

# MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL  
September 1, 2026



**CONVENE:** 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Police Chief Carlos Quiles, Jr., Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Crimmins, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Information Technology Director Lance Inman, Transportation & Engineering Director Brandon Hicks, Communications Director Jason Wettstein, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, Administrative Services Director Michelle Sutherland, Economic Development Coordinator Gene Angel, and Deputy City Clerk Tracie Core.

Others: Hispanic Roundtable Vice President Olivia Salazar de Breaux and Board Members Bonnie Hale and Paulette Perez, Thurston County Auditor's Office Technician Laura Carlson.

## **SPECIAL ITEMS:**

**PROCLAMATION:**  
**NATIONAL HISPANIC**  
**HERITAGE MONTH,**  
**SEPTEMBER 15 –**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2026**

Councilmember Sullivan read a proclamation declaring September 15 – October 15, 2026, National Hispanic Heritage Month. Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of those whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

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It is a time to honor the many ways Hispanics, Latinos, and Latinx contribute to Tumwater, celebrate diverse cultures, and work toward a stronger, more inclusive, and prosperous community for all.

Mayor Sullivan presented the proclamation to Hispanic Roundtable Vice President Olivia Salazar de Breaux, Board Members Bonnie Hale and Paulette Perez.

**PROCLAMATION:  
NATIONAL VOTER  
REGISTRATION DAY,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**

Councilmember Weedon read a proclamation declaring September 15, 2026, National Voter Registration Day. The proclamation encourages all eligible City of Tumwater residents to register to vote, to vote when they receive their ballot, and to encourage their neighbors to vote.

Mayor Sullivan presented the proclamation to Thurston County Auditor's Office Technician, Laura Carlson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment was given by residents Stewart and Reynolds.

**CONSENT  
CALENDAR:**

- a. Payment of Vouchers
- b. Lease Agreement with South Puget Sound Community College Addendum 1
- c. Percival Creek Fish Passage Barrier Removal Project – Request for Increase to Change Order Authority

**MOTION:**

**Councilmember Jefferson moved, seconded by Councilmember Agabi, to approve the Consent Calendar as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

**COUNCIL  
CONSIDERATIONS:**

**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
QUARTERLY UPDATE:**

Assistant Administrator Adams shared a quarterly Economic Development Update presentation covering the following areas:

- Local Businesses
- Brownfield funding
- Brewery
- Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) Grant
- Planned Actions EIS
- Comp Plan Element

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Congratulations were given to our Tumwater organizations and businesses who were listed in the Olympians' Best of South Sound magazine. The list of selected organizations and businesses can be found at [www.bestsouthsound.com](http://www.bestsouthsound.com). Councilmembers share comments and praises.

**2027 – 2029  
COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT WITH  
TUMWATER POLICE  
GUILD:**

Director Sutherland and Chief Quiles, Jr. gave a presentation on the 2027-2029 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tumwater Police Guild.

The agreement is a strategic investment in the Tumwater Police Guild and the police force recruitment, retention, officer readiness, and the Tumwater community. All the proposed changes to this contract are covered by the public safety tax, along with currently budgeted general fund dollars. Together, the provisions improve wellness, work-life balance, and career sustainability. Councilmembers asked questions and shared comments.

**MOTION:**

**Councilmember Sullivan moved, seconded by Councilmember Jefferson, to approve the 2027 – 2029 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tumwater Police Guild. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

**LEASE AGREEMENT  
WITH LACEY FIRE  
DISTRICT 3 FOR  
SHOWER TRAILER:**

Assistant Chief Crimmins shared T-1 fire station is currently having work done involving bathrooms and showers due to leaking and low placed shower heads. The lease agreement is temporary. It is for an 8-stall trailer that will be used for the fire academy and other situations. The hope is to have the trailer for less than a month.

The funds have already been allocated in the current budget, through the Capital Facilities Plan, so there is no budgetary impact due to this work already being planned for. Councilmembers asked questions and made comments.

**MOTION:**

**Councilmember Sullivan moved, seconded by Councilmember Weedon, to approve Lease Agreement with Lacey Fire District 3 for Shower Trailer. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

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

Administrator Simmons reminded everyone that offices will be closed on Monday due to the Labor Day holiday.

Mayor Dahlhoff had not report

**COUNCILMEMBER  
REPORTS:**

Councilmembers Agabi, Cathey, Jefferson, Sullivan, Swarthout, Von Holtz and Weedon gave reports.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**With there being no further business, Mayor Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.**

Prepared by Tracie Core, Deputy City Clerk