



MEETING MINUTES FOR WORKSHOP/PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers – 1300 1st Street

April 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

WORKSHOP – PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Opened - Vicki Cummings with GHCOG gives presentation on Comprehensive Planning information.

Discussion amongst Council, Mayor and Vicki Cummings.

No questions or comments from the public. Public Hearing Closed.

FLAG SALUTE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Mayor Springer calls the meeting to order; Clerk Vinyard takes Roll Call.

PRESENT: Councilmember Kim Skinner, Councilmember Jeremy Winn *via Zoom*, Councilmember Justin Spargo, Councilmember Steve Davis, Councilmember Sue Darcy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Vinyard brings attention to the layout of the agenda this month as a new system has been used to create this agenda. #9 Old Business will be removed from the agenda, moving Item 1 from this section to #10 – New Business Discussion as Item 3.

Councilmember Darcy moves to approve the agenda with modifications; Councilmember Davis seconded.

Discussion: Councilmember Winn asks if this is just a modification for this meeting, Clerk Vinyard affirms.

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Darcy moves to approve the consent agenda; Councilmember Skinner seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – No comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing & Finance – Councilmember Darcy reports vouchers were reviewed with no issues.

Parks – Councilmember Spargo reports Makarenko Park will be getting attention in the upcoming weeks with goats being brought from Goat Haven Rescue to help begin the clean-up at the community garden. On Earth Day there will be a clean-up happening at Mill Creek Park with Grays Harbor Noxious Weeds, the Grays Harbor College Forestry Program, and City of Cosmopolis. All volunteers are welcome.

Public Safety – Councilmember Skinner reports they had a meeting last night. They are looking at an action plan to address concerns for traffic calming measures and updating/adding crosswalks in multiple locations in the community. Councilmember Spargo adds areas of concern being Olympic Terrace Park, the Cosmopolis Elementary School, Highland Park, Mill Creek Park, and 1st Street corridor including Lions Park. They plan to schedule a workshop so the community can voice their concern areas and opinions.

Public Works – Councilmember Darcy reports some problem areas in the city have been addressed with cold patching and PW Lead Donnie Fowler completed his safety training. There was a significant water leak that affected only the RV park on 1st Street on Monday, April 13th with the repairs taking up most of the day. PW has been working on replacing signage within the community where needed.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Clerk Vinyard – Clerk Vinyard reports she has been working closely with Kasey Grove as she put in her month notice of leaving employment with the city last month, streamlining processes and policies with financial reporting being the focus.

Police Chief Report – Commander Timmons provides radar data from February 10, 2026 – April 3, 2026, from the radars installed on 1st Street earlier in the year. Councilmember Winn asks for clarification on how far in distance before it begins the data capture for speed, as this data may be capturing the same vehicles multiple times daily coming and going from their homes. Further discussion on this.

Fire Chief Report – Chief Coker reports since the last meeting there has been 26 calls for service, 4 members are currently in training with 3 being in EMT and 1 in Firefighter 1 Academy. There was a substantial structure fire in Aberdeen that 2 members of our crew assisted with.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Springer informs that today was Clerk Kasey Grove's last day with the city as she is moving on to her next chapter as her passion is with Police services, she will be greatly missed. Spring Clean-up vouchers have gone quickly this year; she encourages citizens to stop into City Hall this week as they are almost gone. The annual Earth Day Clean-up will be happening at Mill Creek Park on April 22nd from 10am-3pm, the city has partnered with Grays Harbor Noxious Weeds team and the Grays Harbor College Forestry Program. Volunteers are needed and welcome. On April 27th another clean-up is planned for the Makarenko Park Community Garden beginning at 1pm with volunteers needed, then on May 4th goats from the House Goat Haven Rescue will be visiting the garden to do some vegetation clean up. She then brings attention to an email she received from a concerned citizen informing her of a violation of a RCW, that went into effect January 1st, 2026, by her letter of support she wrote for Heath Layman's campaign where she used official city letterhead. She reported that she responded to that citizen, contacted the Public Disclosure Commission and self-reported this incident. She apologizes to the community as it was never her intention to misuse her position, and she is taking this as a learning opportunity.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

- 1. Amendment of Ordinance 1369 to add Bell Drive (Makarenko Park Side)** – Mayor Springer reported that the city has had multiple complaints from citizens regarding the parking of vehicles along Bell Drive on Makarenko Park property, which is city property. Damage has been caused by the constant in and out of vehicles in these areas. Bill Sidor reports there was confusion with the homeowners in the area as they believed it was PUD property and they got permission to park vehicles on that side of the road. He verified only the city can grant permission to park on that property.
- 2. Installation of Stop signs on Paisley and Dundee to create four-way intersection** – Councilmember Skinner reads aloud a letter that was received this morning in opposition of adding stop signs. He refers to conversations in Public Safety meetings about problem areas, with the Highland Park area being one because of the lack of sidewalks, but he agrees with the opposition from the letter on the stop signs. Further discussion amongst Council around safety education for children as well as traffic calming measures.
- 3. Traffic Calming Measures for Highland Park** – This item was discussed during item 2 discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen speaks on thoughts regarding the Ordinance discussion/updates. Confusion on the Ordinances listed on Agenda vs what was spoken about during discussion time. He also states his agreeance with the letter read aloud by Councilmember Skinner regarding the stop sign installation on Dundee and Paisley.

Citizen commenting on Item 1 under New Business Discussion as he graveled the area on Bell Drive. He informs that during the sporting events at Makarenko Park that entire street is full of vehicles parked for said events. He states that not only homeowners park there, but also attendees and school buses for the events.

Two representatives from the US Small Business Administration shared information regarding the Presidential Disaster Declaration and what resources are available for citizens and businesses under this declaration.

NEW BUSINESS – Council Action

- 1. Vote to Adopt Comprehensive Plan – Councilmember Darcy moves to adopt the Comprehensive Plan, Councilmember Skinner seconded.**

Discussion: Councilmember Davis adds this Comprehensive Plan that is being adopted was drafted in the early 2000s and the Planning Commission has been working on updating this plan so it would make more sense to adopt something more recent. Councilmember Winn agrees but believes adopting this tonight makes sense as updates will be brought forward to Council as they are made and can be added as they come. Councilmember Skinner and Darcy both agree, stating this will be a living working document that will continue being updated periodically.

-Voting Aye; 4

-Voting Nay; 1

Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilmember Spargo addressed a citizen’s comment from earlier in the meeting suggesting he would like to meet with him to discuss the parking issues on Bell Drive further. Discussion amongst audience, Councilmembers, Mayor Springer and Bill Sidor around this topic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Springer announces they will be entering Executive session for approximately 15 minutes, with no action to be taken regarding potential litigation. *Executive Session begins 8:03PM – Executive Session ends 8:18PM.* Mayor Springer calls the regular Council meeting back to order.

Councilmember Davis moved to Adjourn the meeting; Councilmember Spargo seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

*****Meeting recording available at www.cosmopoliswa.gov*****