

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JUNE 18, 2026



CONVENE: 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Angela Jefferson and Councilmembers Eileen Swarthout and Kelly Von Holtz

Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Water Resources & Sustainability Department Director Dan Smith, Water Resources & Sustainability Deputy Director Tyle Zuchowski, City Engineer Bill Lindauer, Engineer III Ryan Blaser, and Administrative Assistant Bonnie Hale

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Swarthout moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz to approve the minutes of May 21, 2026. A voice vote approved the motion.

SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SIRIUSXM AMENDMENT 5: Deputy Director Zuchowski presented on the 5th amendment for the Site Lease Agreement with SiriusXM that extends the term to an additional five years and increases the monthly lease rate. This lease is for renting space to place their wireless service equipment on the Tumwater water tower at Tumwater Falls.

MOTION: Councilmember Swarthout moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz to place the Site Lease Agreement with SiriusXM Amendment 5 on the July 7, 2026, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING FOR THE SOMERSET HILL CULVERT Engineer Blaser presented on a consultant agreement for the design of the Somerset Hill culvert replacement with HDR Engineering. This project is a continuation of the improvements along Percival Creek to remove existing fish barriers, stabilize water flow and the existing stream banks, and decrease risk on

**REPLACEMENT
PROJECT:**

existing utility infrastructure. Design is expected to be completed by the end of 2027.

MOTION:

Councilmember Von Holtz moved, seconded by Councilmember Jefferson to place the Consultant Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Somerset Hill Culvert Replacement Project on the July 7, 2026 City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

FURTHER BUSINESS:

Director Smith informed the Committee that the city has disconnected the Lakeland Manor well and is now providing the community with city water. The community was already connected to the city water system, so this change took only the flip of a switch. This decision was made because sample results for Lakeland Manor's water well in mid-May showed levels of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) contamination in their well that fell just below the acceptable standard. The Water Resources & Sustainability drinking water team and Director Wettstein informed the community at a neighborhood meeting prior to the change.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Chair Jefferson adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Prepared by Bonnie Hale, Administrative Assistant