

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
April 28, 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, Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Transportation & Engineering Director Brandon Hicks, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, and Deputy City Clerk Tracie Core.

Others: Vice President – Washington State Affairs CFM Advocates Katie Whittier, Principal Arbutus Consulting Brian Enslow.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW: Assistant Administrator Adams introduced Vice President of Washington State Affairs and Lead Advocate of CFM Advocates Katie Whittier and Principal of Arbutus Consulting Brian Enslow who gave a Legislative Overview presentation discussing the following:

- 2026 Fiscal and Political Context
- Bills Introduced
- Big Picture Takeaways
- Budget Balancing
- Recap of Tumwater Priorities
- Priority Bills

Councilmembers asked questions and shared concerns on the state’s budget and Tumwater priorities.

**ORDINANCE NO.
O2026-002, 2026
HOUSEKEEPING
AMENDMENTS:**

Director Medrud gave a presentation on Ordinance No. O2026-002, 2026 Housekeeping Amendments. He gave a brief background proposing amendments to the following sections:

- Housing – State Department of Commerce
- Child Care Centers
- Signage
- Essential Public Facilities

Director Medrud requested that Ordinance O2026-002, 2026 Housekeeping Amendments be placed on the May 5, 2026, City Council considerations calendar with a recommendation to adopt. Council agreed on moving the item forward.

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

Mayor Dahlhoff shared the recent passing of longtime Olympia lawmaker Sam Hunt, noting that he served Legislative District 22 and was a strong supporter of the community.

Administrator Simmons gave no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Dahlhoff recessed the meeting at 7:09 p.m. to discuss a real estate acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for approximately 30 minutes. At 7:45 p.m. Mayor Dahlhoff extended the Executive Session for an additional five minutes to 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dahlhoff reconvened the meeting and adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Prepared by Deputy City Clerk, Tracie Core.