



CITY OF SALEM

585 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Meeting Agenda

City Council

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

6:00 PM

**Loucks Auditorium /
Salem Public Library**

**City Council Work Session - Options for City Operations Fee Restructuring and
Cost Analysis of Service Expansions**

This meeting is being conducted in-person and remotely and allows remote attendance by the governing body, when requested. Interested persons may attend the meeting in-person in Loucks Auditorium at Salem Public Library or watch the meeting in real-time on the City of Salem YouTube Channel, thanks to a partnership with CC:Media. Comcast Cable subscribers can watch on CC:Media Channel 21. Please submit comments on agenda items by 5:00 p.m., or earlier, on the day of the meeting at cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net

1. OPENING EXERCISES:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

1.1 APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1.2 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

2. DISCUSSION: Options for City Operations Fee Restructuring and Cost Analysis of Service Expansions

2.a. [26-56](#)

Options for City Operations Fee Restructuring and Cost Analysis of
Service Expansions

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.

Recommendation: Information only.

Summary: This work session will focus on improving fairness in operations fee across account types and sizes, particularly non-residential accounts, and seek council guidance on the methodology for restructuring the Operations Fee. Staff will research options using the new utility billing system to better reflect each property's impact on city services. Staff will also engage the community and return to Council in future meetings to refine and finalize the proposed structure.

The session also highlights cost analysis of potential service expansions, including expanded public safety, community health, and service enhancements as Salem continues to grow. Council will have further in-depth discussions and determine funding priorities at future meetings after staff provide updates on community feedback and implementation research.

Attachments: [City Operations Fee Motion - December 8, 2025.pdf](#)

[Rate History](#)

[City Operations Fee - Work Session.pdf](#)

[Public Comments received by 3:30 p.m., February 17, 2026](#)

[Additional Public Comment received by 5:00 p.m., February 17, 2026](#)

Add - Added Presentation as an attachment to the staff report.

Add - Written Testimony.

3. ADJOURNMENT

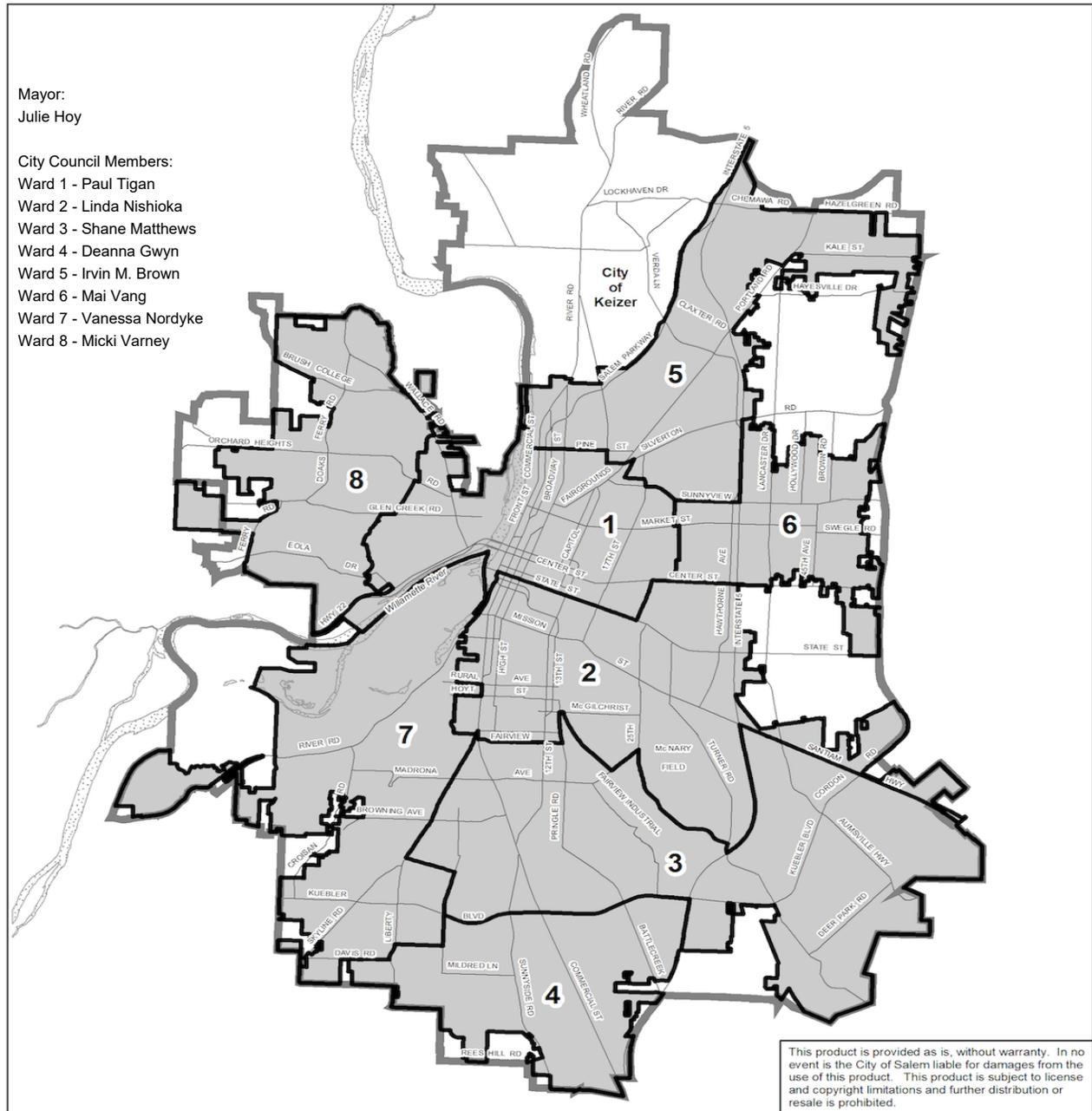
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City of Salem Wards

Mayor:
Julie Hoy

- City Council Members:
- Ward 1 - Paul Tigan
 - Ward 2 - Linda Nishioka
 - Ward 3 - Shane Matthews
 - Ward 4 - Deanna Gwyn
 - Ward 5 - Irvin M. Brown
 - Ward 6 - Mai Vang
 - Ward 7 - Vanessa Nordyke
 - Ward 8 - Micki Varney



LEGEND

- Ward Boundary
- Urban Growth Boundary
- Salem City Limits
- Major Streets



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