

**CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION  
November 4, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:** Council members Green, Smith, Burbank, Anderson (Via Zoom), and Bergerson.

Also in attendance were: Mayor Burkett, Interim City Administrator Banks, Director of Parks and Recreation Snodgrass, Senior Planner Farnsworth, Police Chief Alfano, City Engineer Miller and Deputy Clerk Clark.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Miller Park:**

Director of Parks and Recreation Snodgrass gave an update on funding for both phases of Miller Park and added that we will be able to open both phases at the same time. In Council's packet there is a map that includes everything with picnic shelters, playground, restrooms, etc. The City of Buckley first purchased Miller Park in 2000 with the long-term goal of transforming it into a community recreation destination. The funding for Miller Park is supported by state and local government.

City Staff are working with Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office that has awarded the City with a \$500,000 grant and this needs to be completed before construction can begin.

**2026 Legislative Priorities:**

Police Chief Alfano explained the handout that was given regarding House Bill 2015: Public Safety Funding & Equity Under the Keep Washington Working Act. This would need to be a decision by Council; Council would like more in depth research from Chief Alfano. Mayor Burkett, Interim City Administrator Banks, and Chief Alfano shared their opinions on this house bill.

Council also discussed other legislative priorities on the list such as Miller Park, Local Revenue, and Public Safety.

**Development Code Updates (Manufactured Homes as ADUs):**

Senior Planner Farnsworth gave an update on development code updates before the upcoming public hearing on Nov. 10, 2025. Dept. of Commerce will require 60 days to review once it is submitted.

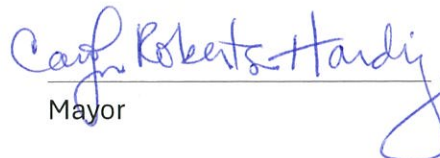
Council member Bergerson asked questions about the non-conforming use code. Senior Planner Farnsworth will look further into this and let Council know. Mr. Farnsworth also updated Council on manufactured homes ADUs.

**City Council Comments:**

Council member Burbank brought up a concern about a gentleman that is storing his belongings outside of the library. Interim City Administrator Banks will contact Director of Pierce County Libraries.

With nothing further, the Study Session was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

  
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City Administrator

  
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Mayor

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