

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
May 12, 2026



CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Leatta Dahlhoff and Councilmembers Peter Agabi, Joan Cathey, Angela Jefferson, Meghan Sullivan, Eileen Swarhout, Kelly Von Holtz, and Brandon Weedon.

Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, Assistant Administrator Kelly Adams, Acting Police Chief Carlos Quiles, Jr., Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Information Technology Director Lance Inman, Communications Director Jason Wettstein, Community Development Director Brad Medrud, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, Deputy Community Development Director Sharon Lumbantobing, Associate Planner Dana Bowers, Sustainability Manager Alyssa Jones Wood and Melody Valiant City Clerk.

Others: Planning Commission Chair Elizabeth Robbins, Planning Commissioner Terry Kirkpatrick, Olympia Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) Executive Director Jeff Johnston, ORCAA Communications Manager Dan Nelson and ORCAA Senior Monitoring Specialist Odelle Hadley.

RECOGNITION OF TERRY KIRKPATRICK’S 20 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mayor Dahlhoff presented Commissioner Kirkpatrick with a certificate to celebrate his 20 years of service on the Planning Commission. Mayor, Councilmembers, Staff and fellow Planning Commissioners talked about Commissioner Kirkpatrick’s dedication to the city and the commission. They praised him for his attention to detail and all the work he has put in over the years including help to develop two comprehensive plans.

UPDATE FROM OLYMPIC CLEAN AIR AGENCY (ORCAA):

Director Johnston with the Olympic Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) introduced himself and Communications Manager Nelson and Senior Monitoring Specialist Hadley. They are a local government

agency that is responsible for enforcing federal, state and local air pollution regulations for six counties serving over 592,000 people.

Director Johnston went over what ORCAA does for our community, including monitoring air quality, working with Tumwater businesses to help regulate sources of air pollution and helping to reduce smoke issues from indoor burning, outdoor burning and wildfire events. Director Johnston shared some of the tools on the ORCAA website including how to file a complaint or how to get a rebate for replacing an old wood stove.

**HOME ENERGY
SCORE PROGRAM
UPDATE:**

Manager Jones Wood presented an update to the Home Energy Score Ordinance and program. The goals of the ordinance are to:

- Increase transparency regarding home energy performance at the point of listing
- Reduce energy cost burden
- Increase the efficiency of the existing housing in Tumwater
- Support climate goals

Manager Jones Wood recapped her presentation from a Work Session earlier in the year. Since that meeting both Thurston County and the City of Olympia have passed energy score ordinances. She answered many questions that had been sent in advance from Councilmembers concerning the ordinance.

Manager Jones Wood presented four options of what to do next in the process. After a lengthy discussion, Councilmembers choose to have her bring forward at a future meeting a revised version of the regional model ordinance for Council review.

**MAYOR/CITY
ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT:**

Mayor Dahlhoff and Administrator Simmons gave no report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Prepared by City Clerk, Melody Valiant.