

*585 Liberty St SE  
Salem, OR 97301*



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

**Monday, April 27, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**Loucks Auditorium / Salem Public Library**

**City Council**

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None.**

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

#### **Call to Order**

**6:41 p.m.**

#### **Roll Call**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilor Vang

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

**Motion by Councilor Nishioka to approve the deletion to the agenda.  
Councilor Gwyn seconded the motion.**

**Comments by Councilor Nishioka.**

**Item 3.3a, Adopting the City of Salem’s 2026-2031 Strategic Plan, was removed from the agenda.**

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Vang

**Abstain:** 0

**1.2 COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER COMMENT**

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

**1.3 PROCLAMATIONS**

1.3a. [26-164](#) Proclamation - National Fentanyl Awareness Day

Ward(s): All Wards  
Councilor(s): All Councilors  
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

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

**Members of the REACH Team accepted the proclamation, including Scott Alt, Chris Okland, and Nate Okada.**

1.3b. [26-165](#) Proclamation - Vietnamese American Remembrance Day

Ward(s): All Wards  
Councilor(s): All Councilors  
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

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

**Members from the Vietnamese Community of Oregon (VNCO) accepted the proclamation, including Thao Tu, President, Hao Duong, Hanh Nguyen, Khanh Tran, Kelly Tran.**

Comments by Taho Tu.

**1.4 PRESENTATIONS**

None.

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

Lynelle Wilcox, Ward 1, Item 5.c., File 26-154  
Lorrie Walker, Ward 2, Item 5.c., File 26-154  
Valentin Lopez, Owner, Seguridad Security Services, Ward 1, Item 5.c, File 26-154  
Linda Bierly, Ward 8 , Item 5.b., File 26-158

Comments by Councilor Nishioka and Linda Bierly.

Carol Snyder, Ward 2, Item 5.b., File 26-158  
Kathleen Trepa, Ward 7, Item 5.e., File 26-132

**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, Matthews, Tigan, and Hoy

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Vang

**Abstain:** 0

**3.1 MINUTES**

**3.1a.** [26-160](#) April 13, 2026, Draft City Council Minutes

**Action:** Approved.

**3.2 RESOLUTIONS**

**3.3 ACTION ITEMS**

**3.3a (File 26-153) Adopting the City of Salem’s 2026-2031 Strategic Plan.**

**Item 3.3a was removed from the agenda - See Item 1.1.**

**3.3b.** [26-163](#) Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) Grant Application for Commercial Air Service Recruitment.

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 if awarded, accept a federal grant through the Small Community Air Service Development Program.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**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.**     [26-107](#)           Annual Historic Landmarks Commission Report.

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

**Overview by Kara Caser, Chair, Historic Landmarks Commission.**

**Questions or Comments by: Councilor Nishioka, Chair Caser, and Mayor Julie Hoy.**

**This SOB - Presentation was received and filed.**

**5.b.**     [26-158](#)           Salem Public Art Commission Annual Report

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

**Presentation by Susan Napak, Chair, Salem Public Art Commission.**

**Questions or Comments by: Councilor Matthews, Chair Napak, Councilors Brown, Nishioka, Tigan, and Mayor Julie Hoy.**

**This SOB - Presentation was received and filed.**

5.c. [26-154](#)

Reporting on Salem’s use of the Bloomberg-Harvard Cross Boundary Collaboration framework in Downtown 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.

**Opening remarks by Courtney Knox Busch, Assistant City Manager and Director of Strategy and Engagement.**

**A joint update about The Third Space was provided by: Nicole Utz, Director of Housing, Salem Housing Authority; Brandon Ditto, Assistant Chief of Police; Roberto Garcia, Salem Leadership Foundation and member of the West Salem Neighborhood Association; Tiffany Bulgin, Issac’s Room and Ike Box, Courtney Knox Busch, Assistant City Manager, and Tige Harmon, Assistant Chief of Emergency Operations, Salem Fire Department.**

**Questions or Comments by: Councilor Varney, Assistant City Manager Knox Busch, Councilors Nordyke and Brown, Assistant Police Chief Ditto, Councilors Matthews and Nishioka, Tiffany Bulgin, and Mayor Julie Hoy.**

**This SOB - Management Report was received and filed.**

5.d. [26-159](#)

Developing a vision for a vibrant downtown.

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 City Manager Krishna Namburi.**

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

**This SOB - Management Report was received and filed.**

5.e. [26-132](#)

Motion from Councilor Linda Nishioka concerning the feasibility of a downtown ambassador program & integration with Clean, Safe, and Healthy Salem.

Ward(s): All Wards  
Councilor(s): All Councilors  
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

**Motion by Councilor Nishioka that City Council direct staff to evaluate a Downtown Ambassador Program and how it could integrate with our Clean, Safe, and Healthy Salem efforts, and return with options for a pilot program. Councilor Nordyke seconded the motion.**

**Questions or Comments by: Councilors Nishioka, Varney, Brown, Nordyke, Matthews, and City Manager Namburi.**

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Vang

**Abstain:** 0

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

6.a. [26-145](#)

Purchases approved administratively from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 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. [26-150](#)

Quarterly information report on economic development.

Ward(s): All Wards  
Councilor(s): All Councilors  
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods  
Result Area(s): Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

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

6.c. [26-151](#)

End of session report summarizing the City’s legislative activities during the 2026 session of the Oregon State Legislature.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe Community; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

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

## 7. ORDINANCES

### 7.1 FIRST READING:

7.1a. [26-157](#)

Annexation of an approximate 18.91-acre territory located at 2170 Walker Road NE and 4893 Sunnyview Road NE, including a Minor Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment to Multi-Family Residential and Zone Change to RM-II (Multiple Family Residential) for approximately six acres of the southern portion of 2170 Walker Road NE (ANXC-765 CPC-ZC25-01).

Ward(s): Ward 6

Councilor(s): Vang

Neighborhood(s): North Lancaster Neighborhood Association

Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community

**Conducted first reading of Ordinance Bill No. 6-26.**

**Motion by Councilor Nishioka to advance Ordinance Bill No. 6-26, approving the annexation of territory located at 2170 Walker Road NE and 4893 Sunnyview Road NE, changing the zoning and comprehensive plan designations, and withdrawal of the territory from the Marion County Fire District No. 1 and East Salem Sewer and Drainage District, to second reading for enactment. Councilor Gwyn seconded the motion.**

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

**Aye:** 7 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Matthews, Tigan, and Hoy

**Nay:** 1 - Brown

**Absent:** 1 - Vang

**Abstain:** 0

**7.2 SECOND READING:**

None.

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

Kathleen Trepa, Ward 7

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

9:31 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Amy Johnson, City Recorder