

*585 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301*



Final Action Agenda - Minutes - Final

Monday, May 11, 2026

6:00 PM

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City Council

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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

6:20 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

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

Comments by Councilor Nishioka.

The revision pertained to Item 1.3a; the name of the attachment was corrected.

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

1.2 COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER COMMENT

Remarks by Mayor Julie Hoy, who also presented a plaque to outgoing Police Chief Trevor Womack, in recognition of his accomplishments.

Comments by: Chief Womack, Councilors Nordyke and Nishioka, Mayor Julie Hoy, and City Manager Krishna Namburi.

1.3 PROCLAMATIONS

1.3a. [26-171](#) Proclamation - Public Works Week 2026

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

Mayor Julie Hoy read the proclamation into the record.

Public Works Director Brian Martin accepted the proclamation.

Comments by Director Martin.

1.3b. [26-172](#) Proclamation - Year of the Neighborhood Associations, Celebrating Highland, Southeast Salem, Grant Neighborhood, and Morningside's 50th Anniversary

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

Councilor Nishioka read the proclamation into the record.

The following individuals accepted the proclamation:

- Pamela Schmidling - Morningside Neighborhood Association
- Shannon Priem - Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association Chair
- Angelo - Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association Vice Chair
- Celine Coleman - Highlands Neighborhood Association Vice Chair
- Holly Schiefelbein - Highlands Neighborhood Association Outreach Coordinator
- Susan Napak - Grant Neighborhood Association Outreach and Communications Chair
- Kat Keys - Grant Neighborhood Association Vice Chair

1.3c. [26-181](#)

Proclamation - Police Week 2026

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Councilor Gwyn read the proclamation into the record.

The following individuals accepted on behalf of Salem Police Department:

Police Chief Trevor Womack, Sergeant Brandon Gould of the canine unit and Canine Rupert, Detective Pence Hodges, Officer Nathan Bennett, Officer Sean Bennett, and Recruit Officers Jhaneeka Atalig and Stephanie Groves.

Comments by Chief Womack.

1.3d. [26-182](#)

Proclamation - Memorial Day 2026

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Mayor Julie Hoy read the proclamation into the record.

Colonel Russell Gibson, Army National Guard, accepted the proclamation.

Comments by Colonel Russell Gibson.

1.4 PRESENTATIONS

None.

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

The following individuals provided comments:

Rick Gaupo, President and CEO, Marion Polk Food Share, Ward 5, Item 6.a, File 226-155

Toni Kirk, Member, Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association (SESNA), Ward 2, Item 5.c, File 26-153

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.

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. [26-179](#) April 27, 2026, Draft City Council Minutes

Action: Approved.

3.2 RESOLUTIONS

3.2a. [26-170](#) Northgate Park Improvements Grant Application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Program.

Ward(s): Ward 5

Councilor(s): Councilor Brown

Neighborhood(s): Northgate Neighborhood Association

Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community

Adopted Resolution 2026-15, authorizing the City Manager to apply for and, if successful, accept an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant to fund improvements at Northgate Park.

3.3 ACTION ITEMS

None.

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. [25-490](#)

Permitting process improvement updates and Housing Production Strategy monitoring results.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community.

Opening remarks by City Manager Krishna Namburi.

Presentation by Robin Dalke, Development Services Operations Manager, Community Planning and Development.

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

This SOB - Presentation was received and filed.

5.b. [26-176](#)

Use of Salem Safety and Livability Bond Premium for electrical upgrade improvements for the Civic Center Seismic retrofit project.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure.

Presentation by Aaron Kimsey, Assistant City Engineer, Public Works.

Questions or Comments: Councilors Tigan, Brown, Gwyn, Nishioka, Varney, and Nordyke.

Motion by Councilor Nishioka to approve the use of \$1.5M in bond premium to pay for electrical upgrade improvements for the Civic Center Seismic project. 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

5.c. [26-153](#)

Adopting the City of Salem’s 2026-2031 Strategic 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; Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable
Community.

**Presentation by Courtney Knox Bush, Assistant City Manager and Director
of Strategy and Engagement.**

Questions or Comments: Councilors Brown, Tigan, and Vang.

**Motion by Councilor Nishioka to adopt the 2026-2031 City of Salem
Strategic Plan. Councilor Brown 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

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

6.a. [226-155](#)

Update on the Social Service Pilot Program.

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. [26-167](#)

City of Salem Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 3 Financial Report

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.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

6.c. [26-168](#)

City of Salem Fiscal Year 2025 Final Year End Financial Report

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.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

7. ORDINANCES

7.1 FIRST READING:

None.

7.2 SECOND READING:

7.2a. [26-174](#)

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

Second reading was conducted, and 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, 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:

Sarah Vick, Ward 1, May Day Spectacular
Jonas, Unincorporated Marion County, Budget

9. ADJOURNMENT

9:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Carl Hoffman, Deputy City Recorder and Amy Johnson, City Recorder.