



# City of Warrenton City Commission Minutes

City Hall, 225 S. Main Warrenton, OR 97146  
Tuesday, May 26, 2026

1. City Commission meeting called to order at 6:00pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

| Commission Members             | Present | Excused |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Gerald Poe                     | X       |         |
| Jessica Sollaccio              | X       |         |
| Mike Moha                      | X       |         |
| Paul Mitchell                  | X       |         |
| Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor | X       |         |

| Staff Members Present            |                                    |
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| City Manager Esther Moberg       | City Recorder Hanna Bentley        |
| Finance Director Jessica Barrett | Public Works Director Kevin Gorman |
| Fire Chief Brian Alsbury         | Police Chief Mathew Workman        |

### 3. Consent Calendar

*\*Items on the consent calendar have previously been discussed and/or are considered routine. Approval of the consent calendar requires a motion, a second, and no discussion, unless requested by a member of the City Commission.*

- A. City Commission Meeting Minutes 2026.05.12
- B. Police Department Statistics Report April 2026

Mayor Balensifer asked Police Chief Mathew Workman about the police department statistics report; Workman responded and clarified the report.

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| <b>Motion:</b>   | Move to approve the consent calendar as presented. |     |     |         |         |
| <b>Moved:</b>    | Poe                                                |     |     |         |         |
| <b>Seconded:</b> | Sollaccio                                          | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Recused |
| <b>Vote:</b>     | Poe                                                | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Sollaccio                                          | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Moha                                               | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Mitchell                                           | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Balensifer                                         | X   |     |         |         |
| <b>Passed:</b>   | 5/0                                                |     |     |         |         |

City Manager Esther Moberg noted that she provided an updated IGA for the City Commission under item 7A. There was unanimous consent replace the item in the packet with the updated IGA.

#### 4. Reports & Presentations

Commissioner Poe noted the CREST (Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce) budget meeting he attended.

Commissioner Sollaccio noted the CEDR (Clatsop Economic Development Resources) budget meeting she attended and noted the Cedar Awards.

Commissioner Moha noted the forum regarding teenage homelessness in the county.

Commissioner Mitchell noted the American Legion Post 12 Memorial Day event he attended.

Mayor Balenisfer noted he attended the VFW 10580 Memorial Day event and CEDER awards event he attended.

#### 5. Public Comment & Correspondence

Written public comment was received from Emily Reyneke.

Kersten Valentine and Eric Williamson provided comments on rezone Ordinance No. 1300. Mayor Balenisfer noted that their public comment time expired and asked the commission if there was unanimous consent to extend the time to complete the question. There were no objections. Valentine and Williamson continued public comment. Mayor Balenisfer provided brief comments regarding the rezone.

#### 6. Public Hearing

#### 7. Business Items

##### A. Warrenton Rural Fire District IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement)

Fire Chief Brian Alsbury reviewed the IGA between the City of Warrenton, and the Warrenton Rural Fire District is currently up for a five year renewal. He noted that there was an update to section 5 that clarifies that the rural fire district is responsible for repair and replacement of the fire hydrants. There was brief discussion on replacement/repair of fire hydrants and liability coverage.

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| <b>Motion:</b>   | Move to approve the Warrenton Rural Fire District IGA for fire protection and emergency services as amended and presented to the dais between the City of Warrenton and Warrenton Rural Fire District. |     |     |         |         |
| <b>Moved:</b>    | Moha                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |     |         |         |
| <b>Seconded:</b> | Poe                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Recused |
| <b>Vote:</b>     | Poe                                                                                                                                                                                                    | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Sollaccio                                                                                                                                                                                              | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Moha                                                                                                                                                                                                   | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Mitchell                                                                                                                                                                                               | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Balensisfer                                                                                                                                                                                            | X   |     |         |         |

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| <b>Passed:</b> | 5/0 |
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## B. Public Safety Fee Ordinance

Moberg reviewed the staff report noting the fee was originally enacted via resolution but after further review by staff and legal it needs to be enacted by ordinance. Finance Director Jessica Barrett noted that this will have to be billed through accounts receivable and not utility bills.

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| <b>Motion:</b>   | Move to conduct the first reading by title only of Ordinance Number, 1302, an ordinance of the city commission of the city of Warrenton Oregon authorizing the establishment of a public safety fee, enacting section 33 to municipal code chapter 3. |     |     |         |         |
| <b>Moved:</b>    | Poe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |     |         |         |
| <b>Seconded:</b> | Sollaccio                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Recused |
| <b>Vote:</b>     | Poe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Sollaccio                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Moha                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Mitchell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Balensifer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | X   |     |         |         |
| <b>Passed:</b>   | 5/0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |     |         |         |

Mayor Balensifer conducted the first reading by title only of Ordinance Number, 1302, an ordinance of the city commission of the city of Warrenton Oregon authorizing the establishment of a public safety fee, enacting section 33 to municipal code chapter 3.

## C. Consideration of Street Closure at SE 2nd St and Marlin Dr

Public Works Director Kevin Gorman reviewed the staff report noting that to safely complete the culvert replacement work, a full closure of SE 2nd Street is required for up to four days. Construction activities are currently scheduled to begin on May 27, 2026 and the closure will be intermittent.

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| <b>Motion:</b>   | Move to approve the temporary road closure of SE 2nd St beginning May 27, 2026, for up to four days to support the City's culvert replacement project. |     |     |         |         |
| <b>Moved:</b>    | Sollaccio                                                                                                                                              |     |     |         |         |
| <b>Seconded:</b> | Moha                                                                                                                                                   | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Recused |
| <b>Vote:</b>     | Poe                                                                                                                                                    | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Sollaccio                                                                                                                                              | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Moha                                                                                                                                                   | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Mitchell                                                                                                                                               | X   |     |         |         |
|                  | Balensifer                                                                                                                                             | X   |     |         |         |
| <b>Passed:</b>   | 5/0                                                                                                                                                    |     |     |         |         |

## 8. Discussion Items

**9. Good of the Order**

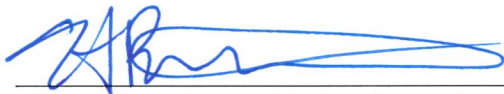
Commissioner Mitchell asked the City Manager Esther Moberg regarding insurance retrieval for the fire department; Moberg responded.

**10. Executive Session**

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Balensifer adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Attest:



Hanna Bentley, CMC, City Recorder

Approved:



Paul Mitchell, Mayor Pro Tem