

*585 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301*



Final Action Agenda - Minutes - Draft

Monday, March 9, 2026

6:00 PM

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City Council

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

CANCELLED - City Council
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Salem Public Library, Plaza Room
Current / Pending Litigation ORS 192.660(2)(h)

WORK SESSION

None.

1. OPENING EXERCISES: (Includes call to order, roll call, pledge of allegiance, announcements, proclamations, ceremonial presentations, and Council comment)

Call to Order

6:23 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Councilor Nordyke, Councilor Varney, Councilor Nishioka, Councilor Gwyn, Councilor Brown, Councilor Matthews, Councilor Tigan, Mayor Hoy, and Councilor Vang

1.1 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Nishioka to approve the additions to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gwyn.

Comments by: Councilor Nishioka.

**The additions consisted of:
Item 4.a, a revised presentation was added; and
Item 4.c, a presentation was added.**

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Matthews, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

1.2 COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER COMMENT

Comments by: Councilors Tigan, Nishioka, Nordyke, and Mayor Julie Hoy.

1.3 PROCLAMATIONS

1.3 a. [26-41](#) Proclamation - Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Councilor Gwyn read this proclamation into the record.

1.4 PRESENTATIONS

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: (Comment on agenda items other than public hearings and deliberations)

The following individuals provided comments:

Lynelle Wilcox, Ward 1, Safe Sleep, Item 6.a, File 26-84

Lorrie Walker, Ward 2, Item 5.b, File 26-76

Patrick Carney, Salem Center Mall, No address provided, Item 5.b, File 26-76

Jackie Roche, Ward 4, Item 5.b, File 26-76

3. CONSENT CALENDAR: (Includes approval of minutes, adoption of routine resolutions, and items of business requiring Council action)

Motion by Councilor Nishioka to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gwyn.

Comments by Councilor Nishioka.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Matthews, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

3.1 MINUTES

3.1 a. [26-94](#) February 23, 2026, Draft City Council Minutes

Action: Approved.

3.2 RESOLUTIONS

3.2 a. [26-81](#) Acquisition of easements for the 16th Street SE Culvert Replacement Project

Ward(s): 2

Councilor(s): Nishioka

Neighborhood(s): Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association (SESNA)

Result Area(s): Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure

Adopted Resolution 2026-7, declaring a public need to acquire and the City's intent to negotiate for the acquisition of an easement for the 16th St SE Culvert Replacement Project.

3.3 ACTION ITEMS

None.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. a. [26-53](#)

Public Hearing to consider modifications to the Tourism Promotion Area code to apply to Short-Term Rentals (STRs) and Accessory Short-Term Rentals (ASTRs) and receive testimony regarding the continuation of the Tourism Promotion Area (TPA).

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy.

Staff presentation by Kelli Blechschmidt, Management Analyst, Budget Office.

**Persons testifying:
Angie Villery, President and CEO, Travel Salem.**

Questions or Comments by: Councilor Tigan, Angie Villery, Councilor Nishioka, Kelli Blechschmidt, and Councilors Varney and Brown.

Additional persons testifying:

Robert Gaynar, Ward 1

Questions or Comments by Councilor Brown.

Wes Holt, Ward 6

Questions or Comments by: Councilor Vang and Wes Holt.

Jackie Roche, Ward 4

Questions for staff: Councilor Brown, Kelli Blechschmidt, Dan Atchison, City Attorney, Councilors Tigan and Matthews, Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie, Planning Administrator and Deputy Director, Community Planning and Development, Councilors Nishioka, Varney, Vang, and Gwyn, Mayor Julie Hoy, and Krishna Namburi, City Manager.

Motion by Councilor Nishioka to continue the Salem Tourism Promotion Area and proceed to second reading of Ordinance Bill No. 4-26. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gwyn.

Comments by: Councilors Nishioka, Tigan, Gwyn, Brown, and Matthews, Mayor Julie Hoy, Dan Atchison, City Attorney, and Councilors Nordyke and Varney.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Matthews, Tigan, and Hoy

Nay: 3 - Gwyn, Brown, and Vang

Abstain: 0

4. b. [26-67](#)

Substantial amendment to City of Salem 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) with U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community.

At 8:30 p.m., prior to Item 4.b, Mayor Hoy called for a recess; the meeting resumed at 8:33 p.m.

Item 4.b: Staff presentation by Michael Brown, Financial Services Manager, Community Planning and Development.

Persons testifying: None.

Questions or Comments by: Councilor Brown, Michael Brown, and Councilor Matthews.

Motion by Councilor Nishioka to approve a substantial amendment to the City's 2025 Annual Action Plan with HUD moving \$516,500 from "Housing Preservation" to "Public Facilities". The motion was seconded by Councilor Gwyn.

Comments by Councilors Matthews and Tigan.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Matthews, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

4. c. [26-83](#)

Annexation of an approximate 1.94-acre territory, including a Minor Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment to Multi-Family Residential and Zone Change to RM-I (Multiple Family Residential), for property located at 5524 Skyline Road S.

Ward(s): Ward 7

Councilor(s): Nordyke

Neighborhood(s): Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community

Staff presentation by Bryce Bishop, Planner, Community Planning and Development.

Persons Testifying:

Britany Randall, Brand Land Use, Applicant’s representative, 1720 Liberty Street SE

Scott Nash, 2386 Mosswood Court S.

Questions or Comments by: Councilor Brown, Bryce Bishop, and Scott Nash.

Rebuttal by Britany Randall.

Additional Questions or Comments by: Councilor Brown, Britany Randall, Councilor Matthews and Brown.

Questions for staff: Councilor Tigan, Bryce Bishop, and Councilor Nordyke.

Motion by Councilor Nordyke to approve the annexation of the territory located at 5524 Skyline Road S, including a Minor Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment to Multiple Family Residential, Zone Change to RM-I (Multiple Family Residential), and withdrawal of the territory from the Salem Suburban Rural Fire Protection District, and advance to first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Nishioka.

Comments by Councilor Nordyke.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Matthews, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

5. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS: (Items deferred from the Consent Calendar; Mayor and Councilor Items; Items which require a selection among options; or of special importance to Council; management reports; presentations by City boards, commissions, committees, or outside agencies)

5. a. [26-1](#)

Travel Salem FY 2024-2025 Annual Report

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Presentation by Angie Villery, President and CEO, Travel Salem.

Questions or Comments by: Councilors Nishioka and Matthews, Angie Villery, and Mayor Julie Hoy.

This information report was received and filed.

5. b. [26-76](#)

Salem Fire Department: One-Month REACH Update.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Safe and Healthy Community.

Staff presentation by Fire Chief David Gerboth.

***Motion by Councilor Nishioka to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., seconded by Councilor Gwyn, CARRIED by unanimous consent.**

Item 5.b: Questions or Comments by: Mayor Juile Hoy, Councilor Nordyke, City Manager Krishna Namburi, Councilor Matthews, Chief Gerboth, and Councilors Varney and Vang.

This SOB - Presentation was received and filed.

6. INFORMATION REPORTS: (Items that require no Council action)

- 6. a.** [26-84](#) Salem Police Department Update: Annual Salem Crime Statistics and other Departmental Data

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Safe and Healthy Community; Welcoming and Livable Community.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

- 6. b.** [26-90](#) 2025 Salem Climate Action Plan Annual Progress Report.

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe and Healthy Community; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Welcoming and Livable Community.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

- 6. c.** [26-91](#) 2026 Climate Action Plan Work Plan.

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe and Healthy Community; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

7. ORDINANCES

7.1 FIRST READING:

7.1 a. [26-55](#)

First Reading of Ordinance No. 4-26 amending SRC Chapter 38 - Tourism Promotion Area (TPA) to include short-term rentals and accessory short-term rentals under the TPA

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy

Ordinance first reading was conducted.

Motion by Councilor Nishioka to advance Ordinance Bill No. 4-26 to second reading for passage. The motion was seconded by Councilor Varney.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Matthews, Tigan, and Hoy

Nay: 3 - Gwyn, Brown, and Vang

Abstain: 0

7.2 SECOND READING:

None.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT: (Other than agenda items)

The following individual provided comments:

Kathleen Trepa, Ward 7

Regarding Item 7.1a (First reading of Ordinance Bill No. 4-26): City Attorney Dan Atchison announced that Councilor Brown changed his vote from Aye to Nay.

Comments by Councilor Brown.

Other comments were made by City Manager Namburi and Councilor Vang regarding Item 6.a., Salem Police Department Update.

9. ADJOURNMENT

10:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Amy Johnson, City Recorder.