

*585 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301*



Final Action Agenda - Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Work Session - Safety and Livability

Loucks Auditorium / Salem Public Library

City Council

1. OPENING EXERCISES:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Councilor Varney attended remotely.

Councilor Gwyn attended remotely and arrived at 6:05 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by: Mayor Julie Hoy.

1.1 APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Nishioka, seconded by Councilor Tigan, to approve the special meeting agenda.

Comments from: Councilor Nishioka.

Councilor Matthews briefly left the meeting, missing the vote. Councilor Gwyn was not yet present. The motion **CARRIED** by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Brown, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gwyn, and Matthews

Abstain: 0

1.2 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Nishioka, seconded by Councilor Tigan, to approve the additions to the special meeting agenda of a revised timeline and presentation.

Comments from: 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

2. DISCUSSION: Safety and Livability

2.a. [25-349](#)

A safe, clean and healthy Salem

Ward(s): 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): CANDO, ELNA, NESCA, NOLA, Northgate, SCAN, WSNA

Result Area(s): Safe and Healthy Community, Strong and Diverse Economy, and Welcoming and Livable Community.

Attachments: [Stakeholder Feedback from August 20 2025](#)
[Actionable Strategy for Safety, Cleanliness, and Health - Revised 9/17/25](#)
[Written Testimony received by 11am 9/17/25](#)
[Additional Testimony received by 3pm 9/17/25](#)
[Sep 17 2025 Safety and Livability Presentation](#)
[Additional Testimony received by 5pm 9/17/25](#)

This informational report was received and filed.

Presentation by: Interim City Manager Krishna Namburi, Fire Chief David Gerboth.

Questions/Comments from: Councilors Brown, Nordyke, Nishioka, Matthews, Tigan, Varney, Mayor Julie Hoy.

Presentation by: Police Chief Trevor Womack.

Questions/Comments from: Councilor Nordyke, City Attorney Dan Atchison, Deputy Chief Debbie Aguilar, Councilors Nishioka, Vang, Brown, and Matthews.

Presentation by: Interim City Manager Krishna Namburi and Community Services Director (AIC) Gretchen Bennett.

Questions/Comments from: Councilors Nordyke, Matthews, Vang, Nishioka, Brown, Tigan, and Mayor Julie Hoy.

Presentation by: Interim City Manager Krishna Namburi and Chief Financial Officer Josh Eggleston.

Questions/Comments from: Councilors Matthews, Brown, Nishioka, Nordyke, Varney, Tigan, Vang, and Mayor Julie Hoy.

Presentation by: Interim City Manager Krishna Namburi and Community Services Director (AIC) Gretchen Bennett.

Questions/Comments from: Councilors Nordyke, Nishioka, Varney, Tigan.

Presentation by: Public Works Director Brian Martin.

Questions/Comments from: Councilors Nishioka, Vang, Matthews, and

Brown.

Council went into recess at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

Presentation by: Interim City Manager Krishna Namburi and City Opioid Prevention Coordinator Laurie Shaw Casarez.

Questions/Comments from: Councilors Brown, Tigan, and Mayor Julie Hoy.

Presentation by: Fire Chief David Gerboth.

Questions/Comments from: Councilors Brown, Matthews, and Vang.

Presentation by: Police Chief Trevor Womack and Deputy Chief Debbie Aguilar.

Questions/Comments from: Councilors Tigan, Matthews, Nordyke, Vang, Brown, Nishioka, and Mayor Julie Hoy.

3. ADJOURNMENT

9:32 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Tami Carpenter, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Rachael Gangelhoff, Deputy City Recorder