



## Quil Ceda Village

Regular Council Meeting

**Friday, November 14, 2025**

Draft Minutes

Call meeting to order at 11:07AM

President Deborah Parker – Absent

Council member Ryan Miller – Present

Council member Hazen Shopbell – Present

President Parker is running behind and will join as soon as possible. Council member Hazen Shopbell will serve as President Pro Tempore. With a quorum present, the meeting is convened. An addition item needs to be added to the agenda. A closed session discussion regarding Lights and Ice will be held at the conclusion of today's meeting.

**1) Motion made by council member Miller to adopt the agenda for the regular Quil Ceda Village Council Meeting for November 14, 2025, as presented.**

No questions

Seconded

Ayes 2, Nays 0

Motion carried

**2) Motion made by council member Miller to approve meeting minutes for the regular Quil Ceda Village Council Meeting held on October 15, 2025, as presented and corrected.**

Seconded

No questions

Ayes 2, Nays 0

Motion carried

## **Public Safety and Justice:**

### **3) Tulalip Bay Fire Department Monthly Report presented by Chief Shaughnessy.**

Discussion: Ryan Miller (Council member), Hazen Shopbell (Council member), and Chief Shaughnessy. Chief Shaughnessy reported we had a busier month compared to the past. We had a total of 175 calls for the month of October 2025, with 117 responses into Marysville. October 2024 comparison, we received 148 calls total. Trends indicate an increase, with 11 fire-related incidents, 142 medical calls, 10 car crashes, 8 fire alarms, and 4 service calls. Chief informed the council that a meeting has been scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> with Marysville Fire and legal counsel to discuss mutual aid agreements and per-response compensation. It was noted that financial contributions have been significantly reduced, making this meeting the first phase of the transition. The next phase will involve initiating discussions regarding a potential shift to a taxation-based funding model. Support from the Tulalip Board of Directors was requested to advance these efforts. Adjustments to response protocols have been requested, however, no measurable improvements have been observed. Tulalip Bay Fire continues to utilize SnoCom run cards, which may contribute to missed emergency calls on the reservation, particularly when incidents are dispatched into Marysville. Compensation for these calls remains unresolved. It was noted that surrounding areas, including Getchell and Lake Stevens, are also experiencing impacts. Additionally, Marysville units are not consistently dispatched to nearby calls, raising concerns about response coverage. Fire Chiefs have requested rerouting emergency calls to Marysville command staff. Concerns were raised regarding Marysville's lack of awareness of missed dispatches, attributed to current system design. A review of Marysville's Fire Department Operations is recommended, as units are not consistently marked back in service electronically. This triggers automatic dispatch of the next closest unit – often Tulalip – resulting in increased operational strain and additional costs for Tulalip Crews. The Marysville levy passed. While additional personnel are being added, there are no plans to expand vehicle resources. Funding and membership requests are currently under review, with concerns noted regarding potential impacts on Tulalip's membership. The Board of Commissioners has authorized proceeding with the proposed changes. Chief will provide an updated report to the Board of Directors next week.

### **4) Tulalip Police Department Monthly Report**

REPORT: 2025 October Stats power point presentation, presented by Chief Ledford

Discussion: Chief Ledford, Ryan Miller (Council), and Hazen Shopbell (Council).

Chief Ledford reported a total of 1,728 calls for service during the month of October. Of these, 480 calls (28%) originated from Quil Ceda Village. Within Quil Ceda Village, 303 calls (63%) were service-related. Tulalip Resort Casino accounted for 177 calls, representing (37%) of the service volume. Chief reported a significant increase in domestic violence-related calls. The typical monthly range is 7 to 8 cases; however, 14 cases were reported in October. Of these, 7 were physical incidents, with 5 involving tribal members. The remaining 7 were nonphysical incidents, with 4 involving tribal members. A total of 31 shoplifting incidents for the month. Of these, 20 incidents (65%) occurred within Quil Ceda Village, 4 incidents (20%) were reported at Tulalip Resort Casino, while the remaining 16 incidents (80%) occurred elsewhere within the reservation. A total of 33 drug related incidents for the month. Of these, 15 incidents (46%) occurred within Quil Ceda Village, within that area, 11 incidents (73%) were reported at the Tulalip Resort Casino, and 4 incidents (27%) were reported elsewhere in Quil Ceda Village. Additionally, 12 incidents (36%) occurred in QCC, and 6 incidents (18%) were reported across the remainder of the reservation. A total of 37 trespassing related calls, 17 calls (45%) occurred in Quil Ceda Village, 16 calls (42%) in QCC, and 5 calls, (13%) across the remainder of the reservation. Within Quil Ceda Village, 12 calls (59%) originated from Tulalip Resort Casino, and 5 calls (41%) were reported elsewhere in the Village. Additionally, the Tulalip Police Department conducted 327 traffic stops during October. Quil Ceda Village accounted for 102 stops (31%), QCC had 55 stops (22%), and the remaining 170 stops (52%) occurred

across the rest of the reservation. Of the 102 stops in Quil Ceda Village, 12 (80%) were associated with Tulalip Resort Casino, and 9 (20%) occurred elsewhere in the Village. There were two stolen vehicles reported both from QCC, and one recovered in the month of October. The Flock System has helped with recovering stolen vehicles. Council member Shopbell inquired about recent challenges related to theft-related arrests and judicial processing. Chief Ledford explained that while arrests are made when suspects are apprehended, the goal remains to ensure proper booking and accountability. Quil Ceda Village leadership emphasized the importance of maintaining a reputation free from violence and theft. It was noted that many cases are declined by Snohomish County Prosecutor due to statute of limitations and other factors. To improve efficiency, efforts are underway to process cases through tribal court, which allows for faster turnaround. Disparities in case outcomes between the reservation and surrounding jurisdictions were discussed, including instances involving modified weapons and plea agreements. Concerns were raised regarding the lack of jail time for repeat offenders. The Council expressed full support for the Chief and offered assistance as needed. Promised advocacy from Snohomish County has not happened. Tribal Attorneys are being encouraged to prosecute cases directly to prevent them from being overlooked. While solutions are in development, progress takes time. The Protect Act is expected to support these efforts, though implementation is ongoing. Additionally, discussion included charitable contributions and the compact agreement to allocate funding from casino revenue. It was noted that impact funds are not currently being utilized. Amendments to the compact are forthcoming, and collaboration with Lisa Koop in Washington, D.C. is ongoing to address necessary fixes.

#### Administration

##### **5) Monthly Financial Report** (Handout) presented by Chris Schmit (CFO)

Discussion: Chris Schmit (CFO), Jonathon Sanchez (Attorney), Hazen Shopbell (Council member), Carson Cooper (Attorney), and Ryan Miller (Council member).

Chris Schmit (CFO), reported that cigarette sales tax adjustments have been made for the 2026 budget cycle, consistent with prior trends. Direct sales tax revenue remains stable and is expected to remain consistent next year. Cannabis sales tax projections have been revised to reflect realistic market trends, with new revenue models under development. Fuel tax revenue is currently exceeding budget expectations and is projected to continue growing into the next fiscal year. Council member Shopbell inquired about the status of acquiring local fuel stations, specifically referencing the Marathon Fuel Station. Legal counsel clarified that the land is owned by a tribal family and leased to non-tribal entities; the land is held in trust. The tribe has the option to lease the land, which may qualify for tax advantages. Further discussion addressed environmental concerns under mediation, noting that existing liabilities make remediation inefficient. It was suggested that constructing a new fuel station would be more cost-effective. Additional insights and strategies regarding fuel tax utilization for the upcoming year were requested.

Off record 11:54AM

On record 12:02PM

Chris reported that LOUT funds from 2024 and 2025, remain outstanding, with a tentative total of \$1 million to be refunded soon. Overall expenditures are currently under budget across all categories. Lights and Ice will bring it up the amount in expenditures over the next few weeks.

##### **6) Health Official Appointments** presented by Jennifer Flores (Village Clerk).

Discussion: Jennifer Flores (Village Clerk), Hazen Shopbell (Council member) and Ryan Miller (Council member).

Jennifer Flores provided a copy of the draft Infraction Notice and Closure Document for council review and approval. Vanessa Flores presented a list of citation causes along with procedural instructions for managing infractions and potential closures for food establishments and at upcoming vendor events.

**Motion made by council member Miller to adopt Resolution 2025 – 46 approving the appointment of the Quil Ceda Village Health Officials as designated by the Quil Ceda Village General Manager.**

Seconded

No questions

Ayes 2, Nays 0

Motion carried

**7) TTT Chapter 11.20 Food Service Sanitation** presented by: Jonathon Sanchez

Discussion regarding proposed revisions to The Tulalip Tribes Chapter 11.20 — Food Service Sanitation Code. Discussion: Johnathon Sanchez (Reservation Attorney), Hazen Shopbell (Council member), and Ryan Miller (Council member).

Jonathon (Attorney) reported a discovery of an ambiguity in the 2001 Food Code, which is updated every four years and automatically adopted under tribal law. The ambiguity presents two possible interpretations. Jonathon recommended addressing this issue at the next Board of Directors meeting to clarify the statute and prevent complications during upcoming vendor events. Karin, the health inspector, was also referred to in relation to this matter.

**8) Motion made by council member Miller to approve the 2026 Village Council meeting calendar as presented.**

Seconded

No questions:

Ayes 2, Nays 0

Motion carried

**9) Motion made by council member Miller to adjourn the regular Quil Ceda Village Council meeting at 12:14PM**

Seconded

No questions:

Ayes 2, Nays 0

Motion carried

**Visitors and Guests:**

Chief Shaughnessy, Tulalip Bay Fire,

Chief White, Tulalip Bay Fire,

Johnathon Sanchez, Reservation Attorney,

Lacey Wright, Wetlands Coordinator,

Casey Wren, Project Management,

Chris Schmidt, Chief Financial Officer,

Jereme Gobin, Public Works Director,

Chief Ledford, Tulalip Tribal Police,

Jennifer Flores, City Administrator,

Teresa Meece, Operations Director,

Alexis Losik, Events Coordinator,  
Kevin Jones, General Manager,  
Carson Cooper, Reservation Attorney  
Vanessa Flores, Administrative Services Manager

**Minutes approved during the regular Quil Ceda Village Council meeting held on December 18, 2025.**

  
Vanessa Flores, Recording Secretary

