

City Council
March 11, 2025

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Anderson, Arsanto, Burbank, Bergerson, Bender (via Zoom), and Green.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass, Director of Finance Hines, Police Chief Alfano, Senior Planner Farnsworth, City Clerk Zumek.

Mayor Burkett asked if there were any other additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda.

Council member Arsanto moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements, Appointments, and Presentations:

Street Naming Presentation – George Pecheos

Mayor Burkett shared information on how George Pecheos contributed to the community of Buckley. He presented the family with a certificate and a "Pecheos" street sign.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tazia Duncan – Ms. Duncan shared that she was there to discuss the importance of Rainier State School and what could happen if the government decided to close it down. She also shared that there will be a Community Town Hall regarding this on March 25th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Community Services Committee:

Council member Green shared that the Committee met today and discussed the following items:

- City Hall furniture,
- Reviewed the Public Art Application,
- Community newsletter,
- Miler Park, and
- Community Special events.

Admin/Finance/Public Safety Committee:

Council member Smith shared that the Committee met yesterday and held discussions on the following:

- Recruitment update,
- Special Event Applications,
- Administrative Policies,
- City logo, and
- City Hall furniture.

The Committee also received an update from the police department. There is currently one recruit going through the academy. The Police have been conducting monthly traffic enforcement operations and the operation for March is speeding. The 3rd Citizen's Academy is in full swing and will be completed by the end of March.

The Committee also heard from the Fire Department that call volumes are down based on the same timeframe in 2024. Collective bargaining is underway with the IAFF. The most recent class of volunteers are expected to graduate in June and the East Pierce Interlocal Coalition (EPIC), which Buckley is a part of will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team class in the Town of Wilkeson.

The Municipal Court shared that all Blake decision cases have been processed and closed out.

Finance Director Hines provided a 2025 year to date revenue update.

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission:

Council member Bergerson shared that the Commission met on March 5th and discussed the following:

- New Senior Center Coordinator,
- January and February participation numbers,
- Spring program plans,
- Scholarship program,
- Participation Policy, and
- Major events calendar.

Planning Commission:

Council member Arsanto shared that the Commission met on March 3rd and discussed ADU rules and regulations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim check numbers 69025 through 69100 in the amount of \$613,767.00 for February 11th through February 24th; payroll check numbers 41597 through 41704 in the amount of \$295,535.31, and ACH payroll in the amount of \$667,977.87 for February 25th through March 10th; and claim check numbers 69101 through 69166 in the amount of \$241,497.45 for February 25th through March 10th are hereby approved and ordered paid this 11th day of March 2025.

REGULAR AGENDA

Doc Tait Pavilion Project Final Design

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve the Final Design of the Doc Tait Pavilion and authorize the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition to Proceed with Construction as designed and permitted. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Services Director Employment Agreement

Council member Smith moved to Approve the Employment Agreement Between the City of Buckley and Chris Banks for the position of Public Services Director. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Development Projects Update

Senior Planner Farnsworth gave an update on the current development projects and asked Council if they had any questions. He also shared that Zhang RV has been given civil approval but at this point, we still don't know if they will build.

City Administrator Update

City Administrator Brunell shared that there will be ground breaking for the Doc Tait Pavilion on March 24th at 5:00 PM and Rainier State School will be holding a community town hall on March 25th at the Fire Station. She also shared that the City is doing a letter of support for Rainier State School.

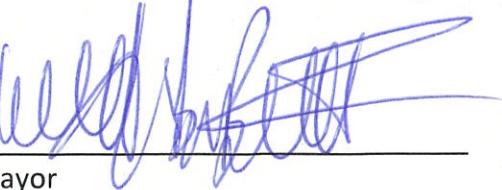
Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Smith shared that he had received a request to put the pickleball nets back up. He also received an email regarding the vandalism on the new bridge and was wondering if we could put a camera out there.

Council member Green shared that we need to push the King County Council to get some assistance with this as the bridge belongs to them.

Council member Arsanto moved to adjourn. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Zumeck, City Clerk