



Quil Ceda Village

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:36AM

Roll Call

President, Deborah Parker – Absent

Council member, Ryan Miller – Present

President Pro Tempore, Hazen Shopbell – Present

President Parker is currently absent. Hazen Shopbell is serving as President Pro Tempore. A quorum is present, allowing the meeting to proceed.

Motion made by Council member Miller, to adopt the agenda for the regular Quil Ceda Village Council Meeting for August 20, 2025, as presented.

Seconded

No questions

Aye 2; Nays 0

Motion carried

Motion made by Council member Miller, to approve meeting minutes for the regular Quil Ceda Village Council Meeting held on July 29, 2025, as presented and corrected.

Seconded

No questions

Aye 2; Nays 0

Motion carried

Station 59 True-up Costs – CLOSED

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General Manager Kevin Jones asked council to move this discussion to the end of the meeting, allowing our guests to proceed with their reports.

Tulalip Bay Fire Department Monthly Report presented by Chief White, Tulalip Bay Fire Department (TBFD).

Discussion: Ryan White, Ryan Miller, Hazen Shopbell and Kevin Jones.

Activity levels are consistent with last year, with no significant changes. A total of 168 calls were recorded. There were 97 responses to Marysville this past month with an average of 80-115 calls per month. Our team operates one medical unit, while Marysville has two units, including one stationed near Fred Meyer. Due to Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data, our unit is often shown as the closer responder, resulting in us serving as a backup unit. We are only able to collect transport revenue in these cases. A walk-through with the Fire Department is planned. There is potential for a September or October open house at the new location.

Tulalip Police Department Monthly Report presented by Christopher Gobin, Tulalip Police Department (TPD).

Discussion: Christopher Gobin, Hazen Shopbell and Ryan Miller.

July Statistics, call volume remains consistent with monthly trends, with an increase of approximately 400 calls compared to the previous month. Percentages across categories remain stable. Stolen vehicles previously was a significant issue; stolen vehicle incidents have decreased; with increased officer presence on the reservation, more stolen vehicles are being recovered, and the number of stolen vehicles reported on the reservation is now in single digits monthly. 31 shoplifting incidents were reported. A low percentage of suspects were arrested. Some retailers only contact TPD to file a report for insurance purposes, rather than to pursue charges. Officers are highly effective with in-progress calls, often locating and apprehending suspects promptly. Non-tribal offenders are referred to Snohomish County Court, where cases often experience long delays and limited accountability. Crime has been reduced through transient sweeps conducted within village boundaries. A statement of zero tolerance for theft on the reservation at Quil Ceda Village (QCV) must be emphasized. While there have been several meetings with Seattle Premium Outlets (SPO) in the past, there have been no recent engagements. Please advise if there are specific data points or additional information you would like included in future reports (e.g., number of shoplifters arrested).

Monthly Financial Report presented by Chris Schmit, Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Discussion: Chris Schmit, Hazen Shopbell, Jereme Gobin, Ryan Miller and Johnathon Sanchez.

Talk underway to expand fuel pumps for Tulalip Markets, with potential for new station locations. This proposal will be forwarded to Administration and Tulalip Tribal Federal Corporation (TTFC) for further discussion. Council has requested we invite Joshua Malcom from TTFC to attend our monthly council meetings.

Off record at 11:15AM

On record at 11:26AM

Fuel revenue has increased by \$1.2 million each month. An additional \$1 million in revenue is projected, which may help offset the ongoing shortfall in cigarette tax collection. Cigarette tax revenue remains below expectations. Spending is tracked according to plan, with no major concerns currently. Cannabis sales tax revenue is restricted in use. 34% are allocated to the tribe for educational needs, 9.4% are allocated to QCV. To date, no cannabis tax dollars have been spent. The first expenditure may be directed toward a Fisherman's Memorial.

July Travel and Training Report for MarJae Lane – FYI

Consumer Advisory Report for Fresh Partially Cooked Fish

Discussion: Hazen Shopbell, Jennifer Flores and Ryan Miller.

Motion made by Council member Miller, to adopt Resolution 2025 – 30 recommending amendments to the Tulalip Tribal Code Chapter 11.20 Food Service Sanitation to permit a Consumer Advisory for Fresh Partially Cooked Fish Guidance advisory on consumer information.

Seconded

Question: Is this for recommendation for the full Board of Directors? Yes.

Ayes 2; Nays 0

Motion carried

Variance to Quil Ceda Village Design Guidelines

Discussion: Joshua Sanchez, Hazen Shopbell, Kevin Jones and Ryan Miller.

We are currently coordinating design concepts for village signage that will visually complement the Tulalip Resort Casino. As part of this process, we are evaluating the applicable signage regulations and pursuing either a code amendment or a variance for the proposed Tulalip Resort Casino Pylon sign. The initiative required careful consideration of the following factors: Tulalip Tribal signage code, easements, covenants and lease restrictions along with Quil Ceda Village design guidelines. Under the current Tulalip Tribal Code, pylon signage is permitted up to a maximum of 162 square feet. Additionally, billboard-style signs with digital displays are allowed along the I-5 corridor in accordance with tribal regulations. However, the proposed pylon sign exceeds the allowable size and therefore necessitates a variance under both the Quil Ceda Village guidelines and the Tulalip Tribal Code.

Motion made by Council member Miller, to adopt Resolution 2025 – 31 approving Variance to Quil Ceda Village Design Guidelines for TRC Pylon Sign.

Seconded

No questions

Ayes 2; Nays 0

Motion carried

Huber Technology Services Agreement

Discussion: Jereme Gobin, Joshua Sanchez and Ryan Miller.

This is a three-year service agreement with the manufacturer, Huber Technology, which includes an arbitration clause. Under Tribal Code, any waiver of sovereign immunity must be formally approved by the Village Council, as required by the Village Charter. Given the nature of this agreement, it is recommended that sovereign immunity be waived for the limited scope of services defined in the contract. The waiver is narrowly tailored and applies only to the terms and conditions of this specific agreement. The service agreement offers significant long-term cost savings through preventative maintenance, especially considering the high cost of components and recent equipment failures. These failures have impacted staffing and could potentially require 24/7 coverage if not addressed proactively. The contractor will conduct on-site walkthroughs with staff, provide a comprehensive field service report, and offer preventative maintenance recommendations. Additionally, the contract includes a termination clause, allowing the Tribe to exit the agreement at any time, which substantially reduces the risk of arbitration or litigation.

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Motion made by Council member Miller, to adopt Resolution 2025 – 32 to approve the Huber Technology Services Agreement.

Seconded

Question: How many times did they come out per year? This is the first year outside of the warranty period. Historically, service visits occurred as needed. Moving forward the contractor will conduct inspections twice a year to ensure continued maintenance and performance.

Regarding the waiver, is it limited to the scope defined in the contract? From a litigation risk perspective, the agreement provides coverage in the event of an accident, as the contractor assumes responsibility under the terms of the contract. This structure helps mitigate liability exposure for the tribe.

Ayes 2; Nays 0

Motion carried

Station 59 True-up Costs

Closed session at 11:32AM

Back in session at 11:46AM

Motion to adjourn made by Council member Miller at 11:47AM

Seconded

No question:

Ayes 2; Nays 0

Motion carried

Visitors & Guests:

Jennifer Flores, City Administrator

Jacob Setterberg, Interim IT Director

Jonathon Sanchez, Reservation Attorney

Jereme Gobin, Public Works Director

Chief Ryan White, Tulalip Bay Fire

Chris Schmit, Chief Financial Officer

Teresa Meece, Operations Director

Kevin Jones, QCV General Manager

Christopher Gobin, Tulalip Tribal Police

Vanessa Flores, Administrative Services Manager

Minutes approved during the regular Quil Ceda Village Council meeting held on October 15, 2025.



Vanessa Flores, Recording Secretary