

1. Council Meeting Minutes

This item will approve the minutes from the March 17, 2025, Special Session and the April 15, 2025, Business Meeting. City Recorder's Office is the lead department. minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Mayor Travis Stovall called the Gresham City Council Business Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2025, in Council Chambers and via Zoom.

1. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Mayor Stovall called the roll of the Council.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Travis Stovall
Councilor Kayla Brown
Councilor Cathy Keathley
Councilor Sue Piazza
Councilor Janine Gladfelter

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Council President Hinton
Councilor Eddy Morales

STAFF PRESENT:

Eric Schmidt, City Manager
Steve Fancher, Assistant City Manager
Ellen Van Riper, City Attorney
Christina Still, Interim City Recorder

B. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY GROUP COMMENTS**1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR TESTIFYING**

Mayor Stovall read the instructions to the public wishing to testify before the Council.

2. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY GROUP COMMENTS

Christina Still, Interim City Recorder, entered one written testimony into the record. (Exhibit A).

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 3640 - A Resolution renaming Hogan Butte Nature Park to Shane T. Bemis Nature Park in honor of former Mayor Bemis

Eric Schmidt, City Attorney, presented the item.

Mayor Stovall provided background on the naming process following community comments. He acknowledged concerns about having a formal naming process and shared that a subcommittee was previously formed to develop such a policy. While that work is ongoing, the Council decided to proceed with renaming Hogan Butte Nature Park to Shane T. Bemis Nature Park, recognizing the significant contributions of former Mayor Bemis, who served the City for 18 years—14 as Mayor and 4 as a City Councilor. Mayor Bemis also founded the Metro Mayors Consortium, which now includes 23 cities.

The Mayor emphasized that this decision aligns with previous naming actions, such as naming public spaces after former Mayors Chuck Becker and Gussie McRobert. He assured the public that a formal naming policy is forthcoming and will be reviewed by Council in full, with public input invited during the process.

Councilor Piazza added that a past Resolution honored Mayor Gussie McRobert by naming the entrance to Main City Park from the Springwater Trail as Gussie McRoberts Plaza, further demonstrating precedent for naming public spaces after notable leaders.

Councilor Keathley expressed appreciation for the background and asked whether community groups, such as the neighborhood coalition, could be included in the process.

Mayor Stovall confirmed that the draft policy being developed by the subcommittee will be shared publicly before coming to Council. Community feedback will be encouraged both during the review period and through public comment at a Council meeting. He anticipated that the draft would first be brought to Council in a work session for initial discussion and feedback.

Councilor Stovall clarified that the renaming does not involve changes to street names, so no address changes are required. He asked Eric Schmidt to confirm that the renaming would apply to the park name and related references in maps and documents. Eric Schmidt confirmed that he would coordinate updates on the staff side should Council move forward with the renaming.

A motion was made by Councilor Piazza, seconded by Councilor Gladfelter, **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 3640 RENAMING HOGAN BUTTE NATIONAL PARK TO SHANE T. BEMIS NATURE PARK IN HONOR OF FORMER MAYOR BEMIS**. The motion passed as follows:

Mayor Travis Stovall	YES
Council President Hinton	ABSENT
Councilor Kayla Brown	YES
Councilor Janine Gladfelter	YES
Councilor Cathy Keathley	YES
Councilor Eddy Morales	ABSENT
Councilor Sue Piazza	YES

D. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Stovall at 12:21 p.m.

Travis Stovall,
Mayor

Prepared by:

Christina Still
City Recorder

Postscript: A complete Council meeting recording is available on the City's website at <https://www.greshamoregon.gov/government/mayor-and-council/council-meeting-agendas-and-videos/>

A. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Mayor Travis Stovall called the Gresham City Council Business Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in Council Chambers and via Zoom.

1. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Mayor Stovall called the roll of the Council.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Travis Stovall
Council President Jerry Hinton
Councilor Kayla Brown
Councilor Eddy Morales
Councilor Cathy Keathley
Councilor Sue Piazza (Remote)

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilor Janine Gladfelter

STAFF PRESENT:

Eric Schmidt, City Manager
Steve Fancher, Assistant City Manager
Ellen Van Riper, City Attorney
Christina Still, Interim City Recorder
Chris Fick, Senior Policy Analyst
Helen Toloza, Deputy City Attorney
Jessica Harper, Community Services Manager
Ted Van Beek, Police Lieutenant
Ann Travers, Budget and Finance Manager

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Stovall led the Council in a moment of silence.

3. PROCLAMATION: EARTH DAY

Mayor Stovall read a proclamation celebrating Earth Day, highlighting the City's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: CITY RETIREES

Mayor Stovall acknowledged and honored three retiring police officers – Lieutenant Taylor Stephen, Officer Anthony Smith, and Sergeant Michael Amend for their dedicated service to the Gresham Police Department and Community.

Mayor Stovall thanked Sgt. Amend for watching over us at tonight's Business meeting.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: GRESHAM RISING STARS

Mayor Stovall had the distinct honor of recognizing a remarkable young individual from our community, Xzavier, for his outstanding achievements and positive impact.

B. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY GROUP COMMENTS FOR AGENDA (EXCEPT PUBLIC HEARING) AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR TESTIFYING ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Stovall read the instructions to the public wishing to testify before the Council.

2. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY GROUP COMMENTS

There were no written or oral testimony.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Stovall read the Consent Agenda.

- 1. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
- 2. RESOLUTION NOS. 3641-3645: INDEXING OF SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE RATES AND PROJECT COSTS**
- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 3646: UPDATING A POLICY TO REIMBURSE PROPERTY DEVELOPERS FOR WATERLINE OVERSIZING COSTS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3595**
- 4. AWARD TO PRIVATE BUSINESS: FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES**
- 5. AWARD TO PRIVATE BUSINESS: INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES**
- 6. AWARD TO PRIVATE BUSINESS: OPERATIONS A & B BUILDINGS ROOF REPAIR PROJECT**
- 7. CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION - WALGREENS**
- 8. PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Councilor Morales, seconded by Councilor Keathley, **TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS C-1, through C-8.** The motion passed as follows:

Mayor Travis Stovall	YES
Council President Hinton	YES
Councilor Kayla Brown	YES
Councilor Janine Gladfelter	ABSENT
Councilor Cathy Keathley	YES
Councilor Eddy Morales	YES
Councilor Sue Piazza	YES

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

E. ACTION ITEMS

None.

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F. STAFF REPORTS

1. POTENTIAL TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES TO REDUCE ILLICIT ACTIVITIES

Chris Fick, Senior Policy Analyst; Helen Toloza, Deputy City Attorney; Jessica Harper; and Police Lieutenant Ted Van Beek presented the staff report (PowerPoint Exhibit A). Staff outlined potential regulations for massage businesses aimed at addressing human trafficking and improving compliance with licensing standards.

The presentation included feedback from Council and business owners, highlighting the need for clear inspection protocols, coordination with the Oregon State Board of Massage Therapy, and sensitivity to stigma. Proposed requirements included in-person business license applications, employee identification, background checks, and inspection procedures.

Council discussed the proposed approach, asked questions, and provided feedback.

2. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Eric Schmidt, City Manager, presented his monthly report to Council (Exhibit B).

G. COUNCIL MEASURES AND PROPOSALS

Mayor Stovall mentioned that there is a current Women in Aviation exhibition at the Oregon Historical Society.

H. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Stovall at 7:11 p.m.

Travis Stovall,
Mayor

Prepared by:

Christina Still
Interim City Recorder

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