

CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
City Council Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

6:30 PM
July 21, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers
124 S. Lefevre Street

NOTE: This is not a verbatim transcript. Minutes contain only a summary of the discussion. A recording of the meeting can be accessed through the city's website www.medical-lake.org.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers

Chad Pritchard
Lorin Ray-Abbott
Lance Speirs
Don Kennedy
Heath Wilbur
Ted Olson

Administration & Staff

Terri Cooper, Mayor
Sonny Weathers, City Administrator
Thomas Rohrer, Legal Counsel
Steve Cooper, WWTP Director
Scott Duncan, Public Works Director
Koss Ronholt, Finance Director
Roxanne Wright, Administrative Clerk

REGULAR SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

- A. Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and conducted roll call.
 - i. Councilmember Harbolt is on vacation and requested an absence. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Speirs, carried 6-0.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Mayor Cooper discussed the fireworks workshop and desire to push the bulk of the conversation to the next meeting. Meetings with the city's legal team and SCSO are needed before a full workshop can be conducted and this conversation will likely continue over the course of several meetings. Tonight's workshop will just introduce the topic.
- B. Motion to approve agenda made by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Wilbur, carried 6-0.

3. INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

- A. Art Kulibert, Medical Lake resident – commented on the Fourth of July fireworks ban and subsequent comments on social media. Would like to see New Year's Eve offered as an alternative for fireworks. Shared opinion on limiting sale timeframe.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – None.

5. REPORTS

- A. Public Safety
 - i. Lt. Benner, SCSO – on par with previous years regarding crime stats, with an increase in malicious mischief. 99 calls were from state facilities with 386 from within city limits. Spoke on unattended death in Medical Lake, still being investigated. Likely accidental. The arsonist responsible for the fires in Edwall has been apprehended.

- ii. Chief Rohrbach, FD3 – June stats will be available next meeting. Fire season in full force. Preparedness level 5, highest level. Appears to be a very active, challenging season. Reported on current Malloy Prairie fire. Free consultations for defensible space (first 5-10 feet around house), contact main office 235-6645. Every year over 95% of fires are caused by humans.

B. Committee Reports/Council Comments

- i. Councilmember Pritchard – General Government Committee –public works laying gravel in preparation for fog seal, drive with caution. FEMA generators installed and fully functioning at the Lehn and Craig wells. Asked citizens to please follow water restrictions. Updated on WWTP repairs. Will attend a PFAS Task Force meeting tomorrow. He and Steve Cooper will hold another Geo Walk on 8/11.
- ii. Councilmember Ray-Abbott – none
- iii. Councilmember Speirs – STA budget workshop, available online. Attended a Transit board members training seminar in Detroit. Spoke on potential federal funding cuts for public transit, looking to slash between 20 and 70%. Encouraged citizens to write legislators to reauthorize funding.
- iv. Councilmember Wilbur – reported on WWTP repairs and updates.
- v. Councilmember Kennedy – Finance Committee – reviewed claims, all in order.
- vi. Councilmember Olson – Public Works is busy with scrub seal and regular maintenance for the summer.

C. Mayor Cooper – no additional report

D. City Administrator & City Staff

- i. Sonny Weathers, City Administrator – Coney Island dock project underway, pilings being installed. Reported on backup generators. Commercial kitchen project continues to advance. Hood 95% installed. Likely won't hit the August 1st deadline but working to complete ASAP. Planning Commission meeting on Thursday 7/23 at 5:30pm. Linger at the Lake on 7/30.
- ii. Koss Ronholt, Finance Director – Grant Application Status Report, June 2026
 - 1. Mr. Ronholt reviewed report. See attached.

6. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

- A. Fireworks Code Amendment – Mayor Cooper read a statement. Meetings with legal have not happened yet. Asked council for any input. Councilmember Wilbur shared his opinion and suggestions on code amendments.

ACTION ITEMS

B. Consent Agenda

- i. Approve **July 7, 2026**, minutes.
 - 1. Correct date on top of first page to July 7, 2026. Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was paused at 7:11pm to reset the system. Resumed at 7:14pm.
 - a. Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Councilmember Speirs, seconded by Councilmember Wilbur, carried 4-0-2 with Councilmembers Olson and Kennedy abstaining due to their absence from the 7/7/26 meeting.
- ii. Approve **July 21, 2026**, Payroll Claim Warrants numbered **53892** through **53900** and Payroll Payable Warrants numbered **30372** through **30383** in the amount of **\$196,158.05** and Claim Warrants numbered **53902** through **53946** in the amount of **\$288,010.28**.
 - 1. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Speirs, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, carried 6-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Periodic Update: Transportation Master Plan
 - i. Mayor Cooper opened the hearing at 7:16pm.
 - ii. Mr. Weathers gave a presentation. See attached. Council discussed.
 - iii. Mayor Cooper closed the hearing at 7:25pm.
 - iv. Mayor Cooper called for public comment – none.
 - v. Resolution 26-827
 - 1. Mr. Weathers reviewed.
 - 2. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Wilbur. Carried 6-0.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- A. 26-824 Commerce Grant Agreement for Medical Lake Stormwater Mitigation
 - i. Mr. Weathers reviewed.
 - ii. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Pritchard, seconded by Councilmember Speirs, carried 6-0.
- B. 26-825 Commerce Grant Agreement for WWTP UV Disinfection
 - i. Mr. Weathers reviewed.
 - ii. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilbur, seconded by Councilmember Pritchard. Discussion. Councilmember Ray-Abbott asked if this would add additional responsibility for the WWTP. Mr. Weathers – no, the WWTP only serves Medical Lake city limits. Carried 6-0.
- C. 26-826 Spokane County Urban Consortium Recertification
 - i. Mr. Weathers reviewed. Discussion.
 - ii. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Speirs, seconded by Councilmember Pritchard, carried 5-1 with Councilmember Ray-Abbott voting nay.
- D. 26-828 Service Agreement 2026 with General Industries for Reclaimed Water Force Main Repair
 - i. Mr. Duncan provided information on repair.
 - ii. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, carried 6-0.

10. ORDINANCES

- A. Second Read Ordinance 1147 concerning Specialized Housing
 - i. Legal counsel read into record.
 - ii. Mr. Weathers gave additional context. Council discussion. Mr. Weathers encouraged continued legislative communication.
 - iii. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilbur with comment for the record that his approval is given under protest to the state law in order to set guardrails and stated his intent to contact legislative representatives. Motion seconded by Councilmember Speirs. Councilmember Olson also voiced his disapproval of the state law. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Ray-Abbott voting nay.
- B. Second Read Ordinance 1149 concerning Transportation
 - i. Legal counsel read into record.
 - ii. Mr. Weathers reviewed. Discussion.
 - iii. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilbur, seconded by Councilmember Ray-Abbott, carried 6-0.

11. EMERGENCY ORDINANCES – None.

12. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Councilmember Speirs asked for an update on wayfinding. Mr. Weathers – hope to initiate this year.

13. INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. Art Kulibert, Medical Lake resident – spoke on reclaimed water in Deep Creek.
- B. Lahnie Henderson, Medical Lake resident – missed beginning of meeting because of the technical issues. Asked if Mr. Weathers and Mr. Ronholt could summarize their reports which they did. Asked when the fireworks workshop would be? Mayor Cooper – likely next meeting and future meetings as well, wants to meet with legal team and SCSO first.

14. CONCLUSION

- A. Motion to conclude at 8:16pm made by Councilmember Pritchard, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, carried 6-0.



Terri Cooper, Mayor *Pro Tem*



Koss Ronholt, Finance Director/City Clerk

8/4/26
Date



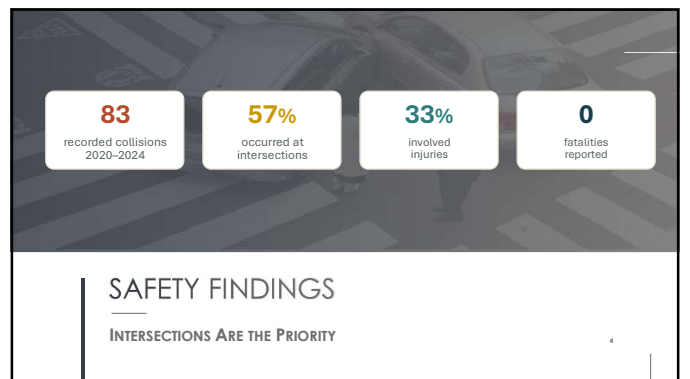
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GRANTS UPDATE

Period: June 2026



Opportunity
Reviewed



Applications



Awarded

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Year-to-Date

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Grant Applications

Application	Amount	Awarding Agency	Match	Federal or State	Status
Disaster Grant	\$7.4m	Economic Development Administration		Federal	Applying
Fox Hollow Trail Project	\$15,000	WA Cities Insurance Authority	0%	State	Awarded
Coney Island Dock	\$50,000	T-Mobile	0%	Private	Applied
Fox Hollow Trail Resurfacing	\$131,000	WA Recreation & Conservation Office	30%	State	Applying
Waterfront Master Plan	\$75,000	Recreation & Conservation Office	30%	State	Applying
City Hall Public Safety Infrastructure Modernization	\$1.4m	Congressionally Directed Spending (USDA-RD/HUD-EDI)	25%	Federal	Short List
	\$9,071,000				

Definitions

Reviewed – Grant opportunities found for City by Grant Writer

Application – Grant Writer authorized to write application for grant opportunity.

Awarded – Application was approved by awarding agency

Grant	Awarded	Awarding Agency	Match	Federal or State	Progress
SLFRF (ARPA)	\$1.3m	US Dept of the Treasury	0%	Federal	99%
Lefevre St Restriping	\$639,400	Transportation Improvement Board	8%	State	62%
Groundwater Study	\$450,000	Dept of Ecology	0%	State	99%
Wastewater Improv. Engineering	\$291,000	Dept of Commerce	\$9000	State	15%
Periodic Update	\$40,625	Dept of Commerce	0%	State	100%
Backup Generators	\$798,741	FEMA	12.5%	Federal	80%
Stormwater Mitigation	\$1m	Dept of Commerce	25%	State	6%
Road Maintenance 2025	\$160,337	Transportation Improvement Board	5%	State	90%
	\$4,679,103				

Active Grants

Notes: