

*585 Liberty St SE  
Salem, OR 97301*



## **Final Action Agenda - Minutes - Draft**

**Monday, March 23, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**Loucks Auditorium / Salem Public Library**

**City Council**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**City Council**  
**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Salem Public Library, Plaza Room**  
**Labor Negotiations - ORS 192.660(2)(d)**

**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**

6:43 p.m.

**Roll Call**

- Present:** 8 - Councilor Nordyke, Councilor Varney, Councilor Nishioka, Councilor Gwyn, Councilor Brown, Councilor Tigan, Mayor Hoy, and Councilor Vang
- Absent:** 1 - Councilor Matthews

**1.1 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**1.2 COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER COMMENT**

Comments by: Councilors Varney, Nordyke, and Mayor Julie Hoy.

**1.3 PROCLAMATIONS**

**1.3a.** [26-100](#)

Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

**Councilor Nordyke read the proclamation into the record.**

**The following individuals accepted the proclamation:**

**Siddharth "Sid" Venkatachalem, Clinical Supervisor, Marion County Youth and Family Services;**

**Peter, Carrillo, Director of Prevention, Development and Community Engagement of Liberty House;**

**Leslie Cordova Arias, Bilingual Health Educator and Community Outreach Coordinator, Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Marion, and Polk Counties.**

**Comments by: Peter Carrillo and Siddharth Venkatachalem.**

**1.3b.** [26-104](#)

Proclamation recognizing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

**Mayor Julie Hoy read the proclamation into the record.**

**Loren Payne, Friends of Trees, accepted the proclamation.**

**Comments by Loren Payne.**

**1.3c.** [26-112](#)

Proclamation recognizing April as Arbor Month.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

**Councilor Varney read the proclamation into the record.**

**Don Gunther, Project Coordinator, Urban Forestry, City of Salem, accepted the proclamation.**

**Comments by: Don Gunther.**

## 1.4 PRESENTATIONS

1.4a. [26-115](#)

Oregon’s Tree City of the Year Award

Scott Alltenhoff, Program Manager, Oregon Department of Forestry presented the City of Salem's Urban Forestry staff with the 2026 Tree City of the Year award.

Comments by Mayor Julie Hoy.

This presentation was received and filed.

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

Mark Wigg, Ward 2, Item 1.3b, File 26-104  
Kelly Thomas, Ward 1, Item 5.a, File 26-109

Comments by: Mayor Julie Hoy and Councilor Nordyke.

**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. Councilor Gwyn seconded the motion.

Comments by: Councilor Nishioka

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 8 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Matthews

**Abstain:** 0

**3.1 MINUTES**

3.1a. [26-113](#)

March 9, 2026, Draft City Council Minutes

Action: Approved.

3.1b. [26-118](#)

March 16, 2026, Draft City Council Work Session Minutes

Action: Approved.

**3.2 RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**3.3 ACTION ITEMS**

**3.3a.**    [26-114](#)            Federal Aviation Administration Grant Applications for the Salem-Willamette Valley Airport.

Ward(s): Ward 2  
Councilor(s): Nishioka  
Neighborhood(s): Southeast Mill Creek Neighborhood Association (SEMCA), Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association (SESNA)  
Result Area(s): Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse Economy.

**Authorized the City Manager to apply for and accept federal grants to support capital improvement projects at the Salem-Willamette Valley Airport.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4.a.**        [26-101](#)            Exemption from Competitive Bidding Process and Authorization of an Alternative Contracting Method for the Franzen Reservoir Liner and Cover Replacement

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

**Staff presentation by James Winslow, Assistant City Engineer, Public Works Project Management.**

**Persons testifying: None.**

**Questions for staff: Councilor Nishioka, James Winslow, Mayor Julie Hoy, Councilors Varney, Tigan, and Brown.**

**Motion by Councilor Nishioka to adopt Resolution No. 2026-8, in support of an exemption from the competitive bidding process and use of a CMAR contracting method for the Franzen Reservoir Liner and Cover Replacement Project. Councilor Gwyn seconded the motion.**

**Additional Questions or Comments: Councilor Tigan, Mayor Julie Hoy, and Councilors Brown and Nishioka.**

**The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:**    8 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

**Nay:**    0

Absent: 1 - Matthews

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. [26-109](#) Launching Engagement and Outreach for Drug Prevention, Treatment, and Enforcement in Salem

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; Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

**Presentation by Krishna Namburi, City Manager.**

**Questions or Comments by: Councilors Nordyke and Brown, City Manager Namburi, Councilors Vang, Tigan, Nishioka, Gwyn, Varney, and Mayor Julie Hoy.**

**This SOB - Matters of special importance to council was received and filed.**

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

6.a. [26-102](#) Purchases approved administratively from February 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance

**This Informational Report was received and filed.**

6.b. [26-111](#)

Salem 2025 Annual Tree Report

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe and Healthy Community; Welcoming and Livable Community.

**This Informational Report was received and filed.**

6.c. [26-116](#)

Hearings Officer Decision - Conditional Use Permit to allow a short-term rental in an existing single-family dwelling located at 2494 Crestbrook Drive, NW - Approved.

Conditional Use Case No. CU26-01 - Joseph Jordan - 2494 Crestbrook Drive NW

Ward(s): 8

Councilor(s): Varney

Neighborhood(s): West Salem

**This Informational Report was received and filed.**

## 7. ORDINANCES

### 7.1 FIRST READING:

7.1a. [26-106](#)

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

**First reading was conducted.**

**Motion by Councilor Nishioka to advance Ordinance Bill No. 5-26, approving the annexation of 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, to second reading for enactment. Councilor Gwyn seconded the motion.**

**The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Matthews

**Abstain:** 0

**7.2 SECOND READING:**

**7.2a. [26-110](#)**

Proposed amendments and second reading of engrossed Ordinance Bill No. 4-26 amending SRC Chapter 38 - Tourism Promotion Area (TPA) to include short-term rentals (STRs) and accessory short-term rentals (ASTRs) under the TPA.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy.

**Motion by Councilor Nishioka to Engross Ordinance Bill No. 4-26 as indicated in the bill and proceed to second reading of the engrossed ordinance bill. Councilor Gwyn seconded the motion.**

**Ordinance second reading was conducted.**

**Engrossed Ordinance Bill No. 4-26, PASSED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Matthews

**Abstain:** 0

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT: (Other than agenda items)**

**The following individuals provided comments:  
Ekco Dunham, Ward 3, Parental Alienation  
Phillip Devan, 2811 Park Avenue, Homelessness**

**Comments by: Councilor Brown.**

**Randy Vogl, 1475 Capitol Street NE, Healthcare  
James Futrell, Keizer, OR, Parent  
Kathleen Trepa, Ward 7, Campaign signs  
Angelina Bacon, Ward 1, The City**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

9:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Amy Johnson, City Recorder.