



City of Rockaway Beach

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Location: Rockaway Beach City Hall, 276 Hwy 101 - Civic Facility

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McNeilly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Charles McNeilly, Mary McGinnis, Penny Cheek (remote), Kiley Konruff, Pat Ryan

Council Members Excused: Tom Martine

Staff Present: Luke Shepard, City Manager; Melissa Thompson, City Recorder; Mary Mertz, Public Works Director; Todd Hesse, Fire Chief; Geoff Grace, Fire Captain; and Kevin Grogan, Sheriff's Deputy

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2026

b. Approval of Workshop Minutes - May 13, 2026

c. Review of Financial Reports

Motion by Penny Cheek, seconded by Pat Ryan, to approve the consent agenda.

Motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 (Mary McGinnis, Penny Cheek, Kiley Konruff, Pat Ryan)

No: 0 (None)

5. PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - None Scheduled

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. Fire Department

- Hesse presented a staff report on the activities and operations of the Rockaway Beach Fire Rescue department for the month of May 2026. Hesse mentioned a recent successful water rescue.
- Hesse shared a presentation highlighting Firefighter EMT Cole Lindsay. Lindsay was introduced and celebrated.

- Hesse was commended for running a professional Fire Department and acknowledged for his 40 years in fire service.
- Comments regarding Fire Department Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis.
- Comments that Fire Department volunteers are still needed.

b. Sheriff's Office

- Grogan summarized the Sheriff's Office report for May 2026.
- Grogan congratulated Chief Hesse on his 40 years in fire service.
- Grogan shared that a plan for 4th of July is in process. Fines for fireworks will be imposed.
- Councilors appreciated patrol Deputies' increased visibility and response time to calls.

c. Public Works

- Mertz shared a presentation with updates on the Nedonna Beach Water Mains Project, sewer system maintenance, actions addressing speeding concerns, Jetty Creek acquisition process, staff continuing education, 2025 Drinking Water Quality Report, and Tristan Silveira's achievement of Wastewater Collection 1 Certification.
- Comments appreciating County paving on Washington Street.
- Mertz reported the City was seeking letters of support from community members for a grant application from the Transportation Growth Management Program to update the Transportation System Plan.
- Comments commending City employees.

d. City Manager

- Shepard shared a presentation including an overview of business items on the agenda, the July 4th schedule of events, images of the Meals for Seniors program and a Neah-Kah-Nie preschool visit to Anchor Street Park and the Fire Department, and public meeting dates in June and July.
- Two or three customers are currently receiving assistance for utility bills from Community Action Resource Enterprises (CARE) through a partnership funded by the City.
- Volunteers for Meals for Seniors were acknowledged by the Council.

e. Planning Department

- McNeilly acknowledged the Planning Department report that was included in the meeting agenda packet.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Public Hearing on Proposed Uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

- McNeilly opened the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.
- No audience members wished to comment.
- McNeilly closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

b. Public Hearing on the Approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

- McNeilly opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.
- No audience members wished to comment.
- McNeilly closed the public hearing at 6:48:30 p.m.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Pam Hiller, resident and volunteer on the Tillamook County Developmental Disability (TCDD) advisory council, invited all to attend the TCDD Annual Picnic.
- Jerra Armstrong, resident, voiced opposition to limiting events at the Wayside due to perceived parking issues.
- Kristine Hayes, resident, read aloud written comments, advocating for people over parking and expressing opposition to moving events from the Wayside to Anchor Street Park.

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-21 Reviewing and Continuing Reserve Funds

- McNeilly explained this resolution affirms that the City has reviewed and sees the need to continue its reserve funds.
- McNeilly invited public comment. No audience members wished to comment.

Motion by Pat Ryan, seconded by Mary McGinnis, to approve Resolution No. 2026-21.

- McGinnis commented that it was required by law.

Motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 (Mary McGinnis, Penny Cheek, Kiley Konruff, Pat Ryan)

No: 0 (None)

b. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-22 Declaring Election to Receive State Revenues

- McNeilly explained this resolution meets the state requirements that the City declare its intent to receive its share of state revenues for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Motion by Mary McGinnis, seconded by Pat Ryan, to approve Resolution No. 2026-22.

Motion Passed by the following vote:

- McGinnis and Ryan commented that it was another state requirement.

Yes: 4 (Mary McGinnis, Penny Cheek, Kiley Konruff, Pat Ryan)

No: 0 (None)

c. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-23 Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations; and Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

- McNeilly explained that ORS 244.120(2)(b)(C) provides that if the official action giving rise to the public official's conflict of interest is the adoption of a local budget that includes compensation or benefits for the public official or their relative, the public official would need to make a public announcement of the nature of their conflict of interest, but then they could participate in any discussion or debate on the budget and vote on it .
- Each Council member declared an actual conflict of interest with the adoption of the budget because it includes appropriations for providing a stipend for their service as a council member.
- McNeilly stated the Budget Committee approved the 2026-2027 budget, and it is now before the Council for adoption.

Motion by Pat Ryan, seconded by Kiley Konruff, to approve Resolution No. 2026-23.

Motion Passed by the following vote:

- McGinnis explained that ethics laws require the declaration of conflict of interest since Councilors receive a \$50/month stipend. Shepard clarified that Council members have received a stipend for over 20 years.

Yes: 4 (Mary McGinnis, Penny Cheek, Kiley Konruff, Pat Ryan)

No: 0 (None)

d. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-24 Selecting Grand Marshal and Volunteer of the Year

- McNeilly explained the Council reviewed nominees for the Volunteer of the Year and Grand Marshal for the 2026 4th of July Parade in tonight's Workshop. This resolution approves the Council selecting Leon and Teri Bruneau as the 2026 Volunteer of the Year, and Barbara Trout as the Grand Marshal for the 2026 4th of July Parade.
- McNeilly invited public comment. No audience members wished to comment.

Motion by Mary McGinnis, seconded by Kiley Konruff, to approve Resolution No. 2026-24 selecting Leon and Teri Bruneau as the 2026 Volunteer of the Year, and Barbara Trout as the Grand Marshal for the 2026 4th of July Parade.

- Konruff commented it was amazing to read through the nominations and encouraged all to review them.

- McNeilly stated the nominees were the tip of the iceberg in the community and expressed pride that Rockaway Beach was such a giving community helping neighbors.
- Ryan commented it was fun to see the range of skill sets and the range of passions that people have that make the City work the way it does because of what is important to them.
- McGinnis acknowledged Doug Wiley, Barry Mammano, and Gary Nold for mowing the area owned by the Port of Tillamook Bay (POTB).

Motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 (Mary McGinnis, Penny Cheek, Kiley Konruff, Pat Ryan)

No: 0 (None)

e. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-25 Referring Charter Amendments to Voters

- McNeilly explained this resolution refers to the voters of Rockaway Beach at the November 3, 2026 general election, a measure proposing amendments to the City Charter.
- McNeilly invited public comment. No audience members wished to comment.

Motion by Mary McGinnis, seconded by Pat Ryan, to approve Resolution No. 2026-25.

- McGinnis commented that this topic was discussed for several months in Council workshops, so anyone who wanted to see the discussions could view the Workshop videos.

Motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 (Mary McGinnis, Penny Cheek, Kiley Konruff, Pat Ryan)

No: 0 (None)

f. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-26 Endorsing a State Of Oregon Transportation and Growth Management Grant Application for a Transportation System Plan Update

- McNeilly explained this resolution provides for the endorsement of an application for a Transportation and Growth Management Grant (TGM) to update the City's Transportation System Plan.
- McNeilly invited public comment. No audience members wished to comment.

Motion by Pat Ryan, seconded by Kiley Konruff, to approve Resolution No. 2026-26.

Motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 (Mary McGinnis, Penny Cheek, Kiley Konruff, Pat Ryan)

No: 0 (None)

g. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-27 Authorizing Amendment to OWEB Grant Award

- McNeilly explained the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) has additional funds available to award the city for acquisition of the Lower Jetty Creek Watershed. This resolution

authorizes the City Manager to sign an amendment to the Drinking Water Source Protection Grant Program Grant Agreement in order to receive those additional funds and to extend the grant completion date.

- McNeilly invited public comment. No audience members wished to comment.

Motion by Kiley Konruff, seconded by Pat Ryan, to approve Resolution No. 2026-27.

- McGinnis commented that it was nice to be voting on something that brought additional money to the City.
- Konruff concurred with McGinnis.
- Ryan commended Mertz and Shepard for their due diligence in acquiring grant funds, and for the great quality drinking water.

Motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 (Mary McGinnis, Penny Cheek, Kiley Konruff, Pat Ryan)

No: 0 (None)

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Cheek commented she was attending remotely while enjoying a vacation.
- Konruff thanked the community for feedback on the proposed Wayside policy and encouraged all to view the Workshop to hear the discussion. Konruff encouraged community members to continue to contact the Council. Konruff commented on Go Rockaway's "unsung heroes" and encouraged the community to submit heroes to Go Rockaway for recognition.
- McGinnis thanked community members and business owners for reaching out on a variety of issues and encouraged all to view Workshops to hear discussion. McGinnis offered to meet community members who may be confused about public comments that were shared.
- Ryan commented on a recently attended Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, and thanked all who participated.

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

- McNeilly encouraged all to attend or view Workshops and mentioned items discussed that night.
- McNeilly shared a presentation with slides from the Mayors Marching Unit at the Portland Grand Floral Parade, announced that the summary from the April Coffee was in the meeting packet and the next Coffee with Mayor & Manager meeting would be held on May 28, 2026.
- McNeilly shared that Birdies Bay Golf recently opened, offering an indoor activity.
- McNeilly explained details about a proposed resolution regarding Wayside use that was discussed in that night's Workshop. McNeilly commented that the City needs more parking to support the car-dependent tourist economy.

- McNeilly encouraged all to email him to share ideas, questions, or concerns.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mary McGinnis, seconded by Pat Ryan, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 (Mary McGinnis, Penny Cheek, Kiley Konruff, Pat Ryan)

No: 0 (None)

MINUTES APPROVED THE
15TH DAY OF JULY 2026



Charles McNeilly, Mayor

ATTEST



Melissa Thompson, City Recorder