

## CITY OF BURLINGTON, WA

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February 26, 2026

Following a 6:00 p.m. workshop, **Mayor Bill Aslett** called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Councilmembers present:** Kelsey Freeman, Scott Green, Jesús Pérez-Linares, James Stavig, Elizabeth Turman-Bryant, and Jamie Weiss. **Staff present:** Community Development Director Brad Johnson, City Attorney Leif Johnson, Finance Director Sandy Kottke, Court Administrator Marina Martinez, Assistant Fire Chief Steve Riggs, Public Works and Parks Operations Director Travis Schwetz, Public Works Director Tyler Stamey, Fire Chief Rob Toth, Police Chief Kevin Turner and Enrichment Services Director Sarah Ward.

**Councilors Green/Stavig** made a motion to excuse **Councilor Joe DeGloria** from the February 26, 2026, City Council meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

**Councilors Turman-Bryant/Freeman** made a motion to approve the February 12, 2026, regular City Council meeting minutes. All in favor; motion carried.

### **AUDIT OF BILLS:**

**Councilor Scott Green** updated Council on the Audit & Finance meeting. There was a brief discussion about the Skagit River Park dirt purchase.

A motion was made by **Councilors Green/Freeman** to approve Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid as of February 26, 2026, in the amount of \$596,519.90; and Payroll Expenses for Pay Period Ending February 15, 2026, in the amount of \$943,433.68. All in favor; motion carried.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Sarah Wagstaff, BAC member, spoke with Council on behalf of the Burlington Arts Commission and provided updates on current projects, announced BAC open board seats, and distributed tri-fold maps of art around the City.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were two Public Comments. Tim Loving, representing the Burlington Historical Society, provided an update on recent and upcoming historical plaque projects. Loving also reported on the upcoming Heritage Trail promotional video project and invited Council participation. Jason Wells, the new Executive Director of Friendship House, made introductions and provided operational updates from the First Step Center, including the number of individuals served, meals provided, and law-enforcement drop-offs for the prior year. Wells answered questions about cold-weather shelter usage and expressed appreciation for the City's ongoing partnership.

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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 [administration@burlingtonwa.gov](mailto:administration@burlingtonwa.gov). Contact information for all the City Departments is available at [www.burlingtonwa.gov](http://www.burlingtonwa.gov).

### **MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

**Mayor Aslett** shared that the Mayor's Update had been included in Council packets.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Pérez-Linares** spoke of an upcoming Burlington Book Battle and was hopeful about the possibility of the initiative to host Coffee with the Mayor.

**Councilor Elizabeth Turman-Bryant** thanked the Mayor for organizing a tour of the STAR Center facility which was a result of North Star collaborative funding efforts.

### **COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS:**

**Councilor Kelsey Freeman** provided an update for the Public Works Committee, which did not meet but dispersed notes in advance. The report included ongoing capital project work, new housing developments, and progress on the ADA Transition Plan. Council was informed that the Street Department is now fully staffed and that most flood-related cleanup has been completed. Staff were thanked for completing the cleanup work in-house.

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Enrichment Services Director Sarah Ward** provided a handout with an updated timeline for the PROS Plan and noted the completion of the associated survey.

### **PROCLAMATION:**

No Proclamation.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

No Public Hearing.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Capital Projects Update**

**Teamsters Local 231 Public Works Division MOU Extension Agreement: Revised**

**Intergovernmental Agreement with WMD**

**Appointment of Sutherland Staatz to the Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees**

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**Mayor Aslett** clarified that the Capital Projects Update was not an action item and was for information only. As such, the vote would only be for Consent Agenda Items #2 – #6.

**Councilor Green/Stavig** made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items #2 – #6 and authorize the Mayor’s signature on appropriate documents. All in favor, motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**North Star Funding**

**Mayor Aslett** presented the contract with updated language to direct funding allocations to the start of costs of the STAR Center project.

**Councilor Turman-Bryant/Pérez-Linares** moved to adopt the resolution setting aside a portion of opioid settlement funds to support the North Star Initiative. All in favor, motion carried.

**INTRO/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Purchase of 2 New ½ Ton 4x4 Pickups – Parks Department**

**Public Works and Parks Operations Director Travis Schwetz** requested approval for truck replacement purchases. Several purchasing options were reviewed, including used and electric vehicles, and the state-contract list. Staff recommended moving forward with acquiring two new trucks at a cost not to exceed \$90,000. The topic will be added to the Consent Agenda at the next Council meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Aslett** adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.



Sandra Kottke  
Finance Director



Bill Aslett  
Mayor