

Garibaldi City Council Special Meeting Minutes – Virtual for the Public **Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.**

CONVENING OF MEETING

Councilor Linda Bade convened the Special Council Meeting at 1:03 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Present were Council President Linda Bade, Vice President Cheryl Gierga, Councilor Norman Shattuck, Finance Director Becca Harth, City Recorder Amy Cram.

Before beginning, she took a moment of silence to remember the men and women of the armed forces who are in harm's way.

Councilor Bade announced several agenda modifications: adding action items resulting from executive session under section B, switching the order of sections E and F to allow for more responsive council comments after public input, and adding items requested by Vice President Cheryl Gierga including office space discussion, meeting notice posting locations, and formal recognition of new council positions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Bade announced the executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records exempt from public inspection, including written legal advice. Representatives of news media and designated staff were allowed to attend.

Upon returning to open session at 1:52 PM, the council took formal action on matters discussed in executive session.

A motion was made to have Linda Bade liaison concerns number 1 and number 3 discussed in executive session.

- **Moved by:** Councilor Shattuck
- **Seconded by:** Councilor Gierga
- **Motion passed unanimously**

A motion was made to have Cheryl Gierga liaison concerns with number 4 and 5 from the executive session topics.

- **Moved by:** Councilor Shattuck
- **Seconded by:** Councilor Bade
- **Motion passed unanimously**

A motion was made to close executive session at 1:53 PM and return to regular session.

- **Moved by:** Councilor Gierga
- **Seconded by:** Councilor Bade
- **Motion passed unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were received on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

Office Space

Vice President Gierga reported that the office space at the old mill is no longer available, creating an urgent need to find alternative space so city hall can reopen to the public. She outlined several options including renting a connex trailer, finding empty rental space, or utilizing existing city facilities.

Staff reported that connex rental costs would be between \$1,300-\$1,500 monthly plus delivery fees, setup fees, temporary power installation by PUD, and temporary internet setup. Mayor Bade noted that the community center requires window replacement, pump installation, and asbestos remediation before it can house city offices. Staff confirmed they are obtaining bids for this work.

The council discussed using the fire chief's office space, but staff explained this would not work due to ongoing training activities and confidential materials. Councilor Shattuck noted that asbestos floor tiles are safe if left undisturbed and questioned the cost-effectiveness of remediation.

Vice President Gierga suggested exploring the museum space for holding council meetings rather than permanent office space. The council agreed to investigate multiple options including the old mill lodge, the museum, and the elementary school for meeting venues that would allow in-person public participation while maintaining ADA compliance and staying within city limits.

Meeting Notice Posting Locations

City Recorder Amy Cram confirmed current posting locations include the bulletin board outside city hall's front door, the post office bulletin boards, and the library entrance ramp door, plus the city website.

Councilor Shattuck noted that one post office bulletin board is often full, requiring use of the secondary board. The council discussed returning to traditional posting at Bay Market and utilizing the city's Facebook page. Mayor Bade emphasized maintaining physical postings for residents who are not computer-savvy while gradually encouraging online engagement.

The council agreed to resume posting at Bay Market and expand to include the city Facebook page for broader public notification.

Council Position Recognition

The council formally recognized the position changes resulting from recent resignations and appointments.

A motion was made to fill by appointment the seat of Mayor of Garibaldi to Councilor Linda Bade.

- **Moved by:** Councilor Gierga
- **Seconded by:** Councilor Shattuck
- **Motion passed unanimously**

Council President - Bud Shattuck nominated Councilor Gierga for Vice President of Garibaldi City Council.

- **Moved by:** Councilor Shattuck
- **Seconded by:** Mayor Bade
- **Motion passed unanimously**

Council Vice President - Cheryl Gierga nominated Councilor Norman Shattuck for Vice President of Garibaldi City Council.

- **Moved by:** Councilor Gierga
- **Seconded by:** Councilor Bade
- **Motion passed unanimously**

Councilor Shattuck inquired about check signing authority, and staff confirmed a resolution addressing signatory changes will be presented at the next council meeting once council appointments are finalized.

Staff reported receiving one application for city council and one for planning commission, with applications available on the city website. The council emphasized their intention to be selective in appointments, requiring

unanimous agreement among the three current members. Additional applications are needed for budget committee positions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were received on non-agenda items.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilor Norman Shattuck had no reports.

Council President Cheryl Gierga thanked staff for their assistance during the transition period and expressed confidence in the team's ability to handle upcoming challenges.

Mayor Linda Bade thanked staff and addressed water billing issues affecting residents. She acknowledged the frustration with the current billing system problems and assured the public that staff are working to resolve these issues. Mayor Bade requested that residents direct factual billing problems to staff for resolution but asked that any anger or frustration be directed to her personally to allow staff to work effectively. She emphasized the need for patience as the city works through these challenges and gets back on its feet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Linda Bade adjourned the meeting at 2:24 PM.



Linda Bade, Mayor

ATTEST:


Becca Harth, Finance Director