



Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Public Input

Jake Mendez- Thanks all those involved in responding to the accident that occurred on April 26th. Mendez also mentioned concerns about safety in local parks.

- E. Roll Call

Council:

Alma Carmona
Marc Spohr
Kelli Camp- Via Zoom
Ken Johnson
Chris Dorow
Angel Garza
Darryl Barnes
Mark Snyder

Administrative Staff:

Tania Morelos, City Clerk
Spencer Williams, Finance Officer/Interim City Administrator
Anne Henning, Community Development Director
Robin Adolphsen, Public Works Director/Engineer
Aaron Garza, Chief of Police

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Chris Dorow; seconded by: Alma Carmona

Yea: Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, Darryl Barnes, and Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 7-0

- 3. CONSENT AGENDA:** The following items will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be placed on the regular agenda, with concurrence of the Council. Requests to remove items should be made under Agenda Item 2: Approval of Agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Moved by: Angel Garza; seconded by: Mark Snyder

Yea: Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, Darryl Barnes, and Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 7-0

- A. Approve City Council Minutes

[2026.04.13.Draft.pdf](#) 

- B. Approve Interlocal Agreement between City of Othello Police Department and Kittitas County

[Agenda.Memo.ILA.Kittitas.Jail.pdf](#)  [Kittitas County Jail Contract.pdf](#) 

4. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Approve Accounts Payables

Accounts Payable was audited and certified by the Auditing Officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080; and those expense reimbursement claims certified and as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been reviewed by the Council audit committee and is available to the Council.

Accounts Payable Check No. 63304 to No. 63360 were in the amount of \$359,001.97.

Council discussed payment to the Employment Security Department and decided it needed further review.

Motion to remove check no 63322 amending the accounts payable amounts to \$347,175.97.

Moved by: Darryl Barnes; seconded by: Chris Dorow

Yea: Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, Darryl Barnes, and Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 7-0

- B. Proclamation for National Day of Prayer

[2026.National.Day.of.Prayer.pdf](#) 

Mayor Johnson read the proclamation for the National Day of Prayer and announced a gathering at City Hall at noon on May 7.

- C. Confirmation of Aaron Garza as City Administrator

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Mayor Johnson asks for confirmation of his appointment of Aaron Garza as City Administrator.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Aaron Garza as City Administrator

Moved by: Chris Dorow; seconded by: Mark Snyder

Yea: Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, Darryl Barnes, and Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 7-0

- D. Adopt Ordinance 1647 Creating a new Othello Municipal Code Chapter 5.50 relating to the Prohibition of the Sale, Advertisement of, and Distribution of Kratom Products

[Agenda.Memo.Kratom.pdf](#)  [Kartom Study.pdf](#) 

[1647.Ordinance.Ordinance.Creating.Chapter.Ban.Sale.Kratom.pdf](#) 

Duane Crouse- spoke in support of loose leaf kratom products and asked council to consider only banning 7OH and not kratom

Amy Deluchi- speaks in support of the proposed ordinance as written

Lance- questions about the process and studies presented to the council

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1647 Creating a new Othello Municipal Code Chapter 5.50 relating to the Prohibition of the Sale, Advertisement of, and Distribution of Kratom Products

Moved by: Chris Dorow; seconded by: Alma Carmona

Yea: Angel Garza, Kelli Camp, Marc Spohr, Alma Carmona, Chris Dorow, Darryl Barnes, and Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 7-0

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Snyder question about striping on roundabout on highway 26

Mayor Johnson gives update on the Splash Pad construction should begin in May and complete by July

6. NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Garza speaks on traffic safety and adding stop signs on residential streets near Mt Baker and Mt Adams.

Adjourned at 7:07 pm.

By: *Ken Johnson*
Ken Johnson (May 28, 2026 09:30:32 PDT)
Ken Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: *Tania Morelos*
Tania Morelos, City Clerk



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