

# MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PLANNING COMMISSION  
May 12, 2026



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

**PRESENT:** Chair Elizabeth Robbins, Vice Chair Brandon Staff, and Commissioners Sandra Nelson, Gina Kotek, Terry Kirkpatrick, and Matthew Rounsley.

Excused: Commissioner Grace Edwards

Staff: Associate Planner Dana Bowers, Deputy Community Development Director Sharon Lumbantobing, Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams, and Economic Development Coordinator Gene Angel.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** No changes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Vice Chair Staff moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick, to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT:** No reports.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was given.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN:** Coordinator Angel presented updated goals which consolidate and highlight critical parts of Tumwater's Economic Development Strategy. Throughout the discussion Commissioners made comments on the following themes:

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- Support plain language and clear messaging
  - Alignment of resources and priorities
  - Data informed approach and monitoring
  - Relationship building
  - Considerations for legacy businesses
  - Land use priorities
  - Utilities and infrastructure needs
  - Quality of life improvements balanced with community costs and resource use
  - Communication, public education, and outreach
  - Affordability strategy

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **With no further business, Chair Robbins adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.**

Prepared by Dana Bowers, Associate Planner