



Vashon-Maury Community Council
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Vashon-Maury Annual Community Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, November 20, 2025

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Location: Lewis Hall, 23905 Vashon Highway SW (Behind Burton Community Church), and on Zoom

YouTube Recording: <https://youtu.be/LYRN8qfdkkM>

Board members present: JC Graham (President), Nicole Erica Áine (Vice-President), Ann Thorne (Treasurer), Jen Hrachovec (Secretary), Doug Ostrom

7:00 **“What’s On My Mind”**

7:11 **Call to Order**, quorum was met with 25 members

Minutes of the Council Meeting were taken by Secretary Jen Hrachovec.

7:15 **Brief Technical Overview**

Welcome, Reading of Land Acknowledgment (*Jill Graham*)

Rules of Conduct (*President JC Graham*)

7:19 **Finalize minutes of *previous* Council meeting** [October 16, 2025](#)

1st: Ann Thorn, 2nd: Jill Graham, For: 19, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

Request: Set linked documents to public before distributing the agenda and minutes

7:40 **Finalize agenda for *this* Council Meeting:** [November 20, 2025](#)

1st: Steve Bergman, 2nd: Jen Hrachovec, For: 14, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

7:45 **Introduction to Rules of Procedure** (President JC Graham)

7:28 **Annual Meeting Business**

➤ Approval of [Proposed Calendar Year 2026 V-MCC Budget](#) (Treasurer Ann Thorn)

1st: Mike Dawson, 2nd: Doug Ostrom, For: 18, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

➤ Election to the V-MCC Board of Directors (Board candidate Meg Thompson)

1st: Debby Jackson, 2nd: Mike Thompson, For: 19, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

- [President's Report](#) (JC Graham)

8:10 (maximum of 30 minutes) **Panel Discussion of Island Food Security**

Panelists:

- Emily Scott (Food Bank)
- Merrilee Runyon (VIGA)
- Shauna Ahern (Community organizer)
- Gene Kuhns (IFCH)

8:40 (maximum of 15 minutes) **New Business**

See Addendum 1 for information regarding New Business.

First Reading: [Motion to Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Establishment of the Vashon Island Disaster Airlift Response Team \(ViDART\)](#). (Truman O'Brien)

1st: Truman O'Brien, 2nd: Kathy Ostrom and Jackie O'Malley

Community Input and Questions

8:55 **Announcements**

9:00 **Adjourn** No later than 9:00 pm, if at all possible. (The meeting may be extended for a set period by a majority vote of the Council.)

Please Note: By Council decision, there will be no December 2025 Council Meeting.

Next Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2026, 6:30 pm (Mixer);
7:00 pm (Meeting). Location: **Land Trust Building**.

Board of Directors Meetings are regularly held on first Thursdays, at the Land Trust Building.

- The next V-MCC Board meeting will be held on December 4, 2025.
- Guests are welcome to observe (either in person or via Zoom; see v-mcc.org/event)

General questions may be sent to info@v-mcc.org

V-MCC Secretary Jen Hrachovec can be reached directly at Secretary.V-MCC@proton.me.

V-MCC President JC Graham can be reached directly at President.V-MCC@proton.me.

Substantive 2025 Vashon-Maury Community Council Motions (Passed and Pending)

Motion	Requestors	Date Opened	Date Closed	Status
Addressing the climate crisis is an important priority for Vashon-Maury Islanders. The Vashon-Maury Community Council therefore moves that the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan include these actions in the final KC SCAP (see 8/21/2025 minutes for list of 13 recommendations)	1-Kevin Jones 2-Kathleen Fitch	Aug 21, 2025	Sep 3, 2025	Passed ▾
Appoint Gary English to Vashon Ferry Committee	1-Mike ____ 2-Art Chippendale	Sep 5, 2024	Oct 16, 2025	Passed ▾
Letter of Support to install community solar at Vashon High School to provide electricity production and battery storage for disaster preparedness	1-Eric Walker 2-Laura Cerven, Julie Brown, Mike	Oct 16, 2025	Oct 16, 2025	Passed ▾
Motion to Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Establishment of the Vashon Island Disaster Airlift Response Team (ViDART)	1-Truman O'Brien 2-Kathy Ostrom and Jackie O'Malley	Nov 20, 2025	📅 Date	Pending (future... ▾)

Addendum 1. Information Regarding New Business.

- Motions may be made from the floor during this time. A substantive motion is a formal proposal put before the Council that directly addresses the reasons for which our Council exists.¹ Unless intermediate action is needed², any substantive motions that are moved and seconded—unless postponed indefinitely— will be further considered and voted upon at the next Council meeting. However, routine procedural and operational motions do not automatically require a month's delay.
- Making a substantive motion (to be decided by majority rule) - or to amend, table, rescind, or postpone a motion - is *not* the only action you can take during New Business!
Here are some other options:
 - Move to discuss a certain topic for a set period of time.
 - Move to seek Council consensus on a certain subject, for a set period of time.
 - Ask that a straw poll (a nonbinding record of support and opposition) be taken on a certain subject.
- There also are other possibilities for procedural motions that *will* be decided by a majority vote:
 - Request an informational presentation or written update from a committee, officer, or guest expert.
 - Move that someone (a V-MCC committee, the V-MCC Board, or someone else) be asked to investigate a certain matter and report back to the Council (either at a later date or when they are ready).
 - Move to refer an issue to an existing committee for consideration and report back.
 - Move that a certain advisory committee be formed. Ideally you will have a draft mission statement ready and at least an interim committee chair in mind. Advisory committees may be either Standing (ongoing) or Ad Hoc (temporary).
 - Move that a certain person or group be requested to address the Council. (Ideally you will also indicate a contact person or who is expected to issue the request.)
 - Move that someone (or a group) be recognized for some outstanding contribution or achievement.
 - Propose scheduling a special meeting or community forum on a specific issue.
- In formulating your substantive motion, please consider the following questions from the *GARE³ Toolkit*:
 - **Proposal:** What is the policy, program, practice or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes?
 - **Data:** What's the data? What does the data tell us?
 - **Community engagement:** How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?
 - **Analysis and strategies:** Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?
 - **Implementation:** What is your plan for implementation?
 - **Accountability and communication:** How will you ensure accountability, communicate, and evaluate results?

A guided consideration of these questions may be found at

https://belonging.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/gare-racial_equity_toolkit.pdf

¹ These are matters such as lobbying for a certain policy change or governmental action) or amendments to V-MCC's Bylaws or Standing Rules.

² For example Board approval, in the case of Bylaws amendments.

³ GARE is the Government Alliance on Race and Equity.