

**MINUTES OF THE VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF HAYDEN, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO**

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Commission Meeting: 4:00 PM
Hayden City Hall Council Chambers, 8930 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Julie Colangelo: Absent
Chair Cosby: Present
Jim Schrader: Present
Jeffrey Snell: Present
Ray Verbrugge: Absent

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR **All items on the Consent Calendar are Action Items**
Motion to approve the March 5, 2026 Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes. This motion, made by Snell and seconded by Schrader, Carried.

Julie Colangelo: Absent
Chair Cosby: Yes
Jim Schrader: Yes
Jeffrey Snell: Yes
Ray Verbrugge: Absent

Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

Approval of March 5, 2026 Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS on Non-Agenda Items (5-minutes maximum)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Veterans Commission Recruitment **(ACTION ITEM)**

Chair Cosby said that business cards were handed out at the previous month's meeting and asked if commissioners had noticed any distribution. Commissioner Schrader said there was nothing notable except for a visitor from the previous week and said he would follow up with him. Chair Cosby encouraged everyone to continue spreading the word about needing more members. Recreation & Community Events Staff Member Jennifer Arrotta said she still had extra business cards available and could order more if needed with a little advance notice.

Memorial Day Ceremony **(ACTION ITEM)**

Recreation & Community Events Staff Member Jennifer Arrotta informed the commission that the Memorial Day Program had been updated following the commission's discussion at the previous month's meeting. Chair Cosby suggested a minor adjustment to one of the recent changes made to the program, and the commission reviewed the Memorial Day Ceremony Program with Arrotta. During the discussion, Arrotta asked the clerk if there were any new commemorative bricks, and the clerk said she believed there were at least two. Arrotta then asked if the names had been included in the program yet, and the clerk said no, but they should be added by May. Chair Cosby asked whether the new names would be

added to the program in bold and marked with an asterisk, and Arrotta confirmed that they would be. Vice-Chair Snell said he confirmed with Guest Speaker Helen Nelson that she was ready to go, but he was not sure if they had received official word that Council approved her to speak, though he thought they were planning to proceed with her. He also relayed questions from Nelson that he was unsure of but thought City staff might be able to answer. Arrotta responded that Nelson had been accepted and that a letter with details had been sent from the mayor, and said she had not yet heard from Nelson but would follow up once she had the answers to her questions.

Establishing Guest Speaker Guidance (ACTION ITEM)

This agenda item was tabled until the next month's meeting.

Criteria for Selecting a Guest Speaker (ACTION ITEM)

Speech Criteria for Memorial & Veterans Day Ceremonies (ACTION ITEM)

REPORTS

City Staff

City Administrator Lisa Ailport discussed the commission's budget regarding the fund balance currently shown, noting that it does not appear to match the figures held by Recreation & Community Events Director Suzanne Cano, and said they are working to figure it out. Chair Cosby asked if he could be sent a copy of the spreadsheet Ailport referenced, and she said she could provide it, noting that the spreadsheet would not explain all revenues and that they would need to dig in further. Chair Cosby stated that he could bring up any additional questions later. He also asked if Ailport would like him to sit down with her to review it, noting his experience on the commission, and Ailport responded that she just needed to know what questions he had, if any, so she could dig into them, and said a meeting was not necessary unless he wanted to.

Chair and Commission Members

There were no reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Isabelle White, Clerk