



## Quil Ceda Village

Regular Council Meeting

July 29, 2025

Minutes

Call Meeting to Order 10:24AM

President Deborah Parker – Present

Council member Ryan Miller - Present

Council member Hazen Shopbell - Present

President Parker greeted the staff in attendance for the regular July council meeting and asks if there are any change requests to the agenda. Operations Director, Teresa Meece announced that the food inspector is running late. President Parker responds that the Council will skip over that report and wait for her arrival. Hearing no other changes, President Parker asked if there is a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion made by Council member Miller to approve the agenda for the regular Village Council meeting of July 29, 2025 as presented.

Seconded

Questions: None

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Council member Miller to approve the regular Village Council meeting minutes for the meeting held on June 18, 2025 as presented and corrected.

Seconded

Questions: None

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

## Public Safety & Justice

Discussion: Ryan Shaughnessy, Tulalip Bay Fire, Ryan White, Tulalip Fire, President Parker, Kevin Jones, General Manager, Council member Shopbell,

### Tulalip Fire District Monthly Report

Chief Shaughnessy shared the monthly statistics for June, including the average response time of 5 minutes and noted that Marysville Fire Districts average response time was eight to twelve minutes. Then further explained that an issue they are experiencing now is in regard to service calls into the City of Marysville. As it stands, Tulalip Fire District is often sent well into the City of Marysville boundaries, even if a Marysville firehouse is closer, and it ties up our response time to the Tulalip community. The Council asked why they would do that. Chief Shaughnessy could not say why, but only give a best guess. Council member Shopbell shared his concerns that this is happening, and stressed the importance of having life saving care nearby and responding within the City of Marysville for cuts and bruises. Council member Shopbell asked if they would be as responsive if a citizen needed life saving care while your team (Tulalip Bay Fire) was responding inside the City of Marysville. The fire chief then shared that there were no major injuries or any injury reported, and noted that they only received one call for service to Boom City. That was on the fifth of July and there were a few small brush fires that they were able to quickly put out. Then concluded their report and asked if the Council had any additional questions.

### Tulalip Police Department Monthly Report

Deputy Chief Gobin shared the monthly crime statistics for both Quil Ceda Village and Tulalip Tribes as a whole. Shared their increased patrols and response times have improved, noted theft was up. The described the theft is primarily resulting from people leaving a bag or purse unattended, then returning to see their bag is missing. It is quite rare that individuals are outright robbed for their bags.

Motion made by Council member Shopbell to adopt Resolution 2025 – 23 approving the 1-year Tulalip Tribal Court Services Agreement between the Consolidated Borough of Quil Ceda Village and the Tulalip Tribal Court for the 2025 calendar year, with an annual budget of \$605,000.00 with funding to come from the 2025 Public Safety Budget.

Seconded

Questions: None

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

## Administration

### Food Inspector Report

Discussion: Karin Knopp, Food Inspector, President Parker, Council member Shopbell, Gus Taylor, TTT Public Works, Shane Warbus, Tulalip Gaming Organization

The food inspector, Karin Knopp, explained to the Council the challenges of Food Sanitation Code Enforcement due to the out of date policy. She reinforced the need for a complete policy change to bring the Code up to current standards, shared the average length of time to update the policy, and shared her thoughts on including each branch of Tulalip Tribes to collaborate with each other. The Council agreed to have a representative from Quil Ceda Village, Tulalip Tribes, Tulalip Gaming Organization, and Tulalip Tribal Federal

Corporation to have one representative work together to update the food code. Ms. Knopp shared that the new code should be available for first read by August 2026. The Council asked about the temporary food establishments and Ms. Knopp explained that Tashina (Kona) or Cindy (Snider) usually accompany her during temporary events, and Teresa (Meece) if the event is at the Amphitheatre. It helps to have a representative accompany her during inspections because the membership appreciates seeing a familiar face during an inspection. The Lights and Ice event has grown, along with the Stick Games event, and lastly Boom City. Ms. Knopp suggests including rules and regulations in the new food code for the temporary events. Many food vendors may not understand their electric capacity and maximum equipment they can have onsite. Some vendors try to bring, deep freezers, two to three refrigerators, deep fryers, air fryers, and other large appliances that can overload their electrical breakers or prevent their foods from staying at safe temperatures. The Council suggested holding a training for the membership, and asked if she would be willing to have it recorded for future use. She was agreeable and moved onto the topic of universal forms for all entities and food establishments both temporary and full-time operations. The Council recommended Ms. Knopp include the universal forms creation in the food ordinance update meetings. Finally, Ms. Knopp addressed the issue with selling salmon to the public, and pointed out the proper notice need to be visible on menus or labels to warn against possible parasites while consuming fish. Council member Shopbell shared with the Council that he did go through the rigorous FDA (Food and Drug Administration) process to become a licensed fish processor. It was not easy, and then continued to share with the Council that fishing is a Treaty Right and shared that our ancestors had been fishing and smoking salmon for many years. Then selling it as a means of income and in all these years, nobody has ever reportedly been sickened from eating smoked salmon. Ms. Knopp responded by explaining that some Tribal members have used certified processors to fully process, cook, and package salmon the salmon. Stressed the importance of labels and asked the Council if they would support opening a commissary kitchen for the membership to use. It would be beneficial, especially if they use the kitchen to preprocess foods before setting up for a temporary event, or to cook food and package it for sales to the public. That would be preferable over selling food prepared in their own kitchens due to FDA standards. Ms. Knopp shared that the Tulalip Resort Casino would like to add more fish to their menu, but the current food code prohibits this menu option. She continued to explain that serving the fish as planned is well within the current FDA code. The Council asked Ms. Knopp to work with staff to present an amendment for approval at next month's meeting, then asked if that was sufficient time to prepare for that. Ms. Knopp replied that it was sufficient time as she was nearly halfway complete with an amendment for approval. She confirmed that she would work with Shane (Warbus) and Vanessa (Flores) to get it on the agenda.

Motion made by Council member Miller to adopt Resolution 2025 – 24 authorizing the Quil Ceda Village General Manager to exercise signing authority up to \$150,000.00 while adhering to the approved budgets.

Seconded

Questions: None

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

### Finance Report

Discussion: Chris Schmidt, TTFC Chief Financial Officer

TTFC Chief Financial Officer Schmidt handed out the monthly finance report to the Council and reported that the cigarette tax income is down, and mentioned that the overall national average is down about 8% but ours is trending at around 3% or so. The Finance report was cut short due to the arrival of the Food Inspector, so the Council asked if staff minds the interruption of the Finance report to shift the discussion back to Discussion

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items skipped due to the Food Inspector's late arrival notice. Hearing no objections, they transitioned to the Food Inspector Report.

Motion made by Council member Shopbell to adopt Resolution 2025 – 25 approving the list of account signers, electronic fund transfer and electronic platform administrators, account maintenance information authorities with US BanCorp. The Consolidated Borough of Quil Ceda Village further authorizes the President or President Pro Tempore, on its behalf, to execute the necessary bank forms to update the banking authorities with US BanCorp.

Seconded

Questions: None

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Council member Miller to adopt resolution 2025 – 26 approving the transfer of \$3,500,000.00 from the Cigarette Tax Bank Account to the QCV Main Operating Account to fund the Third Quarter operating budget for the departments listed above.

Seconded

Questions: None

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

### Public Works

Discussion: Jereme Gobin, Public Works Director

Director Gobin explained to the Council that Public Works pulled the contract with Pavement Surface Control due to the contract violations. The contractor did not use the specified paint to paint the street and had other issues. Once we identified the violations, we contacted them to rescind the contract. This resolution is approving the rescission. The next one is the approval of the new contractor to complete the job.

Motion made by Council member Miller to adopt Resolution 2025 – 27 ratifying the rescission of the contract with Pavement Surface Control for project QCV-CPR-25-001.

Seconded

Questions: None

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Council member Miller to adopt Resolution 2025 – 28 approving the execution of a Village Resolution authorizing the 2025 contract with Specialized Pavement Marking, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$146,258 for QCV Pavement Marking & Restriping with funding to come from the allocated QCV Public Works Project Budget.

Seconded

Questions: None

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Director Gobin explained that the following agenda item the approval of a contract amendment. The original contract was within General Manager Jones' signing authority, but the contract amendment brings the total contract amount over his signing authority.

Motion made by Council member Shopbell adopt Resolution 2025 – 29 approving the execution and delivery of Contract Amendment No. 1 with AQUALIS for the QCV Stormwater System Maintenance Project. The amendment increases the contract by \$30,835, resulting in a revised total not to exceed \$115,736, with funding to come from the QCV Public Works Capital Improvement Fund.

Seconded

Questions: None

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

President Parker adjourned the regular Quil Ceda Village Council meeting at 1:37PM.

Staff & Visitors:

Jennifer Flores, Village Clerk

Kevin Jones, General Manager

Ryan Shaughnessy, Tulalip Bay Fire Department

Ryan White, Tulalip Bay Fire Dept.

Jasmine Perez, Tulalip Bay Fire Dept.

Deputy Chief Chris Gobin, Tulalip Police Dept.

Teresa Meece, Operations Director

Jonathon Sanchez, Office of Reservation Attorney

Jereme Gobin, Public Works Director

**Minutes approved during the regular Quil Ceda Village Council Meeting held on August 20, 2025.**



**Vanessa Flores, Recording Secretary**

