025, upon second reading and a public hearing, finalize and approve the ordinance.

Bryan Monroe, Associate Housing Project Coordinator,
bryan.monroe@cityofvancouver.us

Bryan Monroe, Associate Housing Project Coordinator, provided an overview of the Ordinance Amending Vancouver Municipal Code to Provide System Development Charge Deferral for Multi-Family Residential Development.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Mayor McEnery-Ogle opened the public hearing and did not receive testimony from community members.

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

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4513.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Homeless Situation Report Update

Jamie Spinelli, Homeless Response Manager, discussed the Homeless Situation Report Update.

Adjournment

7:22 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

The written comments below are those of the submitter alone and are not representative of the views of CVTV or the City of Vancouver, its elected or appointed officials, or its employees.

8/11/2025 Re: Agenda Item 6

To Vancouver City Council

I am aware of the city's mandate to increase housing, but there is also an unspoken mandate to maintain/improve livability for neighborhoods. Both are important and just maximizing housing at the cost of the livable environment is unwarranted. We can do both by keeping the R-22 zoning. I have lived on this stretch of NE 58th St since 1969, when our neighbor across the street to the south was a horse farm and to our north an open field with a view of Mt. St Helens. Since then we have welcomed a steady stream of new neighbors, and at no point have we opposed zoning change or new building. New sites include a Vancouver Housing Authority apartment building where the horse farm pasture was. This building is zoned at R-22 and includes green space and an adequate parking area. And just last month, we began greeting eighteen new families moving in to a newly completed R-22 rental development, which replaced the horse farm's barn and single family home with attractive low-rise structures and adequate parking. These and other developments surrounding us have filled in a walkable neighborhood, creating a nice mix of density, diversity and open space. But a structure such as that being proposed (and which was rejected by the City's Planning Commission) will interrupt the gradual process of balanced growth, bringing increased traffic and visual discontinuity. We oppose this proposal, but welcome new development at R-22 where available space exists.

Mary Renaud, [REDACTED] Vancouver WA 98662

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8/11/2025 Re: Agenda Item 6.

Protection of Shaeffer Park should be a high priority for the city's support of development density. The serenity the park offers to our immediate neighborhood extends also to those living and working in the adjoining busy retail and business world which surrounds Vancouver Mall. A twelve-minute walk brings you from Voodoo Doughnuts to the year-round beauty of Shaeffer Park's tall trees and quiet walkways. It's a shorter walk still from the four large senior complexes on or near 82d Avenue. Also near is the pavement-burdened large apartment spread known as The Avenues, with its many young renter families. The proposed R-50 development would transplant the bustle and visual discord of the retail zone, infecting with its clutter the entrance to the beautifully quiet park space. Such a development would environmentally redefine the zone around the entrance to the park, impairing its attractiveness to both the day workers and local families. For nearly half a century, as the result of past policies and decisions of the city and county councils, beauty has grown along 58th Street. Why should this orderly and successful process be interrupted now?

Jay Renaud, [REDACTED] Vancouver WA 98662

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From: [City Council](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Watch "RFK Ban Effectively ENDS The Failed mRNA Vaccines!" on YouTube
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 4:01:52 PM

8-18 Written Public Testimony

Sarah Dollar | Executive Assistant to the City Council
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From: Wynn Grcich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 11:57 PM
To: Rebecca Messinger <Rebecca.Messinger@clark.wa.gov>; City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Watch "RFK Ban Effectively ENDS The Failed mRNA Vaccines!" on YouTube

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<https://youtu.be/eiYJTvtmvSc?si=yCPZUzxNpoaqCt3g> .please send to council members and Melnick. Put on public record and confirm that you did. Thanks from Wynn