

## CITY OF BURLINGTON, WA

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January 8, 2026

**Mayor Bill Aslett** called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Councilmembers present:** Kelsey Freeman, Joe DeGloira, Scott Green, Jesús Pérez-Linares, James Stavig, and Jamie Weiss. **Staff present:** City Attorney Leif Johnson, Interim City Administrator Andy Parks, Public Works and Parks Operations Director Travis Schwetz, Public Works Director Tyler Stamey, and Police Chief Kevin Turner, and Enrichment Services Director Sarah Ward.

**Councilors Green/Pérez-Linares** made a motion to excuse **Councilor Elizabeth Turman-Bryant** from the January 8, 2026, City Council meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

### MINUTES

**Councilors Green/Weiss** made a motion to approve the December 18, 2025, regular City Council meeting minutes. **Councilor DeGloria** suggested some additions to the minutes. **Mayor Aslett** stated that the minutes would be returned to Council for a vote after review.

### AUDIT OF BILLS:

**Councilor Scott Green** updated Council on the Audit & Finance meeting.

A motion was made by **Councilors Green/Freeman** to approve Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid as of January 8, 2026, in the amount of \$16,956.89; Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid as of December 23, 2025, in the amount of \$336,135.78; Burlington Chamber – November 2025, in the amount of \$21,273.77; and Payroll Expenses for Pay Period Ending December 15, 2025, in the amount of \$974,995.93. All in favor; motion carried.

### PRESENTATIONS:

No Presentations.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments.

Members of the public may submit comments or questions by mail to City Hall at 833 S. Spruce Street, ATTN: City Administrator, or by email to [badministration@burlingtonwa.gov](mailto:badministration@burlingtonwa.gov). Contact information for all the City Departments is available at [www.burlingtonwa.gov](http://www.burlingtonwa.gov).

### MAYOR'S UPDATE:

**Mayor Aslett** provided an update to Council about the City Administration recruitment process and timeline. **Aslett** shared that Andy Parks would continue as Interim City Administrator. **Mayor Aslett** reminded Council of state required trainings for City Councilmember and

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encouraged Councilors to check if they were up to date. The **Mayor** made some announcements about flood recovery events and resources.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Kelsey Freeman** shared reflections about the Pledge of Allegiance and symbolism of the United States of America flag.

**Councilor Jesús Pérez-Linares** inquired about “Coffee with the Mayor” community events and expressed interest in participating as a Council representative if the opportunity existed. **Pérez-Linares** attended the holiday tree lighting and acknowledged City staff for their work on the community event.

**Councilor James Stavig** welcomed Sports Clips to Burlington and shared highlights from a visit with the owners of Playtime Pickleball Club located at the Burlington Gallery.

**Councilor Jamie Weiss** attended the AWC training for City Officials and thanked Burlington for providing the facility space for the workshop.

**COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:**

No Committee & Board Reports.

**OFFICER’S REPORTS:**

**Interim City Administrator Andy Parks** informed Council of an upcoming series of 6 p.m. Council workshops focused on the topics such as the CIP, Council meeting structure & organization, City staff workplans, 2026 Budget process and document feedback, 6-year financial forecast, and Council goal setting.

**PROCLAMATION:**

No Proclamation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

No Public Hearing.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

No Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS:**

**HB 2015 – Public Safety Bill**

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**Police Chief Kevin Turner** presented a proposed Ordinance for the HB 2015 Public Safety Bill. Council engaged in conversation about the presentation timeline of the Ordinance for approval and what an approval would mean for grant funding opportunities.

**Councilor Stavig/Freeman** made a motion to approve the implementation of a 0.1% Public Safety Sales Tax as authorized through House Bill 2015. All in favor, motion carried. 4:2.

### **Agreement with Learning Landscapes for the Preparation of Construction Documents for Maiben Park Natural Playground**

**Enrichment Services Director Sarah Ward** introduced the contract agreement for a natural playground at Maiben Park for Council consideration. There was discussion about the cost of the project, project budget and funding sources, lack of grant funding secured for the playground, other City parks that would benefit from upgrades or improvements, and the Parks Board recommendation of the project.

**Councilor Pérez-Linares/Stavig** made a motion to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Agreement with Learning Landscapes for Phase 2 of the Maiben Park Natural Playground project, providing the technical work needed to develop construction-ready documents. **Councilors Weiss, Freeman and Green** in favor; **Councilors DeGloria and Stavig** opposed. Motion passed; 4:2.

### **2026 Council Committee Assignments and Election of Mayor Pro Temp & Investment Chair**

**Mayor Aslett** presented a draft of 2026 Council Committee assignments for discussion. There was discussion about the North Star Group and Historical Preservation Commission, but assignments remained as proposed.

**Councilor Green/Pérez-Linares** moved to elect Councilor Freeman as Mayor Pro Tempore for 2026. **Councilors Weiss and Freeman\*** in favor; **Councilors DeGloria and Stavig** opposed. Motion passed; 4:2. \*According to the guidelines established by the City of Burlington City Council Rules of Procedure, Section 5.4, Councilmember Freeman was tallied as an affirmative vote.

**Councilor Weiss/Green** moved to elect Councilor DeGloria as Investment Chair for 2026. All in favor, motion carried. 4:2.

**Councilor Weiss/Green** moved to approve the Mayor's 2026 Council Committee assignments and recommendations as presented. All in favor, motion carried. 4:2.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Aslett adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.



Sandra Kottke  
Finance Director



Bill Aslett  
Mayor