



City of Warrenton City Commission

Minutes

City Hall, 225 S. Main Warrenton, OR 97146

Tuesday, June 23, 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	
City Manager Esther Moberg	City Recorder Hanna Bentley
Police Chief Mathew Workman	Public Works Director Kevin Gorman
Fire Chief Brian Alsbury	

Mayor Balensifer requested unanimous consent to pull item 3A from the consent calendar and table it to the next meeting. There were no objections. Mayor Balensifer requested to add agenda item 3C March 19, 2026, Abstract of Votes. There were no objections. Mayor Balensifer requested to add item 5A written correspondence from Pastor Ed Forsythe. There were no objections.

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 Minutes 2026.05.26~~ – removed

B. WPD May 2026 Statistics Report

C. March 19, 2026, Abstract of Votes

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

4. Reports & Presentations

Commissioner Sollaccio noted the Warrenton waterfront trail cleanup happening this weekend.

Mayor Balensifer noted that there will be an F15 flyover on the 4th of July.

5. Public Comment & Correspondence

Kathi Merrit provided comments thanking the commission for their time and thanking everyone for the new library.

A. Written correspondence from Pastor Ed Forsythe regarding fireworks stands.

Mayor Balensifer requested City Manager Esther Moberg provide comment on the received correspondence.

6. Public Hearing

7. Business Items

A. Parks Advisory Board Recommendation – Legacy Bricks

City Manager Esther Moberg reviewed the recommendation received from the Parks Advisory Board for legacy bricks behind Homeplate. Warrenton Kids Inc. Board Member Celeste Kenneally provided an overview of the proposed brick project.

Motion:	Move to approve the parks committee recommendation related to the brick campaign provided that the operational maintenance impacts are placed into writing record.				
Moved:	Moha				
Seconded:	Mitchell	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

B. Authorization to Bid 2026 Pavement Management Project, SE Dolphin Avenue Overlay

Public Works Director Kevin Gorman reviewed his staff report.

Motion:	Move to authorize staff to advertise and solicit bids for the 2026 Pavement Management Project.				
Moved:	Sollaccio				
Seconded:	Poe	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			

	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

C. Resolution No. 2723 - Water Rates Adjustment

Public Works Director Kevin Gorman reviewed his staff report noting that it is a 4% increase.

Motion:	Move to conduct the second reading, by title, of Resolution No. 2723.				
Moved:	Mitchell				
Seconded:	Moha	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

Mayor Balensifer conducted the second reading by title only of Resolution No. 2723; Adopting Water Department Rates and Fees, Establishing July 1, 2026, as the Effective Date, and Repealing All Other Resolutions in Conflict.

Motion:	Move to adopt Resolution No. 2723.				
Moved:	Poe				
Seconded:	Mitchell	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

D. Resolution No. 2724 - Sewer Rate Adjustment

Public Works Director Kevin Gorman reviewed his staff report noting that it is a 8% increase.

Motion:	Move to conduct the second reading, by title only, of Resolution No. 2724.				
Moved:	Sollaccio				
Seconded:	Mitchell	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			

	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

Mayor Balensifer conducted the second reading by title only of Resolution No. 2724; Adopting Sewer Department Monthly Rates, Establishing July 1, 2026, as the Effective Date, and Repealing All Other Resolutions in Conflict.

Motion:	Move to adopt Resolution No. 2724.				
Moved:	Poe				
Seconded:	Mitchell	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

E. Resolution No. 2731 - Sanitation Rate Adjustment

Public Works Director Kevin Gorman reviewed his staff report noting that it is a 20.8% increase noting that a rate study was conducted last year.

Motion:	Move to conduct the second reading, by title only, of Resolution No. 2731.				
Moved:	Moha				
Seconded:	Poe	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer		X		
Passed:	4/1				

Mayor Balensifer conducted the second reading by title only of Resolution No. 2731; Adopting Sanitation Department Monthly Rates, Establishing July 1, 2026, as the Effective Date, and Repealing All Other Resolutions in Conflict.

Motion:	Move to adopt Resolution No. 2731.				
Moved:	Sollaccio				
Seconded:	Mitchell	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer		X		
Passed:	4/1				

F. Resolution No. 2732 - Recycling Rate Adjustment

Public Works Director Kevin Gorman reviewed his staff report he noted that it is a 2.1% increase and that this is a pass through from Recology.

Motion:	Move to conduct the second reading, by title, of Resolution No. 2732.				
Moved:	Mitchell				
Seconded:	Poe	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

Mayor Balensifer conducted the second reading by title only of Resolution No. 2732; Adopting New Rates and for Residential Recycling Services, Establishing July 1, 2026, as the Effective Date, and Repealing All Other Resolutions in Conflict.

Motion:	Move to adopt Resolution No. 2732.				
Moved:	Poe				
Seconded:	Sollaccio	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

G. Resolution No. 2735 - Authorization to Apply for Grant

Gorman reviewed his staff report noting that the grant is for the Quincy & Bessie Robinson Park Outdoor Fitness Improvement Project. There was brief discussion on the need for new bark chips at the park.

Motion:	I move to adopt Resolution No. 2735; A Resolution for authorization of the Quincy Robinson Park Grant.				
Moved:	Sollaccio				
Seconded:	Poe	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

H. Resolution No. 2730 - Public Safety Fee

Fire Chief Brian Alsbury reviewed his staff report. He noted that the effective date has been amended to August 1st, 2026.

Motion:	Move to conduct the second reading by title only of Resolution 2730.				
Moved:	Mitchell				
Seconded:	Moha	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

Mayor Balensifer conducted the second reading by title only of Resolution 2730, a resolution repealing resolution 2709 and establishing public safety fee rates.

Motion:	Move to adopt Resolution 2730.				
Moved:	Poe				
Seconded:	Mitchell	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

I. Resolution No. 2734 Authorizing Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds.

City Manager Esther Moberg reviewed her staff report. There was brief discussion on the timing of the bond sale.

Motion:	Move to approve Resolution No. 2734.				
Moved:	Mitchell				
Seconded:	Moha	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

J. Consideration of New Urban Renewal Formation Services Contract with Tiberius

City Manager Esther Moberg reviewed her staff report.

Motion:	Move to approve the Tiberius contract, hiring professional services for the formation of a new Urban Renewal funding area in Hammond in the amount of \$57,620.				
Moved:	Poe				
Seconded:	Mitchell	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

8. Discussion Items

A. Deep Sea Fisherman's Property

City Manger Esther Moberg reviewed the staff report. She noted that the city was approached by the Deep Sea Fishermen's Benefit Fund regarding the donation of their facility to the city. There was consensus to start negotiations with the Deep Sea Fishermen's Benefit Fund for the property.

9. Good of the Order

Commissioner Moha noted that he is excited for the fourth of July, Commissioner Sollaccio and Commissioner Mitchell provided brief comments regarding the 4th of July parade.

Mayor Balensifer asked Public Works Director Gorman about the Alder Creek headwater project; Gorman responded.

Commission Mitchell asked City Manager Esther Moberg about the fireworks stand correspondence that was received; Moberg responded.

10. Executive Session

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Balensifer adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Attest:



Hanna Bentley, CMC, City Recorder

Approved:



Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor