



City of Molalla
City Council – Regular Meeting
Minutes – June 24, 2026
Molalla Civic Center | 315 Kennel Ave. | Molalla, OR

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Regular Meeting for June 24, 2026 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Eric Vermillion, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Doug Gilmer, and Councilor Martin Bartholomew. Via Phone: Councilor K.C. Bisenius

Absent: Councilor Leota Childress

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Cindy Chauran, Finance Director; Christie Teets, City Recorder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2026

ACTION:

Councilor Shankle made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented; Council President Vermillion seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Rearick, Molalla, OR: provided update on his proposed housing development, property purchased and noted positive feedback from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) regarding the project.

Peggy Smith, Molalla, OR: expressed concerns regarding increased noise from trucks using exhaust brakes on Section Street, and requested the City consider larger or more visible signage noting exhaust brakes are unlawful within City limits.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Resolution No. 2026-19: Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

Mayor Keyser confirmed no conflicts of interest by Council. Public Hearing for Resolution No. 2026-19 was opened at 6:08pm

Finance Director, Chauran, shared final budget as previously approved by the Budget Committee on May 20, 2026 with no changes presented; and recommended adoption of the fiscal year budget totaling \$73,949,535.

With no Public Comment, Mayor Keyser closed the Public Hearing for Resolution No. 2026-19 at 6:09pm

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 2026-19: Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

Finance Director Chauran had no further comments to share.

ACTION:

Council President Vermillion moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-19: Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year by title only; Councilor Shankle seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

B. Resolution No. 2026-18: Authorizing a Contingency Transfer in the General Fund

Finance Director Chauran, explained a year-end contingency transfer was requested to address potential unanticipated expenses before the fiscal year closed. The proposed \$165,000 transfer would provide budget authority for increased administrative, Police, City Council, and Municipal Court expenses, including costs related to service contracts, the School Resource Officer agreement, public records requests, and legal services.

ACTION:

Council President Vermillion moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-18: A Resolution of the City of Molalla Authorizing a Contingency Transfer in the General Fund by title only; Councilor Shankle seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Water Rate Adjustment Announcement

City Manager Huff announced the annual utility rate adjustment, reflecting a 2.5% Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase to water, sewer, and storm drainage rates, as previously authorized by Council resolution. He explained that applying annual CPI adjustments helps prevent the City from falling behind on utility rate increases and avoids the need for larger adjustments in the future. He confirmed notices were distributed to utility customers and shared through the City's Newsletter. He also noted for a typical single-family residential customer with a ¾-inch meter, the increase amounts to modest changes in monthly charges and reminded residents that water conservation can help reduce overall utility costs.

B. July 8th City Council Meeting

City Manager Huff advised Council that both he and Assistant City Manager Corthell would be out of the office at a City Managers Conference during the July 8th Council meeting and requested Council direction regarding whether the meeting should be canceled.

ACTION:

Council President Vermillion moved to cancel July 8, 2026 Council Meeting; Councilor Gilmer seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- **City Recorder Teets:** reported interviews were underway to fill the Administrative Specialist position and expressed hope the vacancy would be filled soon. An update was provided on the new records center, reminded the community of a vacancy on the Planning Commission and encouraged interested residents to consider running for City Council.
- **Finance Director Chauran:** reported interviews for an additional position were ongoing, with several qualified candidates and noted the City's annual audit was underway following the audit client meeting.
- **City Manager Huff:** noted City Hall continues to manage staffing transitions due to retirements. City Manager briefly detailed the waterline break at City Hall, explaining that an old four-inch waterline from the building's former use as a fire station failed inside the building. The break caused significant water damage, primarily affecting the restroom area and an office space.

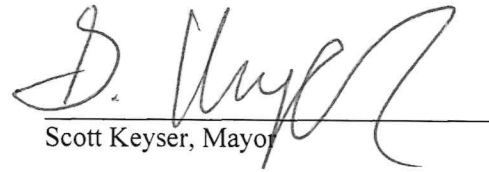
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- **Councilor Bisenius:** thanked Council and Staff for their patience with his remote presence for the evening.
- **Councilor Bartholomew:** emphasized the importance of taking a thoughtful and deliberate approach to hiring.
- **Councilor Gilmer:** wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July with family, celebrating America's 250 years.
- **Councilor Shankle:** reminded everyone streets on the 4th of July would close at 9am.
- **Council President Vermillion:** The Kiddie's Parade on July 1st and summer school would begin soon.
- **Mayor Keyser:** provided brief update on some 4th of July week events around town.

For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube
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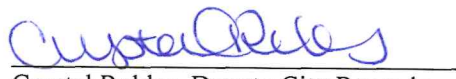
Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 6:36 PM.



Scott Keyser, Mayor

PREPARED BY:

ATTEST:



Crystal Robles, Deputy City Recorder



Christie Teets, CMC - City Recorder