

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
July 14, 2026



CONVENE: 4:00p.m.

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

Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, Police Chief Carlos Quiles, Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Crimmins, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Administrative Manager Erika Stone

Others: Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney Jon Tunheim and Thurston County Chief of Staff Christy Peters

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Weedon moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2026, as presented. A voice vote approved the motion.

THURSTON COUNTY PROSECUTOR UPDATE: Chief of Staff Peters and Prosecuting Attorney Tunheim provided an update on law enforcement referrals to their office. In 2026 so far, the prosecutor's office has handled 243 misdemeanor cases, 219 of those being charged, 80 felony referrals with 55 being charged, 42 juvenile offenses, with 21 cases being filed for charges. In August 2026 they will add two attorneys to the district court misdemeanor court team.

REEVALUATION OF MEETING TIME: Chair Von Holtz requested they discuss a date and time for future Public Health and Safety meetings due to Council Work Sessions being held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month close to their current meeting time. After a discussion, they decided on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Weedon moved, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan, to change the meeting date and time to the 1st Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. starting September 2, 2026. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

FUTURE ITEMS: Chief Quiles requested a discussion item on Police Drones at the next meeting in September.

Councilmember Sullivan would like to have an item on Thurston 9-1-1 Communications (TCOMM) data calls and how it relates to the data we have.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Chair Von Holtz adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Prepared by Erika Stone, Administrative Manager