



# **COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Jennifer Massey  
Council President Jessica Chilton  
Councilor Mark Gundersen  
Councilor Russell Hubbard  
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

### **STAFF PRESENT**

John Walsh, City Administrator  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder  
Gloria Butsch, Finance Director

### **OTHERS**

Brady Preheim  
Reed Hjort

### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 p.m.**

### **TOPIC**

#### **1. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Supplemental Budget**

Mayor Massey declared an actual conflict of interest due to her husband being a City of St. Helens Police Officer and recused herself from the discussion and vote.

Finance Director Butsch explained that there were two resolutions relating to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. One was for a supplemental budget requiring a public hearing, and the other was to adjust appropriations between categories.

Director Butsch clarified that the supplemental budget resolution was required because the original budget did not appropriate the Capital Outlay in the Street SDC fund for the downtown infrastructure project. She emphasized that this does not increase spending but properly categorizes the expenditure.

Council President Chilton asked if anyone had questions about the supplemental budget.

Councilor Sundeen inquired about a \$4,000 item related to a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for the City Council. Director Butsch confirmed that this item was not part of the supplemental budget but would be discussed later when adopting the approved budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

Councilor Hubbard expressed curiosity about a \$10 and \$20 per month item. Council President Chilton acknowledged shared confusion on this matter and suggested discussing it later when addressing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Contracted City Attorney Wigod sought clarification, confirming that the supplemental budget applies to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget, closing out that year before adopting the next year's budget. She

explained that this public hearing was to address loose ends for the final budget calculations of the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 6:04 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Jennifer Massey  
Jennifer Massey, Mayor