



CITY OF HOQUIAM

October 27, 2025

City Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winkelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Jack Durney led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance at the meeting were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson, Brooks, Carlstrom Gillis, Larsen, Pauley, Puvogel, Reid, and Smith. Absent from Council Meeting was Councilmember Hinchin, Nelson, Thornton.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Joe Strong, Fire Chief Matt Miller, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Kayla Nielsen.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Brooks moved to accept the Agenda. Supported by Councilmember Pauley. Passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Durney – Circle Dr.

Spoke on the Musical Park.

Paul McMillian – M St.

Spoke on the Musical Park.

Betsy Seidel – 2nd St.

Spoke on the Musical Park, Revitalization, and Beautification.

Barb Ounstead

Spoke on the Musical Park.

Gwendolyn Gates

Spoke on the Musical Park.

Lynn Ogren

Spoke on the Musical Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Minutes of October 13, 2025

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve Council Minutes of October 13, 2025. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Puvogel and passed by voice vote.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

Committee Reports

No Committee Reports Presents.

Officers Reports



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Public Defense Grant

Staff recommend that the Mayor or designee be authorized to sign a grant agreement with the Office of Public Defense. This grant covers court related expenses during 2026 and the first half of 2027 up to \$45,930.

Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve this contract and signature. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Passed by voice vote.

Olympic Stadium
Marketing Proposal

Staff recommend that the Council authorize the agreement with PNW Web Designers. This agreement helps target entertainers, sports organizations, and other potential groups who would consider renting the Olympic Stadium for an event or tournament.

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve this contract. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Discussion was opened – Funding covered through a Grays Harbor County Lodging Tax Grant. Passed by voice vote.

Musical Playground
Equipment Bids

Staff recommend that the Council authorize the purchase from Great Western Recreation for the price of \$29,250.12. Funding comes from a private donation through the Easton Family Giving Fund.

Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve this purchase. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Discussion was opened. Passed by voice vote.

Community Forest Property
Purchase – Sunquist Trust

Staff recommend that the Council authorize the purchase of the property, 85 acres of forestland that extend from Endresen Road to the SR109 Bypass.

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve this purchase. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Smith. Discussion was opened. Passed by voice vote.

Mayors Reports
Public Safety Meeting

After listening to the discussion Mayor Winkelman asks that the city enforce speed limits with cameras. Ask that the city look into the benefits and possibility of speed cameras.



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National Night Out	If anyone is interested in hosting a National Night Out please reach out the myself, Mayor Winkelman, or the Police Chief, Joe Strong.
America 250 Celebration	If you want to be part of the creating event for 2026, please contact Councilmember Rob Gillis.
MyTOWN Coalition	Thank you, MyTOWN Coalition, for the window clings here at the City and around town. We also have pens and post its available.
Graffiti	Mayor Winkelman has been in contact with a non-profit that wants to help tackle the graffiti abatement.
Train Caboose	Looking to form a volunteer group or a private entity to take on the project of taking care of the Train Caboose.
Musical Instruments	We would like to move quickly with the installation. We will be evaluating the parks next year in 2026, in our Comprehensive Plan.
Council Reports	
Councilmember Brooks	Would like to step down from the doesn't want to be the representative for 911 or be the Council President.
Councilmember Gillis	Spoke on the America 250 Celebration.
Councilmember Pauley	Spoke on a house in the 3000 block of Simpson. Also, spoke on the Caboose and train set in the display room.
LEGAL BUSINESS	
Ordinances	No Ordinances Presented.
Resolutions	No Resolutions Presented.
Other Legal	
Grays Harbor County Interlocal Agreement – Re-Entry Initiative for Hoquiam Jail	This agreement was approved by Councilmember Puvogel, and his motion was seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Discussion was opened – Grant pays 100%. Passed by voice vote.



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Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Contract - State

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve this contract. Councilmember Smith seconded. Councilmember Puvogel abstains from the vote. Discussion was opened. Passed by voice vote.

Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Contract - Federal

Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve this contract. Councilmember Pauley seconded. Discussion was opened. Passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Navigator

Councilmember Gillis asked for an update on the Navigator position. Mr. Shay spoke on the topic. He states that Aberdeen is willing to continue paying 50% through March 2026.

1948 Riverside – “Farmers
Market”

Councilmember Puvogel asked for an update on this lease. Mr. Shay spoke on the terms of the lease.

NEW BUSINESS

Park designation

Councilmember Smith asks how we can make sure to not forget to talk about the “Musical Park” when the comprehensive plan is discussed.

Councilmember Absences

Councilmember Puvogel moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Hinchey, Nelson, and Thornton. Councilmember Reid seconded and passed by voice vote.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul McMillian – M Street

Spoke on daylight savings time. Mr. McMillian reminded the Mayor of the Christmas plaque that will be presented to the winner of the best lights in the city. City Departments – Decorate your Christmas tree competition.

Chris Gunderson - Cleveland

Spoke on the Hoquiam Business Association health plan. If you are interested, please contact Chris at cgunderson@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE SESSION



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Teamsters Negotiations

ADJOURN

Council meeting adjourned by Councilmember Puvogel at 8:01 p.m. Supported by Councilmember Pauley and passed by voice vote. Will reconvene at 8:15 p.m.

Council came back to order in Regular session at 8:15 p.m.

Councilmember Puvogel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and his motion was seconded by Councilmember Pauley and passed by voice vote.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Winkelman".

BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kayla Nielsen".

KAYLA NIELSEN – City Council Secretary