



City of White Salmon City Council Meeting
May 21, 2025
In Person and Via Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Council Members:

Ben Giant
David Lindley
Morella Mora
Patty Fink

Staff Present:

Chris True, Operations Manager Public Works
Jenne Paterson, Code Compliance Officer
Jennifer Neil, Director Finance & Operations
Marla Keethler, Mayor
Paul Koch, Interim City Administrator
Rowan Fairfield, City Planner
Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney
Troy Rosenberg, Deputy Clerk\Utility Clerk

Consultant:

Michael W. Mehaffy, PH.D.

I. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement and Presentation of the Flag

Mayor Marla Keethler called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. There were approximately 11 members of the public in attendance in person and via teleconference.

II. Roll Call (6:01pm)

A. Swearing in of Morella Mora as Council Seat 4 by Shawn MacPherson City Attorney.

Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by David Lindley (6:03pm)

Motion to approve the absence of Jason Hartmann from the council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

III. Changes to the Agenda (6:04pm)

- A. Removal of Consent Agenda Item A. Approval of STP – Interlocal Agreement Klickitat County
- B. Removal of Consent Agenda Item D. Approval of Vouchers

Moved by David Lindley. Seconded by Ben Giant. (6:05pm)

Motion to remove Consent Agenda Item A. Approval of STP – Interlocal Agreement Klickitat County and removal of Consent Agenda Item D. Approval of Vouchers

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

IV. Presentations (6:06pm)

- A. Introduction of Rowan Fairfield, City Planner
- B. Heritage Month Presentation – Jewish American Heritage Month **(Technical Issues)**

V. Public Comment (6:19pm)

Tammara Toppel – City of White Salmon Resident **(6:20pm)**

VI. Consent Agenda (6:25pm)

- A. **Removed**
- B. Approval of Committee Appointments.
- C. Approval of contract Amendment No. 1 between Aspect Consulting and the City of White Salmon.
- D. **Removed**

Moved by Patty Fink. Seconded by Ben Giant. (6:25pm)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

VII. Business Items (6:26pm)

- A. Ordinance 2025-05-1180 – Amending WSMC 16.66 Unit Lot Subdivisions
Presentation by Rowan Fairfield, City Planner and Michael Mehaffy, PH.D.
Public Hearing – **(6:36pm – 6:42pm)**
Peter Wrights – City of White Salmon Resident **(6:37pm)**
Doug Rainbolt – City of White Salmon Resident **(6:40pm)**
Council Discussion **(6:43pm)**

Moved by Patty Fink. Seconded by David Lindley. (7:07pm)

Motion to remand back to Planning Committee specific language and clarity, scale back zones R1, R2, R3 and hold on RL.

Council Discussion **(7:07pm)**

Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney **(7:08pm)**

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- B. Ordinance 2024-12-1172 NW Natural Contract **(7:09pm)**
Presented by Paul Koch, Interim City Administrator and Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney
Council Discussed **(7:14pm)**

Moved by Ban Giant. Seconded by Patty Fink. (7:18pm)

Move to approve Ordinance 1024-12-1172 NW Natural Contract

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- C. Budget Amendments **(7:19pm)**
Presented by Jennifer Niel, Director of Finance & Operation
Council Discussed after each section of the presentation. **(7:31pm - 8:08pm)**

- D. Associate Planner Job Description **(8:09pm)**
Presented by Paul Koch, Interim City Administrator
Council Discussion **(8:10pm)**

Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by Morella Mora.

Move to approve the Associate Planner Job Description.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0 (8:19pm)

VIII. Reports and Communications (7:56pm)

- 1. Interim City Administrator Paul Koch Report **(8:20pm)**
- 2. Council Member and Committee Reports **(8:24pm)**
- 3. Mayor's Updates **(8:28pm)**

IX. Executive Session: (None)

X. Adjournment (8:34pm)