Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, October 27, 2025

Attending: Council President James Miller, Councilors Steve Hahn, Chad Lohmeyer, Mary Jo Totten, Matt Coppock. Also attending: Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones Guests: Robert Reynolds, Chris Limiac, Dave Buck, Colin Sullivan and Mark Falahee.

James Miller called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. This agenda is a work session to discuss topics that could not be fully covered on October 13.

<u>Financial Advisor</u> — Robert Reynolds introduced concepts and process he uses to help the council make decisions regarding financing the Gateway commercial sewer project with a goal of minimizing rate impact for residential rate payers. The engagement letter for London Witte Group would be approved November 10. The committee working on the agreement with UMH Woods Edge will meet to consider the available options for a service agreement to include the lift station and force main project.

<u>Gateway BOT agreement</u> - Gateway Phase 1 agreement with maximum price was reviewed and edits suggested. The final form will be presented for signature November 10.

Salary Ordinance - The HR committee will meet Friday Oct 31 to discuss changes for 2026.

Solar install – The project is dependent on unused loan funds after the Hawks Nest project is complete. As of now the total cost of the project is not known, delaying a determination for solar. Mark Falahey of Solar United Neighbors will provide an updated project cost for the November 10 meeting.

Town Hall – deferred to November 10.

Code Officer – deferred to November 10.

<u>Sidewalk between schools</u> – The contractors could not do the work in 2025 before temperatures turn too cold. This project will be re-opened in spring 2026.

<u>Development property</u> – A property in the downtown area may be available for purchase. The council was advised to consider if the location would be appropriate for town uses.

<u>Shawnee Ridge outlot pond</u> – There is a question whether the town is responsible for an outlot of the subdivision that is used for recreation. If documents are located that confirm this, they will be presented for review on November 10.

UZO Amendment #122 – deferred to November 10.

Other items: James Miller mentioned that Michael Budd is retiring from the Redevelopment Committee.

Motion to adjourn 7:10 PM by Mary Jo Totten with second of Steve Hahn.

James Miller, Council President

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Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance Battle Ground Town Council

Date: October 27, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present

in Person: James Miller, Steve Hahn, Chad Lohmeyer, Mary Jo Totten, Matt Coppock.

Via Zoom.us:

Also Present in Person: Georgia Jones, Ron Holladay

Guest Present in Person: Chris Limiac, Dave Buck
Guest Present Virtual Colin Sullivan, Mark Falahey

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public: Zoom.us, Youtube.com

Attest:

Georgia Jones, Clerk-Treasurer, Financial Clerk