



MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Mountlake Terrace City Hall and  
via Telephone and Teleconference

Councilmembers Present

Councilmember Murray  
Councilmember Paige  
Councilmember Ryan  
Councilmember Sonmore  
Councilmember Woodard  
Mayor Pro Tem Wahl  
Mayor Matsumoto Wright

Councilmembers Absent

None

Staff Members Present

City Attorney Hillary Evans (via Teleconference)  
City Clerk Jennifer Joki  
City Manager Jeff Niten  
Community and Economic Development Director Christy Osborn  
Deputy City Manager Carolyn Hope  
Parks Project Manager Donnelle Dayao  
Police Chief Pete Caw  
Police Commander Scott King  
Public Works Director Gary Schimek  
Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz  
Traffic Engineer John Marek

Guests

Flock Safety Camera System Public Affairs Manager Kristen MacLeod  
EcoNorthwest Project Manager Mackenzie Visser  
Mithun Partner Heidi Oien

1. Call to Order – Flag Salute – Roll Call

Mayor Matsumoto Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Jennifer Joki called roll.

2. Late Changes to Agenda

None

3. General Public Comment

None

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#### 4. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, items a – d, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded by Councilmember Sonmore, and passed by vote; 7-0.

- a. Payment of Claims
- b. Meeting Minutes for 5/15/2025 and 5/22/2025
- c. On-Call Agreement with Parametrix for Water Tower Coating
- d. Ordinance Repealing Outdated Municipal Code Regarding Burglar Alarms

#### 5. Proclamation for LGBTQ+ Allyship

Mayor Matsumoto Wright read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Carter Hemion, a Mountlake Terrace resident and LGBTAI+ advocate.

#### 6. Proclamation for Juneteenth

Councilmember William Paige read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Isaac Harrison, Mountlake Terrace resident and Manager of the Briar Library, who made few remarks, Vanesa Gutierrez, Sno-Isle Libraries Community Engagement Manager, Kristin Piepho, the Mountlake Terrace Managing Librarian, Terri Lott, Jr. Sno-Isle Libraries, Wally Webster, The Access Project, Olympia Edwards, Project Girl, Alicia Crank, Homage, and Councilmember Steve Woodard.

#### 7. Review and Vote on Agreements for Flock Camera System (Police Commander Scott King and Flock Safety Camera System Public Affairs Manager Kristen MacLeod)

King and MacLeod presented on this item to include addressing previous questions, concerns about U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), access to data by other agencies, memorandum of understanding signed by cooperating agencies, information not shared outside Washington State, data gets erased after 30 days, data cannot be sold to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, Flock does not use facial recognition, Flock will not using audio recording, agreement is 2 year subscription and can cancel after first year, transparency portal, no user can erase data, consequences for misuse, city would use 9 cameras, suspicious stops considered investigatory, upgrades to the system, effectiveness of the system, statistics included in the police department quarterly reports, scrubbed data with still images (for new vehicles) used for training,

King and MacLeod heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding New Hampshire case, 30-day allowance due to delays in reporting crimes, other options for helping solve crimes and missing person alerts, integrated systems, memorandums of understanding with other agencies, sharing data with jurisdictions having different parameters, process of camera taking picture of vehicle and license plate and not the driver, focus on crime, not person, public portal, reassess contract after one year, Washington State currently has 80 cities, 6 counties, 3 tribes using this system, City of Everett vote, usage and results, City of Lynnwood vote, usage, and results, City of Mountlake Terrace crime statistics 2022-2023, used as a deterrent for crime, trust in Mountlake Terrace PD to set up, utilize, and manage the system, example of process and type of access other users have, safeguards from other agencies misusing the data, requirements to search data, fear by residents, appreciation for community input, importance of system, trust and safeguards, transparency with the quarterly police reports and public portal, court cases and breach of contract, refund would

process, return on investment measured by investigation time saving, amber and silver alerts, trust with surveillance and crime prevention, smart cars and smart phones collect data, example of Mountlake Terrace incident with 16 shots fired in the air and person has not been found, disclosure of footage by Flock if have a good faith belief, and Flock does not access data without express consent by city owner.

A motion to change the length of each public comment from 5 minutes to 3 minutes due the number of commenters was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded by Councilmember Paige, and passed by vote; 7-0.

The mayor called for a 3-minute break.

A motion to open public comment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded by Councilmember Sonmore, and passed by vote; 7-0.

Public Comments:

- Steve Mosman, MLT resident, commented in support of the Flock Safety Camera System.
- George Stanton, MLT resident, commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Chris Finch, MLT resident, commented to vote no or postpone the vote on the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Alvaro Guillen, MLT resident, commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Elizabeth McIntosh, MLT resident, commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Laura Winkler, MLT resident, commented in opposition to of the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Dustin Dekoekkoek, MLT resident, commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera System.
- David Mercer, MLT resident, commented in support of the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Blake Severns, MLT resident, commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Victor Eskinazi, MLT resident, commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Lee Gresko, MLT resident, commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Isaac Harrison, MLT resident, commented in opposition of the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Sam Doyle, MLT resident, commented in opposition to the Flock Safety Camera System.
- Sophia Englmaier, MLT resident, commented to vote no or postpone the vote on the Flock Safety Camera System.

A motion to close public comment was made and seconded and approved by vote; 7-0.

A motion to authorize the city manager to sign the Flock Safety Camera System was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded by Councilmember Sonmore.

Council Discussion: Deterrents to crime, support for the cameras to keep the community safe and well, cell phone tracking, satellites and data tracking, City of Lynnwood's red light cameras collect information, immigration, amber alerts, stolen vehicles and shootings, approve this as a pilot project, supporting the police department, appreciation for community input, all have in common strong sense of safety for the community and a lot of trust and respect for the Mountlake Terrace police department, power of technology can be misused, vast majority of cities do not use this system, grant money used for this camera pilot program, Gig Harbor received grant money for this program but turned it down due to community concerns, Denver stopped using the system due to community concerns, significant pushback from the community on this system, additional patrol officers, domestic violence victim assistance, youth safety and programming, the cost of the system, cultivated a positive relationship with the community, other ways to help the community feel safe, crime can happen anywhere, interesting discussion, discussions with residents and councilmembers from other jurisdictions.

The motion to authorize the city manager to sign the Flock Safety Camera System agreement made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, and seconded by Councilmember Sonmore, was passed by vote; 5-2 (Murray, Woodard).

8. Review and Vote on Bid Award for Ballinger Viewing Platform and Trails (Parks Project Manager Donnelle Dayao and Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz)  
Dayao and Betz presented on this item to include the purpose, subject summary, design and approach, experiences, call for bids, timeline, and finances and budget.

Dayao and Betz heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding the specific timeline and use for the funds, appreciation for the work on this project, money already invested in the project and relationships, and ability to shift the costs.

A motion to amend the budget adding the \$1,035,593.02, to award and execute Ballinger Viewing Platform and Trails project that was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded by Councilmember Woodard, and passed by vote; 7-0.

A motion to extend the meeting until 11 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wahl, seconded by Councilmember Woodard and passed by vote; 7-0.

9. 1st Review of Recommended Code Amendments for Middle Housing (Community and Economic Development Director Christy Osborn, Mithun Partner Heidi Oien, and EcoNorthwest Project Manager Mackenzie Visser)  
Osborn, Oien, and Visser presented on this item to include 9 draft ordinances to provide for middle housing, public input, residential standards, new zones, proposed lot and density standards, proposed lot coverage, proposed height standards, and proposed setback standards.

Osborn, Oien, and Visser heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding appreciation for the updated information from the last meeting, and outreach and feedback.

10. Review Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (Traffic Engineer John Marek and Public Works Director Gary Schimek)

Marek and Schimek presented on this item to include the legislative history, subject summary, revenues, expenditures, unfunded projects, project locations, projects, and ask of council. Marek and Schimek heard and responded to questions and comments from council regarding a roundabout at 220<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup>, Main Street Phase III (design), list of project priorities, neighborhood traffic safety program, hearing from the community about their priorities, and continuing the sidewalk along 214<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment:

- MLT business owner Kirk Ishizaki commented in opposition to the inclusion of Main Street Phase III of the Transportation Improvement Program.

11. City Manager's Report (City Manager Jeff Niten)

Niten's report included:

- June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings are cancelled which is why tonight and next meeting are busier than usual

12. Council Liaison Reports

Councilmember Murray's report included:

- May 20 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission
- May 21 Mountlake Terrace State of the City event
- May 22 Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly
- May 22 Council work session
- June 2 Pride flag raising at MLT civic plaza
- June 3, 4, 5 Council committee conducted board and commission interviews
- June 4 Puget Sound Regional Council Economic Development District 4 meeting

Councilmember Paige

- May 21 Mountlake Terrace State of the City event
- June 9 will be Water Resource Inventory Area meeting

Councilmember Ryan's report included:

- June boards meet next week

Councilmember Sonmore's report included:

- June boards meet next week

Councilmember Woodard's report included:

- May 17 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander event at Terrace Park
- May 20 Economic Alliance of Snohomish County Update event
- May 21 Mountlake Terrace State of the City event
- May 22 Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County event
- May 22 Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly
- May 22 Council Finance Committee
- May 22 Council meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl's report included:

- May 13 Snohomish County Tomorrow Exploratory Committee meeting
- May 21 Mountlake Terrace State of the City event
- May 22 Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly
- May 22 Council Finance Committee
- May 22 Council work session
- May 28 Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee meeting

A motion to extend the meeting 5 minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilmember Murray, and approved by vote; 7-0.

- June 4 Snohomish County Tomorrow Executive Committee meeting
- June 3 South Snohomish County Mayors, Mayors Pro Tem, and Council Presidents meeting
- June 3, 4, 5 Council committee conducted board and commission interviews
- June 5 City Manager meeting

Mayor Matsumoto Wright's report included:

- May 2 Seashore Transportation Forum meeting
- May 7 Snohomish County Mayors meeting
- May 7 Alliance for Housing Affordability meeting
- May 21 South Snohomish County Mayors, Mayors Pro Tem, and Council Presidents meeting
- May 21 Mountlake Terrace State of the City event
- May 22 Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly
- May 27 Snohomish County Mayors meeting
- May 27 Chamber of Commerce event
- June 3, 4, 5 Council committee conducted board and commission interviews
- June 5 Community Transit Board of Directors meeting

13. New Business

None

14. Adjournment

Mayor Matsumoto Wright adjourned the meeting at 11:02 p.m.



Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor



Jennifer Joki, City Clerk