



Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. OPENING ITEMS

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

Deena Vietzke- requests to keep record of citizens attending the meeting online

Bryan Romero Morales- expressed his grievance due to his arrest on May 9th

Jake Mendez- comments about the incident with Mr. Romero Morales

Dale Wyman- comments about the deterioration and maintenance of City Hall and colors on city facilities/structures

- E. Roll Call

Council:

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

Administrative Staff:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Kelli Camp; seconded by: Angel Garza

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 Move Item E to Current Business

Moved by: Chris Dorow; seconded by: Alma Carmona

Motion Carries 7-0

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Alma Carmona; seconded by: Kelli Camp

Motion Carries 7-0

A. Approve City Council Minutes for April 27, 2026

B. 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. 63361 to No. 63439 in the amount of \$328,882.67.

C. Approve Payroll and Related Expenses

Payroll and Related Expenses Check No. 33536 to No. 33546 in the amount of \$656,839.62.

D. Approve Agreement for Park Concessions with Othello Bowl Family Fun Center

E. Approve Prosecutorial Agreement between the City of Othello and Michael Rio for 2027-2032 (*moved to Current Business*)

4. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Approve Prosecutorial Agreement between the City of Othello and Michael Rio for 2027-2032
Councilman Barnes recused himself due to conflict of interest.

Motion to Approve Prosecutorial Agreement between the City of Othello and Michael Rio for 2027-2032

Moved by: Kelli Camp; seconded by: Mark Snyder

Motion Carries 7-0

- B. Proclamation for National Public Works Week
Mayor Johnson read a proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week, observed from May 17 through May 23, 2026.
- C. Appointment of AC McFarlane to Interim Chief of the Police Department
Mayor Johnson announced that Brent McFarlane will serve as Interim Police Chief due to the current Police Chief vacancy.
- D. Geosyntec Presentation
Geosyntec Consultants, the City of Othello's consultants, provided a presentation regarding the City's future Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project and responded to questions from the City Council.
- E. Executive Session

Council will now adjourn at 7:06pm to go into an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) "To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency." The executive lasted until 7:30pm. No action was taken.

- F. ESD Payment Discussion
City Council discussed payment of Invoice Check No. 63322 to ESD and whether to approve payment.

Motion to Approve Payment to ESD check number 63322.

Moved by: Alma Carmona; seconded by: Darryl Barnes

Yea: Alma Carmona, Darryl Barnes, Chris Dorow, Angel Garza, Mark Snyder

Nay: Marc Spohr, Kelli Camp

Motion Carries 5-2

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Spohr had questions about Public Works projects.

Councilmembers Barnes and Carmona questions about weed spraying.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Spohr comments about pickle ball court lighting.

Councilman Dorow comments about E-Bikes.

Councilwoman Camp asks for an update on the Hands and Paws Animal Shelter.

7. COUNCIL WILL ALSO RECEIVE

- A. Planning Commission Minutes
- B. Public Works/Engineering Report- April

Adjourned at 7:48 pm.

By: *Ken Johnson*
Ken Johnson (Jun 24, 2026 07:15:10 PDT)

Ken Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: *Tania Morelos*

Tania Morelos, City Clerk