MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
November 17, 2026

CONVENE: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Joan Cathey, Vice Chair Kelly Von Holtz and Councilmembers Angela Jefferson, and Eileen Swarthout and Brandon Weedon

Un-Excused: Councilmembers Peter Agabi and Meghan Sullivan.

Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Information Technology Director Lance Inman, Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Communications Director Jason Wettstein and City Clerk Melody Valiant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Councilmember Swarthout moved, seconded by Councilmember Weedon, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025, and October 13, 2026, Special as presented. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

SELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD: Administrator Simmons reported that each year the Board is required to elect officers according to the bylaws. By statue, the Finance Director is designated as the treasurer of the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District (TMPD). The proposed action is for the election of the President and Vice President.

Administrator Simmons invited nominations for President of the Board.

Boardmember Swarthout nominated Kelly Von Holtz to serve as the President of the TMPD.

No other nominations were offered for President of the Board.

MOTION: **By unanimous affirmation, Boardmember Von Holtz was elected to serve as President of the TMPD. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

President Von Holtz invited nominations for Vice Chair for the TMPD.

President Von Holtz nominated Brandon Weedon to serve as Vice President of the TMPD.

No other nominations were offered for Vice President of the Board.

MOTION: **By unanimous affirmation, Boardmember Weedon was elected to serve as Vice President of the TMPD. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

RESOLUTION NO. R TMPD 2026-002, AD VALOREM FOR REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026:

Director Niemeyer presented resolution R TMPD 2026-002, for the 2026 property tax levy for the TMPD. The TMPD is required each year to approve the resolution by November 30th. The TMPD is allowed by law to increase the levy each year by 1% or the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) whichever is less. Director Niemeyer shared what the IPD has been over several years and this year it is 3.8%.

Director Niemeyer requested adoption of the resolution for the property tax levy following the public hearing to certify the levy with the county by the November 30, 2026, deadline.

President Von Holtz opened and closed the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. There was no public testimony.

MOTION: **Councilmember Swarthout moved, seconded by Councilmember Weedon, to adopt Resolution R TMPD 2026-002, Ad Valorem for Regular Property Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2026. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

RESOLUTION NO. R TMPD 2026-001, 2027-2028 BIENNIAL BUDGET:

Director Denney and Director Niemeyer presented Resolution No. R TMPD 2026-001, 2027-2028 Biennial Budget. Director Denney shared updates on major capital projects, including Trails End Park reaching 95% design completion, the Deschutes Valley Trail preparing to go out to bid, and site evaluations for a new community center at the Port property. He also noted ongoing deferred maintenance across local parks and athletic fields, alongside partnerships to bring youth farming to the Fresh Farm site.

Director Niemeyer projected $18.5 million in total resources against $10.8 million in planned expenditures, leaving an estimated ending fund balance of $7.7 million.

Boardmember Jefferson arrived at 5:53 p.m.

President Von Holtz opened the public hearing at 5:57 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 5:58 p.m. There was no public testimony.

MOTION:

Councilmember Weedon moved, seconded by Councilmember Cathey, to adopt Resolution R TMPD 2026-001, 2027-2028 Biennial Budget. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Chair Von Holtz adjourned the meeting at time 5:59 p.m.

Prepared by Melody Valiant, City Clerk