

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 9, 2026



CONVENE: 4:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Kelly Von Holtz and Councilmembers Brandon Weedon and Meghan Sullivan

Staff: Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Crimmins, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, City Administrator Paul Simmons, Police Lieutenant Kenneth Driver, Finance Directory Troy Niemeyer and Administrative Manager Erika Stone

Others: Thurston County District Court Administrator Frankie Peters

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Weedon moved, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2026, as presented. A voice vote approved the motion.

THURSTON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT UPDATE: Administrator Peters with Thurston County District Court provided an update on the partnership with Cities of Olympia and Tenino for court services. The fully staffed probation office has achieved a 15% decrease in non-compliance over the last four months, which reduces the impact on courts, police, and warrants.

The long-standing partnership between the City of Tumwater and Thurston County District court manages various judicial reviews and misdemeanors. They have an upcoming in-house program for domestic violence therapy treatment that should start in January 2027 as well as a resource hub that has housing resources, employment, cell phones and mental health evaluations. Also, the court is moving downtown off of Plum St and transitioning to a new case management system.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES
FOR FORESTLAND
RESPONSE:**

Chief Hurley presented the Intergovernmental agreement with Department of Natural Resources for Forestland Response. The term forestland and wildland is interchangeable, but the forestland relates to the tax status of properties in Tumwater that are classified as forestland. In some areas, Department of Natural Resources has jurisdiction as primary for fires on these properties.

This is a mutual aid agreement where the incident command would determine if the property was in forestland status and they would request Department of Natural Resources to take over that fire. For parcels that don't have forestland tax status we would oversee incidents on those. This agreement allows us seek reimbursement if we respond to incidents outside of the city which include personnel and apparatus cost.

MOTION:

Councilmember Sullivan moved, seconded by Councilmember Weedon, to place the Intergovernmental agreement with Department of Natural Resources for Forestland Response on the June 16, 2026, Consent Calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign. A voice vote approved the motion.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

At the next meeting, the Committee will discuss their meeting time and the proximity to the Council Work sessions.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Chair Von Holtz adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Prepared by Erika Stone, Administrative Manager