



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2026
7:00 PM
Civic Center

City Council	Mayor/Councilmember Matthew Hartman Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember David Griggs Councilmember Steven Glenn Councilmember Tom FitzGerald Councilmember Bruce Straughn
City Staff	City Clerk Darla Wilkins City Manager Jeff Balentine Deputy City Manager Brent Kirk Public Works Director Charles White Planning Director Amy Hess
Consultants	Consultant Police Chief Tom Dalton Consultant City Attorney Emily Guildner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Matthew Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Matthew Hartman let the Council, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor/City Councilmember Matthew Hartman
Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs
City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald
City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
City Councilmember Steven Glenn

Absent:

Excused:

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION:	Motion to approve the consent agenda.
MOVER:	City Councilmember Steven Glenn
SECONDER :	City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
AYES:	Mayor/City Councilmember Matthew Hartman, City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald, City Councilmember Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs, City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Passed

4.a. **AB 079-2026 Approval of May 6, 2026 Minutes**

4.b. **AB 080-2026 Approval of May 20, 2026 Claims Checks #416230 through 416271 and One EFT totaling \$174,803.77**

4.c. **AB 081-2026 Approval of April 16, 2026 through April 30, 2026 Payroll Claims Checks #416184 through 416186 and Twenty-Seven EFT's totaling \$159,845.80**

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.a. **Planning Staff Report**

Planning Director Amy Hess commented on the following:

- Online permit software (live yesterday)
- Planning Commissioner Loren Tonsgaard resignation

5.b. **Public Works**

Public Works Director Charles White commented on the following:

- Lake Gardner (yearly stocking - May 8th)
- Demo of old wooden gazebo
- Kentucky & Union LID project update
- Crack sealing project update
- Union & Kentucky overlay project (bid)

5.c. Passports

City Manager Jeff Balentine gave a financial update on the passport office.

5.d. City Manager Report May 6 - May 14

City Manager Jeff Balentine commented on the following:

- Focused on grant funding opportunities (4 total)
- Horse Shoe Park
- Wi-Fi at Wastewater Treatment Plant

5.e. Consultant Police Chief Report

Consultant Police Chief Thom Dalton commented on the following:

- Speed sign up on Paradise Pkwy.
- Suncrest Farms speed trailer up
- N. Alder Ave. dog complaints

5.f. City Clerk Staff Report

City Clerk Darla Wilkins commented on the following:

- The meeting packet for the June 3rd meeting will be out to the Council on June 1st (due to vacation)
- Shared Salary Commission information

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-NON-ACTION ITEMS

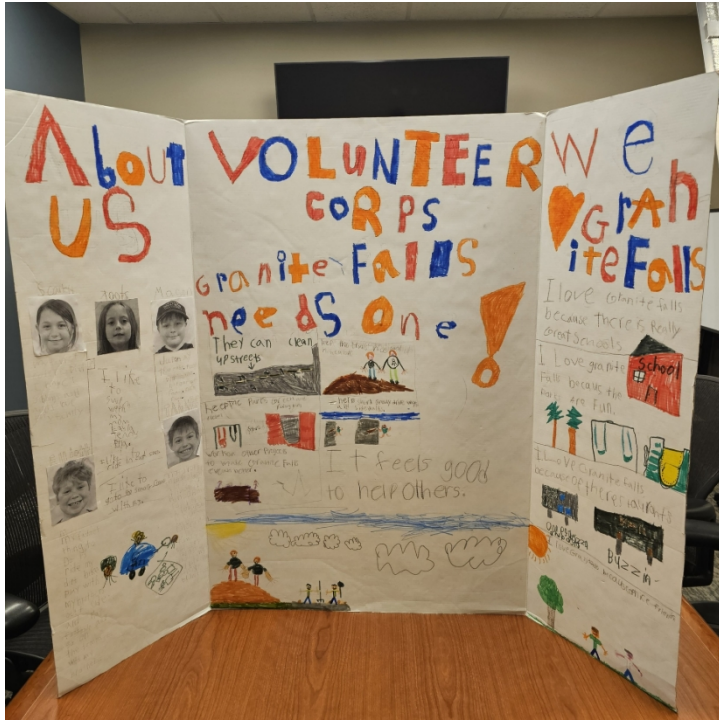
Aiden Hartman, Granite Falls, provided comment.

7. NEW BUSINESS

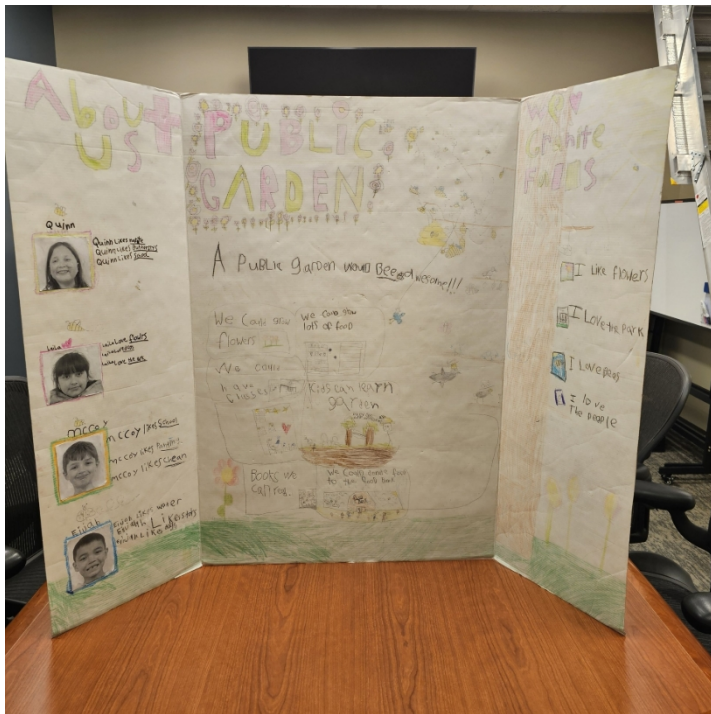
7.a. AB 082-2026 Community Improvement Projects

Mr. Corey's 2nd Grade Class - Mt. Way Elementary

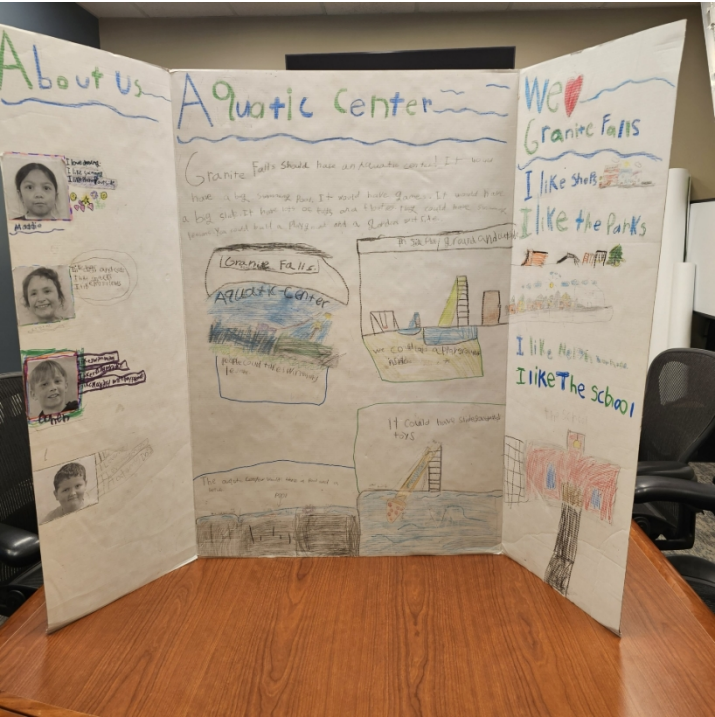
Mr. Ben Corey's Second Grade Class from Mt. Way Elementary gave presentations in small groups to discuss their ideas on "Community Improvement Projects." The following were the topics and display boards the class spoke about:



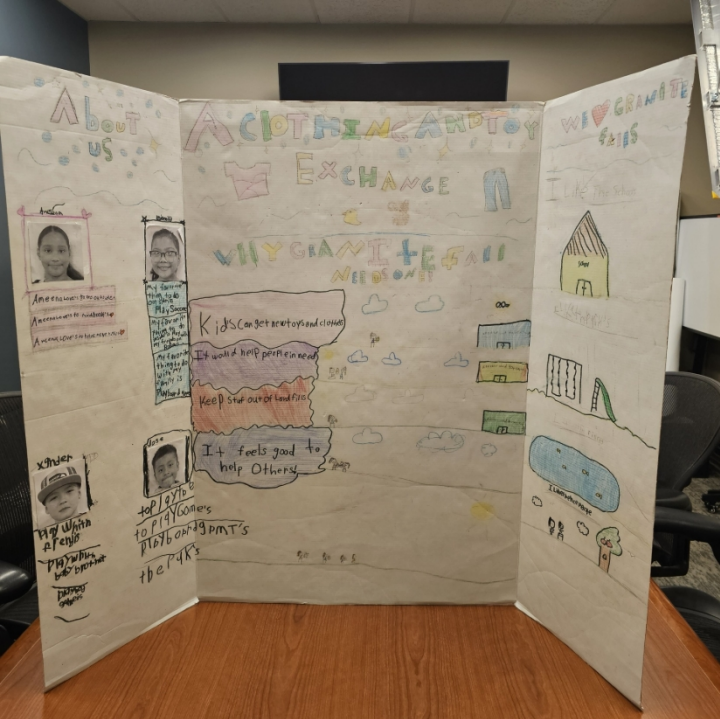
Public Garden (Quinn-Leila-Elijah)



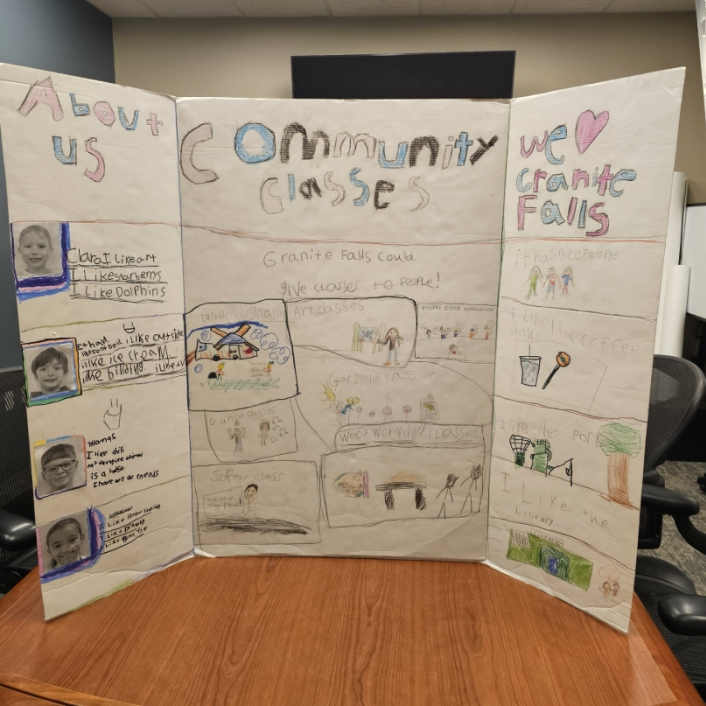
Aquatic Center (Maddie-Xylatae)



A Clothing and Toy Exchange (Ameena-Kaianella-Xander)



Community Classes (Clara-Thomas-Nahtalina-Ethan)



2nd Grade Kids and City Council



7.b. AB 083-2026 Sno-Isle Libraries Update

Sno-Isle Executive Director Eric Howard and Librarian Manager Chris Sorenson gave an update on the library, including the 2026 programs and services at the Granite Falls library and across Sno-Isle Libraries.

7.c. AB 084-2026 Consideration to approve the purchase of RRFB crosswalk signaling devices

MOTION:	Motion to approve the purchase of Rapid Retangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) signaling devices from RadarSign in the amount of \$41,200.52, including Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager to sign the quotation.
MOVER:	City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald
SECONDER :	Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs
AYES:	Mayor/City Councilmember Matthew Hartman, City Councilmember Tom FitzGerald, City Councilmember Steven Glenn, Mayor Pro Tem/City Councilmember David Griggs, City Councilmember Bruce Straughn
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8. CURRENT BUSINESS

None.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENT (5 MINUTES)

Mayor Matthew Hartman commented on the following:

- Attended the Motorcycle show
- Survey from City Manager (due on June 3rd)
- Cascade Industrial Center (data center ? - trying to get)

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS (15 MINUTES)

Mayor Pro Tem David Griggs commented on the following:

- Annual Memorial Day Ceremony - 12pm start
- 100th St. - re-stripe (please)
- Will miss first council meeting in June (vacation)

Councilmember Tom FitzGerald commented on the following:

- Attended the first committee meeting (Athletic Fields Committee)
- Tiger Council (tomorrow morning)

Councilmember Steven Glenn commented on the following:

- Looking forward to the Memorial Day Ceremony with the Scouts helping out
- Cemetery Genealogy & History
- Blood Drive - Saturday - church across from high school

Councilmember Bruce Straughn stated he will be gone on vacation, and will miss the June 3rd meeting.

11. CITY MANAGER (5 MINUTES)

City Manager Jeff Balentine commented on the following:

- Jail rates increasing in 2027 & 2028
- Attended the Department of Emergency Management Meeting with Councilmember Tom FitzGerald
- Community Center Reservation Page on city website (thank you, Brittany)
- ADA website compliance (thank you, Darla & Joe)
- Sky Valley Motorcycle Show (thanked staff & police department)
- Snohomish County Board of Equalization (seeking applicants)
- TWIC cards & TSA Documents start up (thank you, Mohanna)

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

City Clerk Darla Wilkins, MMC

Mayor Matthew Hartman