

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JULY 9, 2026



CONVENE: 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Angela Jefferson and Councilmember Kelly Von Holtz

Excused: Councilmember Eileen Swarthout

Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Water Resources & Sustainability Department Director Dan Smith, Transportation & Engineering Department Director Brandon Hicks, Water Resources & Sustainability Deputy Director Tyle Zuchowski, Water Resources Specialist Grant Gilmore, and Administrative Assistant Bonnie Hale

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:**

Councilmember Von Holtz moved, seconded by Councilmember Jefferson to approve the minutes of June 4, 2026. A voice vote approved the motion.

**INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT WITH
THURSTON COUNTY
AND THE CITIES OF
LACEY, OLYMPIA,
AND YELM FOR THE
REGIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIP:**

Specialist Gilmore presented an Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia and Yelm. He summarized the Regional Environmental Education Program's initiatives that the City of Tumwater has been doing in partnership with other jurisdictions in the region for the last thirty years. These initiatives are done to fulfill the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for stormwater pollution prevention education. This interlocal agreement adds the City of Yelm to this partnership for the first time.

MOTION:

Councilmember Von Holtz moved, seconded by Councilmember Jefferson to place the Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Yelm for the Regional Environmental Education Partnership

on the July 21, 2026, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

**INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LOTT
CLEAN WATER
ALLIANCE AND THE
CITY OF TUMWATER
FOR MUTUAL
SERVICES:**

Director Zuchowski presented on the Interlocal agreement between the City of Tumwater and LOTT Clean Water Alliance that allows each counterpart to request service support for water utility related needs. The city is not obligated to provide such support, but this agreement is a mechanism to provide mutual aid between the parties, with a \$100,000 limit for reimbursement from the other for services rendered.

MOTION:

Councilmember Jefferson moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz to place the Interlocal Agreement Between LOTT Clean Water Alliance and the City of Tumwater for Mutual Services on the July 21, 2026, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Director Smith invited the Councilmembers to visit the work site for the Percival Creek Fish Barrier Removal Project the following week to witness the removal of fish from the channel by the city's stormwater crew via electroshock, a safe, non-lethal way to take the wildlife out of harm's way while construction is done for the culvert.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Chair Jefferson adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Prepared by Bonnie Hale, Administrative Assistant