



City of Molalla
City Council – Regular Meeting
Minutes – August 12, 2026
Molalla Civic Center | 315 Kennel Ave. | Molalla, OR

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Regular Meeting for Augusts 12, 2026 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Eric Vermillion, Councilor Leota Childress, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Doug Gilmer Councilor Martin Bartholomew.

Absent: Councilor K.C. Bisenius.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Christie Teets, City Recorder; Sam Miller, Engineering Section Manager; Associate Planner, Claressa Davis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Work Session Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2026
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2026
- C. Resolution No. 2026-23: Awarding a Contract for Project 26-02, N. Ona Lane Extension

ACTION:

Councilor Childress moved to approve Consent Agenda as presented; Councilor Gilmer seconded.
Motion passed 6-0.

AYES: Gilmer, Shankle, Childress, Vermillion, Bartholomew, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

- A. Application for Appointment – Planning Commission (C. Pennie)

City Recorder Teets shared that a seat has been open on the Planning Commission for several months. Char Pennie has submitted an application and meets the required qualifications.

ACTION:

Councilor Gilmer moved to appoint Char Pennie to the Planning Commission; Council President Vermillion seconded.
Motion passed 6-0.

AYES: Gilmer, Shankle, Childress, Vermillion, Bartholomew, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Pearce, Molalla resident, shared with City Council regarding the Urban Growth Boundary. Mr. Pearce is located in Zone 5 of the UGB and was bumped out. He would like it stated for the record that he would like to be included in the Urban Growth Boundary.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **Ordinance No. 2026-07: Amending Molalla Municipal Code, Chapter 3.09 Disposal of Surplus Property**

Mayor Keyser confirmed no conflicts of interest by Council. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2026-07 was opened at 6:06pm

City Manager Huff stated that from time to time there is a need to dispose of surplus property. The last time the ordinance was updated was in 2008, therefore no longer in compliance. Mr. Huff provided the staff report, sharing the multiple ways the proposed ordinance will create efficiencies within the city.

With no Public Comment, Mayor Keyser closed the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2026-07 at 6:09pm

B. Ordinance No. 2026-09: Amending Molalla Municipal Code, Chapter 6.08 Farm Animals

Mayor Keyser confirmed no conflicts of interest by Council. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2026-09 was opened at 6:10pm

Mr. Huff referenced Work Sessions that had taken place prior to the introduction of this ordinance. He reminded Councilors of the conversation regarding roosters and the restrictions. Mr. Huff also explained that language regarding prison time has been removed. Mayor Keyser questioned the education piece of installing the new ordinance. Mr. Huff shared that education will absolutely take place prior to consequences taking place.

With no Public Comment, Mayor Keyser closed the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2026-09 at 6:13pm

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 2026-07: Amending Molalla Municipal Code, Chapter 3.09 Disposal of Surplus Property

Mr. Huff had no further comments.

ACTION:

Council President Vermillion moved to hold the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-07: Amending Molalla Municipal Code, Chapter 3.09 Disposal of Surplus Property by title only; Councilor Shankle seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

AYES: Gilmer, Shankle, Childress, Vermillion, Bartholomew, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ACTION:

Councilor Childress moved to hold the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-07: Amending Molalla Municipal Code, Chapter 3.09 Disposal of Surplus Property by title only; Councilor Gilmer seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

AYES: Gilmer, Shankle, Childress, Vermillion, Bartholomew, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

B. Ordinance No. 2026-09: Amending Molalla Municipal Code, Chapter 6.08 Farm Animals

Mr. Huff had no further comments.

ACTION:

Council President Vermillion moved to hold the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-09: Amending Molalla Municipal Code, Chapter 6.08 Farm Animals by title only; Councilor Shankle seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

AYES: Gilmer, Shankle, Childress, Vermillion, Bartholomew, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ACTION:

Council President Vermillion moved to hold the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-09: Amending Molalla Municipal Code, Chapter 6.08 Farm Animals by title only; Councilor Gilmer seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

AYES: Gilmer, Shankle, Childress, Vermillion, Bartholomew, Keyser.

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS: None.

C. Resolution No. 2026-22: Initiating Street Vacation Proceedings for a Portion of Lynn Lane and a Portion of Hezzie Lane

Associate Planner Davis presented the staff report for the initiation of stree vacation for Lynn and Hezzie Lane. Ms. Davis shared that the 60 foot right-of-way was dedicated in 1913. Since that time, the Transportation Master Plan has been updated multiple times. The plan identifies corrections to 50-feet in each highlighted areas. The benefit to correcting this error is three-fold; reduce city maintenance cost, reduce public confusion, and right size the City's infrastructure for transportation needs. Mayor Keyser confirmed that this vacation was correcting a previous error, staff concurred.

Todd Carver, Molalla resident, asked for clarification of the redline on the Hezzie Lane, inquiring of its use. Ms. Davis explained that Hezzie Lane would be punched through to Toliver Road.

ACTION:

Council President Vermillion moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-22: Initiating Street Vacation Proceedings for a Portion of Lynn Lane and a Portion of Hezzie Lane by title only; Councilor Gilmer seconded. Motion passed 6-0

AYES: Gilmer, Shankle, Childress, Vermillion, Bartholomew, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

A. Resolution No. 2026-24: Adopting a Fee for Mural Permits

Associate Planner Davis shared the staff report for Mural Permits, explaining that staff believes a fee of \$125 is appropriate for an efficient and accurate review of permits.

ACTION:

Councilor Gilmer moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-24 Adopting a Fee for Mural Permits by title only; Councilor Childress seconded. Motion passed 6-0

AYES: Gilmer, Shankle, Childress, Vermillion, Bartholomew, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:**A. Elections Announcement**

City Recorder Teets provided an elections update. Ms. Teets announced that positions expiring are Councilor Childress, Councilor Shankle, and Councilor Bisenius. Ms. Teets shared the candidates to date are Sheila Howe, Monica Bergman, and KC Bisenius. Ms. Teets also announced that the last day to submit paperwork is Friday, August 14th at 4:00pm.

B. League of Oregon Cities – 101st Annual Conference

Mr. Huff explained that the Fall LOC Conference is rapidly approaching. He explained to Council that Mayor Keyser would be attending the conference, and that many have had a chance to attend the Spring Conference. Mr. Huff stated that Molalla would be represented. City Recorder Teets shared information regarding the agenda and invited Councilors to contact her if they were interested in attending small sessions. The conference is in Salem this year, which makes it convenient for travel.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- **Associate Planner Davis:** had nothing to report.
- **Engineering Section Manager Miller:** clarified that Council did not have further questions regarding the Ona Lane award, Council did not.
- **City Recorder Teets:** had nothing to report.
- **City Manager Huff:** had nothing to report.

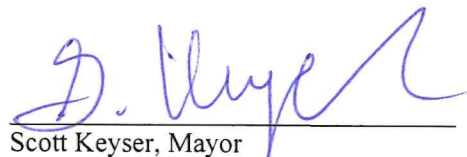
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- **Councilor Bartholomew:** had nothing to report.
- **Councilor Gilmer:** had nothing to report.
- **Councilor Shankle:** had nothing to report.
- **Councilor Childress:** shared that Celebrate Molalla registration has grown by 20%, therefore vendor registration has been closed. She invited everyone to come to Clark Park and enjoy the food, vendors, music, and car show. Councilor Childress made a statement regarding an announcement that had been made publicly, that all Councilors ‘just show up and say yes’. Councilor Childress stated that is not true, as they attend multiple Work Sessions, have documents and reports to review, all prior to convening a City Council meeting.
- **Council President Vermillion:** made an announcement regarding kids riding e-bikes. New laws are being created that different classifications of bikes state that individuals must be 14-16 when riding those bikes. Helmet requirements are also coming.
- **Mayor Keyser:** informed everyone that he had attended the recent OMA Conference in Ashland. He also shared award information from area Mayors and is appreciative of his mentors. He asked that folks keep an eye out for kids, and thanked the current Fire Chief for his work in the community.

For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube
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ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 6:43PM.


Scott Keyser, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christie Teets, CMC - City Recorder