

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Minutes

WORK SESSION

Councilmember Gotovac as Mayor Pro Tem convened the work session at 6:30 pm with:

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Councilmember Adam Carney

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

ABSENT

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Carney requested to present some ideas and concerns he has been approached on from community members and business owners. First question being, can we looking into how we can potentially change our short term rental policies. Councilmember Gotovac thinks they would have to propose to shorten the current code timeframe. His second concern is traffic crosswalks, most of the crosswalks on Sussex Ave in the downtown area, when driving it is difficult to see people until they are almost in the road. Would like to propose some ideas for crosswalk flags or light up crosswalks like the others we have on Sussex near the schools. Councilmember Gotovac proposes they look into the cost of them to be able to present the options. Councilmember Eisel brought up actual crosswalks and the need for one near the Park and one crossing Sussex to the Market Fresh, being a state highway it is almost impossible to cross. Third on the list is Public Works related, would like to see a report generated monthly or quarterly about the projects and timelines estimated. Hydrants were the last big thing that was addressed as a required update for the WSRB Fire insurance rating and Public Works director stated that he had some of the replacement hydrants already. Councilmember Gotovac is concerned about getting these done due to liability.

Councilmember Eisel discussed his concerns with the Firework Ordinance request and proposed they be tabled to the next meeting.

During the discussion Chamber member George Sharp emailed about the Flags, storage bin holders with Pedestrian instructions & hardware and pricing.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Gotovac as Mayor Pro Tem convened the regular Council Meeting at 7:30 pm with:

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Councilmember Adam Carney

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

ABSENT

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

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AGENDA APPROVAL

1. Agenda Approval

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 05/26/2026 Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Carney, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss. to approve the 5/26/2026 agenda with the amendment to excuse Councilmember Elaine Klamn.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 05/12/2026 Minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Curtiss, Seconded by Councilmember Eisel.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Consent Calendar for May 13, 2026 through May 26, 2026 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$28,816.19 and Claims Checks #34127 through #34148 and EFT's in the amount of \$122,093.87 for a Grand Total of \$150,910.06.

Liquor License Renewals: None

Recommended Action: Move to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Carney, Seconded by Councilmember Eisel. With the excusal of Councilmember Klamn.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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PRESENTATIONS

4. Puget Sound Energy presentation by Christine Rompa.

Presenter was unable to make the meeting to present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Amendment to contract PW 06 962 044:
Approve Mayor to sign amendment of contract PW-06-962-044 with Department of Commerce Public Works Board. Interest only for 2026, final payment to be paid in increments 2027-2031, including interest.

Recommended action: Move to approve the Mayor to sign amendment of contract PW-06-962-044.

Motion made by Councilmember Carney, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

6. New agreement with Right Systems.
Approve the Mayor to sign a new three(3) year contract with Right Systems for MNS/IT services.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the new agreement with Right Systems.

Motion made by Councilmember Carney, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

7. TRPC grant - Comprehensive Plan project.
We need approval to apply for a TRPC grant of \$310,000 to complete a project on our Comprehensive plan. It is likely we will have to reduce a project to meet the grant amount.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve applying for a TRPC grant of \$310,000.

Motion made by Councilmember Carney, Seconded by Councilmember Eisel.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES

8. Ordinance 941:

An ordinance of the city of Tenino, Washington, amending the Tenino municipal code chapter 8.09 (fireworks) to align discharge times with Thurston county code.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Ordinance 941.

Due to some discrepancies Councilmember Eisel brought up during the discussion, the councilmembers agreed upon tabling the Ordinances 941 & 942 until the next meeting once the new information is reviewed by the Mayor and the City attorney.

9. Ordinance 942:

An ordinance of the city of Tenino, Washington, amending the Tenino municipal code chapter 8.09 (fireworks) to align retail sales and purchase times with Thurston county code.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Ordinance 942.

Due to some discrepancies Councilmember Eisel brought up during the discussion, the councilmembers agreed upon tabling the Ordinances 941 & 942 until the next meeting once the new information is reviewed by the Mayor and the City attorney.

REPORTS

10. Outside Agency

1) Chamber of Commerce - Report from George Sharp, OTD meeting on June 1st @ 1pm at The Sandstone Cafe.

2) Economic Development Council (EDC)

3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI)

4) ARCH Commission 5) Experience Olympia & Beyond (VCB) - Stone Arts Festival June 13th.

5) Timberland Regional Library

6) South Thurston Fire & EMS - Chief Gray emailed a report in his absence. STF responded to 21 incidents within the City of Tenino during April.

Average response time was 5 mins, 33 seconds. One incident required staged response

conditions, which impacted the overall response time.

No major incidents occurred within the city during the month of April.

Attached is our current heat map of our responses Since January for South Thurston Fire and EMS jurisdiction.No update currently available on the station build project; hoping to have more information by August.

Staffing levels remain good with no changes to report.

On May 14, STFE Fire Commissioners officially named me the permanent Fire Chief for South Thurston Fire. I look forward to leading this great agency and continuing to serve our citizens in my new role as Fire Chief Current forecasts indicate this year's wildland fire season may be difficult. Lack of rainfall during May has contributed to drying fuel conditions throughout the area.

South Thurston Fire will host vegetation drop-off opportunities in June for residents within our response area:

One location at the Tilly property

One location in the Town of Bucoda

Additional information on dates and times will be released as it becomes available.

Two of our three brush trucks have been upgraded with front-mounted water monitors. These monitors allow crews to begin fire suppression efforts more quickly during wildland incidents without first deploying hose lines on the ground. Our newest Brush truck is now in service and will be leaving soon to get it's front mounted monitor.

11. 13. Committees/Commissions

1) Civil Service Commission

2) Finance Committee - Councilmember Carney reported that we are still working on water and sewer rates. Sewer is correct but the water rates are not in line and being looked at further. We have a big loan due for the sewer plant and we are looking to push that out.

3) Planning Commission - Commissioner Ganster reported that they had Public comment for the Flood Zone portion of the Comprehensive Plan, no comments were made by the public nor the commissioners. The city planner discussed definitions and clarifications with the Flood Zone requirements.

4) Public Safety Committee

5) Public Works Committee

12. 14. Staff

1) Chief of Police - (remove from the report going forward)

2) Director of Public Works

3) Code Enforcement/Building Inspector

4) PARC Specialist

5) Clerk/Treasurer - C/T Reddick reported we had our final payment for the loan but it is \$300K. Draft approval for council to approve. \$77K plus interest. Will help our cash flow, going to look

at Right Systems contract. Saving roughly \$13K, asking for approval to apply for grants. Express BillPay is up and running and we have over 180 customers signed up for paperless billing & over 50+ for autopay. Annual reports have been filed. Councilmember Carney had a question on the TRPC Grant, "you are just going to take any project on the comp plan"? C/T Reddick says they will try to modify or split in half, the grant is \$310K want to stay under that so we don't end up having to match any funds.

6) Mayor

13. 15. Liaisons

1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT)

2) Solid Waste Advisory Board

3) TCOMM/911

4) Tenino School Board

5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

6) Transportation Policy Board

7) Thurston County Commissioner's Office

8) Legislature

9) Oregon Trail Days - Councilmember Curtiss reported next meeting is next week, the parade is moving along. Administrator Maria Rodriguez stated that she spoke with TCSO about OTD and the parade and was confirmed that we would have a dedicated Deputy each day and also assistance with the parade. Curtiss stated that they do not have a flagger at this point to run the parade route, Rodriguez will bring that up with TCSO as well to see if we can get coverage on that.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Carney asked about the Ordinances being tabled until next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Gotovac as Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.