



City of Warrenton City Commission Minutes

City Hall, 225 S. Main Warrenton, OR 97146
Tuesday, May 12, 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
Finance Director Jessica Barrett	Public Works Director Kevin Gorman
Planning Director Anne Marie Skinner	Senior Police Officer Josh Hollaway

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 2026.04.28
- B. Lightspeed Networks Franchise Agreement

Motion:	Move to approve the consent calendar as presented.				
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

- A. Development Experience Task Force Report

Commission Mitchell reviewed the entirety of the development experience task force report included in the meeting packet. He asked task force member John Nygaard to provide comments

regarding street designs. Commissioner Mitchell noted concerns regarding a need for stronger communication between builders, homeowners, and the city government. Nygaard provided brief comments on recommendation seven regarding in-lieu sidewalk fees. Task Force member David Reed provided brief comments on the task force. City Manager Esther Moberg provided comments on her response included in the meeting packet. Mayor Balensifer noted there will be a meeting with pertinent stakeholders before full adoption of these recommendations.

Motion:	Move to accept the report and refer it to the planning commission and any other relevant departments.				
Moved:	Sollaccio				
Seconded:	Moha	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

5. Public Comment & Correspondence

City Esther Manager Moberg introduced the new Planning Director, Anne Marie Skinner.

A. Jen Fowler - Big Game Fishing

Motion:	Move to lay Big Game Fishing on the table for discussion as item 7C.				
Moved:	Sollaccio				
Seconded:	Mitchell	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

B. Public Comment

Tony Faletti provided comments regarding safety concerns of dead trees at Quincy Robinson Park. He additionally noted he is glad to see the improvements at Seafarer's Park.

6. Public Hearing

7. Business Items

A. Consideration of Resolution No. 2729 — Establishment of the Facilities Maintenance Fund

Finance Director Jessica Barrett presented Resolution 2729 noting that it is an update to the language to remove Head Start and include city-owned buildings not maintained by enterprise funds.

Motion:	Move to adopt Resolution No. 2729 establishing a reserve fund for the Facilities Maintenance Fund and repealing Resolution No. 2329.				
Moved:	Moha				
Seconded:	Mitchell	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

B. Consideration of Amplified Sound Permit – Warrenton Kids Inc. Hit-A-Thon

Public Works Director Kevin Gorman reviewed the request from Warrenton Kids Inc. regarding amplified sound.

Motion:	Move to approve the amplified sound permit for the Warrenton Kids Inc. Hit-A-Thon from 8am to 7pm on Saturday May 16 th .				
Moved:	Mitchell				
Seconded:	Poe	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Poe	X			
	Sollaccio	X			
	Moha	X			
	Mitchell	X			
	Balensifer	X			
Passed:	5/0				

Mayor Balensifer requested a deviation from the current topic to ask Gorman a question about Quincy Robinson Park. The commission granted his request. Mayor Balensifer asked about the current process of evaluating trees that are not an immediate danger to the public; Gorman responded that this is an outsourced task.

C. Jen Fowler Big Game Fishing Lease

City Manager Esther Moberg noted that staff are of the opinion that renovations could be completed in the next 60 to 90 days. She requested that an extension be considered when we get closer to the deadline and noted that she plans to meet with Big Game Fishing to get this executed. Jen and Jim Fowler, owners of Big Game Fishing, provided brief comments regarding concerns with moving processing in the back building and noted that it has a large cost. Jen Fowler noted that recently Pacific Power was at the property and noted that to move the power pole, it would take the company roughly two months and an easement

from the city will be required. There was consensus to move forward with staff's recommendation. There were no objections.

8. Discussion Items

A. Sanitation Services Review Before Budget Meeting

Barrett reviewed the proposed budget regarding rate changes for the sanitation department and the potential for a full rate study for fiscal year July 2026 to June 2027. City Manager Esther Moberg provided comments on the options available to reduce budget shortfall and noted significant increases in tipping fees and increased frequency for emergency repairs of the garbage trucks. It was noted that if the rate is not increased in July, they will not be able to do a full rate review in the upcoming fiscal year. There was brief discussion on equipment replacement schedules and comparative fees.

Mayor Balensifer asked the Commission for comments. Commissioner Poe spoke in favor of the rate increase. Commissioner Moha asked for clarification of the current rate for sanitary services in which Barrett responded that it is currently \$21.66 for weekly pickups after the most recent rate increase in January. Commissioner Sollaccio asked about the price of the rate increase if it were to be adopted in July. Barrett confirmed it would be \$26.17 for weekly pickups. She also clarified that if the rate increase were to happen in July, there would not be an additional increase in January. Commissioner Mitchell spoke in favor of increasing the rate if sanitation services are to stay in the city's purview. City Manager Esther Moberg clarified the intent of this conversation is to provide information before the upcoming Budget Committee meeting, not to decide upon the increase today. Mayor Balensifer noted that it is the inclination of the Commission to support the rate increase at the budget meeting.

9. Good of the Order

Commissioner Sollaccio noted that Clatsop County childcare grants are open until June.

Commissioner Mitchell noted that he went aboard a cruise ship and was informed by the excursion manager that Costco, Walmart, and Ross Dress for Less are tied for the third most popular excursion location.

Mayor Balensifer noted that he has been approached by the Fisherman's Deep Sea Benefit Fund regarding acquisition of the Lighthouse Park; the City Manager has a meeting scheduled with them to discuss it. There was brief discussion on the new park signs.

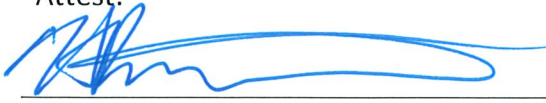
10. Executive Session

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Balensifer adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.

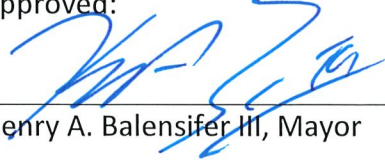
Respectfully prepared and submitted by Stepha Kvokov, Deputy City Recorder.

Attest:



Hanna Bentley, City Recorder

Approved:



Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor