



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

January 12, 2026

Workshops: 4:45-5:45 p.m.

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

The City Council Meeting was held on 1/12/2026 at 4:45 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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Comprehensive Plan Update

(Approximately 1 hour)

Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director, Meredith Herbst, Planner, rebecca.kennedy@cityofvancouver.us, meredith.herbst@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Councilmember Hansen was absent from the workshop.

Councilmember Perez was late to the workshop.

Council Dinner / Executive Session Re: Real Estate Negotiations RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) 45 min (5:45 - 6:30 PM)

Mayor McEnery-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 5:40-6:25 p.m. to discuss 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 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 Stober, Councilmember Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle*

Absent: *None*

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - January 5, 2026

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to remand the minutes back to staff to update and bring back at a later date.

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.

Mayor McEnerny-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 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 3 and 4 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Items 1-5 on the Consent Agenda.

1. Loan Contract Approval for Water Station 9 Treatment System Project

Staff Report: 004-26

Request: On Monday, January 12, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute loan contract DWL31575-0 between the City of Vancouver and the Washington State Department of Health.

Mehrin Selimgir, Water Engineering Manager,
Mehrin.Selimgir@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

2. Ratify 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Vancouver Fire Department Guild (VFDG), Consisting of Employees from the Fire Marshal's Office

Staff Report: 005-26

Request: On Monday, January 12, 2026, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve the 2026-2028 collective bargaining agreement between the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Fire Department Guild, which is comprised of represented Fire Marshal staff.

Antoinette Gasbarre, Human Resources Director,
Antoinette.Gasbarre@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

3. Heights Land Donation

A RESOLUTION by the Vancouver City Council on behalf of the City of Vancouver, a Washington municipal corporation (the “City”) accepting a donation of real property from Tower Mall Properties LLC, a Washington limited liability company (the “Donor”) to be used by the City for any public purpose.

Staff Report: 006-26

Request: On Monday, January 12, 2026, finalize and approve the resolution accepting a donation of real property from Tower Mall Properties LLC to be used by the City for any public purpose and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute agreements and other documents necessary to fulfill the transaction.

Amy Stewart, Real Estate Project Manager,
amy.stewart@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4366 to approve the request.

4. Public Defense Standards Revision

AN ORDINANCE repealing Vancouver Ordinance No. M-3927, adopted September 14, 2009 relating to the then-adoption of Vancouver Indigent Defense Standards; providing for approval of updated indigent standards by the City Manager or designee, and providing for an effective date.

Staff Report: 007-26

Request: On Monday, January 12, 2026, advance the ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. M-3927, which adopted Indigent Defense Standards in 2009, and authorizes the City Manager or designee to approve revised Indigent Defense Standards, setting the date for the second reading and public hearing for Monday, January 26, 2026.

Katherine Kelly, Program and Policy Development Manager,
katherine.kelly@cityofvancouver.us

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

Motion approved the request.

5. Approval of the Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for January 12, 2026.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$6,503,338.17.

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.

6. City of Vancouver's Green Building Program

A RESOLUTION adopting the Green Building Program and providing agency-wide guidance on the incorporation of the Green Building Program into plans, programs, and policies.

Staff Report: 008-26

Request: On Monday, January 12, 2026, finalize and approve the resolution adopting the City's Green Building Program.

Rebecca Small, Senior Policy Analyst, Chad Eiken, Community Development Director, Chim Chune Ko, Principal Project Manager, rebecca.small@cityofvancouver.us, chad.eiken@cityofvancouver.us, ChimChune.Ko@cityofvancouver.us

Rebecca Small, Senior Policy Analyst, Chad Eiken, Community Development Director, Chim Chune Ko, Principal Project Manager, provided an overview of the City of Vancouver's Green Building Program.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

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

- *Michael Bomar, Vancouver*
- *Susan Saul, Vancouver*
- *Heidi Cody, Vancouver*
- *Nelson Holmberg, Vancouver*
- *Bruce Barnes, Vancouver*
- *Don Steinke, Vancouver*
- *Deepa Sivarajan, Seattle, WA*

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

Motion by Councilmember Perez, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes:

7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to amend the resolution to incorporate the Port of Vancouver's suggested edits.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Resolution M-4367.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

City Hall Trespass Policy

Lon Pluckhahn, City Manager, discussed the City Hall Trespass Policy.

Community Forum

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to Council regarding any matter. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the record. Speakers are to limit their testimony to a total of three minutes. Up to 90 minutes will be allotted for the Community Forum.

Mayor McEnery-Ogle opened the Community Forum and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter:

- Bruce Barnes, Vancouver
- Andy Lara, Vancouver
- Romas Savochem, Vancouver

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnery-Ogle closed Community Forum.

Executive Session Re: Potential Litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) (30 min)

Mayor McEnery-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 8:15-8:45 p.m. to discuss Potential Litigation.

Adjournment

8:45 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

Signed by:

Anthony Glenn

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Anthony Glenn, Deputy 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.

From: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: ACE comment letter supporting Green Building Codes Resolution
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 11:34:21 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[ACE Thank you on Green Building Codes.pdf](#)

Testimony

Sarah Dollar | Executive Assistant to the City Council
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
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City Manager's Office (CMO)
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From: Heidi Cody <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 10:13 AM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: Small, Rebecca <rebecca.small@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: ACE comment letter supporting Green Building Codes Resolution

Good morning,

Attached please find a letter from Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) supporting the Resolution about Green Building Codes. I will read this tonight at the Council meeting.

Thank you for your work,

Heidi



Heidi Cody (she/her)

SW WA Field Manager
Washington Conservation Action
ACE Coalition Manager

Evergreen Workers Union: Member of
Communications Workers of America Local 7800

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January 12, 2026

Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) SW WA

Dear Mayor McEnerney-Ogle, Vancouver City Council and staff,

Thank you for developing Vancouver's Green Building Code policy, and for inviting public participation into the process of developing the code framework. Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) appreciates the opportunity to connect City staff with other building electrification code experts and to offer our own suggestions for improvement. Our ACE alliance includes Washington Conservation Action, Columbia Riverkeeper, Sierra Club Loo Wit, Vancouver Audubon, LULAC Metro Council 47026, Friends of Clark County and Washington and Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Building electrification is one of the most effective ways to decarbonize new buildings and to bring down greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs). We know building electrification is a key lever to keep the City's emissions reductions aligned with our Climate Action Framework's ambitious goals.

Incidentally, we learned last week in a Capital Press article entitled [NW Natural Seeks to Shift Cost of Failed RNG Investment to Customers](#) that the very same NW Natural Smart Energy program that was included in the first few iterations of the Climate Action Plan as a GHG-reducing action in buildings, has failed. The renewable natural gas (RNG) facility in Nebraska that would have provided the carbon credits for this program has gone out of business. Now, NW Natural wants to bill its customers for this debacle. Encouraging Vancouver residents to invest in the Smart Energy program to lower our local carbon footprints would have been a mistake.

We appreciate your ongoing efforts to find functional mechanisms that will actually reduce local GHG emissions, including the Green Building Codes. Thank you for strengthening our Climate Action Framework with this important policy addition. We support the City's resolution to adopt the Green Building Codes.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) SW WA

From: [Mike Bomar](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Mary Mattix](#); [Small, Rebecca](#); [Ko, Chim Chune](#); [Eiken, Chad](#)
Subject: Port of Vancouver USA's written comments for the 1/12/26 City Council meeting, Item Number 6
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:31:16 AM
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[260112PortofVancouverCityCouncilCommentsGreenBuildingProgram.pdf](#)

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Please see attached the Port of Vancouver's comments for Item 6, City of Vancouver's Green Building Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments and brief testimony on this item.

Sincerely,

Mike Bomar
Chief Economic Strategy Officer

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Port of Vancouver USA

January 12, 2026

Vancouver City Council
City Hall
PO Box 1995
Vancouver, WA 98668

Subject: **Green Building Program
Comments and Recommendations**

Dear Council Members:

The Port of Vancouver, USA (Port) respectfully submits these recommendations and comments on the City of Vancouver's (City) Green Build Program (GBP), per the City Council Policy and Procedure 100-32, Section 10.8, Public Hearings. These comments are offered to support a balanced approach between the City's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and climate resiliency goals and safeguarding long-term development opportunities and continued use of industrial land at the Port and throughout the city.

The Port of Vancouver is a global hub of opportunity positioned at the crossroads of river shipping, interstate and national rail lines. Moving over seven million tons of cargo annually and home to over 50 industrial tenant businesses, we are a strategic industrial gateway to the US, Canada, Asia and South America. The marine and industrial activities at the Port are responsible for over 4,000 jobs at businesses on port property. Appropriate zoning, development and operations of industrial properties is the cornerstone of these successful endeavors within the City for the community.

Green Building Program Policies

The Port supports the City's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build a more resilient community, while ensuring that as Vancouver grows, it continues to be an attractive place to build, invest and call home. These efforts are aligned with the Port's Climate Action Plan, Sustainability Program, and Strategic Plan goals and initiatives. As stated in the introduction to the program policies: *The City of Vancouver's Green Building Program (GBP) Policies are designed to align new construction with our community's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and climate resiliency goals while also supporting housing production and affordability.*

The Port requests that the City include other major zoning and building types in the program policies introduction. While we agree with supporting housing production and affordability, we also want to ensure that the program will support manufacturing and industrial uses. For the Port, the continued development of manufacturing and industrial properties is essential to job preservation and creation, and long-term economic prosperity for Vancouver and the region,

which is the Port's mission. We believe that including these uses in the opening statement of the GBP policies will set the tone and understanding for the subsequent policies to also consider the unique nature of the construction and use of these important structures to the vitality of our community.

Definitions

The Port is currently classified under the "Non-residential" development category. As defined in the program definitions, Non-residential: *Any project for which its primary use is commercial, industrial, institutional, or other non-residential use. Mixed-use buildings where non-residential spaces exist on more than the ground floor shall be included in this category.*

The Port requests that the City utilize the existing building code terminology that delineates what projects these new policies would affect so it is more clearly understood how future projects may be impacted.

Section 3.4 Indoor Temperature

The intent of this section is to reduce heat-related health issues by ensuring building systems can maintain a consistent temperature for occupants. As written, the requirements of this section are applied uniformly to all non-residential development conditioned spaces. Certain industrial and manufacturing processes, such as those associated with pharmaceutical, semiconductor, cold storage, and food production already operate under tightly controlled temperature, humidity, pressurization and air quality requirements dictated by equipment tolerances, safety, and regulatory standards.

The Port requests that the City clarify that this policy does not apply to all conditioned spaces, but rather, *occupied* support spaces such as offices, break rooms and restrooms. The Port believes that clarifying that comfort-based requirements apply to occupied support spaces only, while allowing equivalent compliance for process-controlled manufacturing areas, would better align the policy with industrial best practices while preserving its underlying intent.

Section 3.5 Enhanced Air Filtration

The intent of this section is to reduce building occupant exposure to fine particulate matter and other pollutants that can cause chronic heart and lung diseases. As written, the requirements of this section are applied uniformly to all non-residential development. Certain industrial and manufacturing processes, such as those associated with pharmaceutical, semiconductor, cold storage, and food production already operate under tightly controlled temperature, humidity, pressurization and air quality requirements dictated by equipment tolerances, safety, and regulatory standards. In these environments, air quality is often governed by ISO-classified regulations, not MERV-based filtration metrics.

The Port requests that the City clarify that this policy does not apply to all non-residential development. The Port believes that without a clear differentiation, the policy risks creating compliance ambiguity without improving resilience or health outcomes.

Conclusion

In summary, the Port extends our appreciation to the City for your continued engagement and outreach to the Port during development of the Green Building Program. The Port appreciates the City's recognition that marine terminals are subject to additional safety and security requirements that warrant specific consideration during development and operations. We are committed to continuing to work with the City to help shape a future that supports our alignment with sustainability and resilience goals and Vancouver's broader economic development priorities. We look forward to collaboration and input during the implementation of the program into the City's code update process to ensure industrial uses and buildings are appropriately considered.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on and participate in this important work for the future of our community.

Sincerely,



Mike Bomar
Chief Economic Strategy Officer

Cc: Chad Eiken, Director of Community Development, City of Vancouver
Rebecca Small, Senior Policy Analyst, City of Vancouver
Chim Chune Ko, Real Estate Project Manager, City of Vancouver

From: [Karl Bonner](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Green Building Project
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026 3:13:37 PM

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Please pass a Green Building Project for Vancouver that prioritizes dark skies and minimal light pollution. Both local wildlife and local astronomers would greatly appreciate it!

Karl Bonner

[REDACTED]
Vancouver WA 98683
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From: [Jean M. Avery](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Public Comment re: Green Building Program
Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 8:56:34 AM

Dear Mayor and City Council,

THANK YOU to you and City staff for formulating a comprehensive Green Building Program.

I especially applaud your inclusion of Bird-Friendly Design, Dark-Sky Lighting, and increased tree canopy.

As an avid nature-lover, hiker, and bird-watcher, I am grateful for our beautiful natural surroundings.

I notice that some of these provisions are optional, pending council's discretion. I would urge you to opt for a requirement whenever possible.

Thank you for making Vancouver a greener place to call home!

Jean M. Avery
Vancouver resident, 98684