

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 10, 2026



CONVENE: 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Kelly Von Holtz and Councilmember Brandon Weedon

Excused: Councilmember Meghan Sullivan

Staff: Acting Deputy Chief Kenneth Driver, Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Crimmins, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, City Administrator Paul Simmons, Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, and Executive Assistant Erika Stone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Weedon moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2026, as presented. A voice vote approved the motion.

TENTATIVE TUMWATER POLICE POLICY 539-BODY WORN CAMERA BRIEFING: Acting Deputy Chief Driver presented a tentative Tumwater Police Body Worn Camera policy 539. The draft policy was identified as a priority by the department, the Police Guild, and the City Council. The policy language was agreed upon by the Police Department and the Police Guild.

Councilmember Weedon had some concerns, but would address them in the Council Work Session on March 24, 2026.

MOTION: Councilmember Weedon moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz, to place the Draft Tumwater Police Department Policy 539-Body Worn Cameras, on the Council Work Session for discussion on March 24, 2026.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TUMWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT REDUCTION OF SRO STAFFING:

Acting Deputy Chief Driver presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tumwater School District regarding a temporary reduction of a School Resource Officer (SRO) to address staffing shortages. Bringing the SRO back to patrol covers the department at minimum staff. They are still short one officer on each patrol team.

Councilmember Weedon had a question about whether this is taking funding away from the Police Department. Administrator Simmons addressed that the Tumwater School District will pay for half of the officer.

MOTION:

Councilmember Weedon moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz, to place the Memorandum of Understanding with the Tumwater School District for a reduction of SRO staffing on the March 17, 2026, Consent Calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL INDEPENDENT SUBCOMMITTEE WITH THE CITIES OF LACEY, OLYMPIA, AND THURSTON COUNTY:

Assistant Administrator Adams presented the Interlocal Agreement for Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee with the cities of Lacey, Olympia and Thurston County. This agreement would pool funds to make a one-time infrastructure investment as a region and reassess needs in 2027. At prior Work Sessions in the fall of 2025, Council agreed to support pooling funds and confirmed their intent to pool 100% of the 2026-2027 funds with the cities of Lacey, Olympia and Thurston County.

MOTION:

Councilmember Weedon moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz, to place the Interlocal Agreement for Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee with the Cities of Lacey, Olympia and Thurston County on March 17, 2026, on the Consent Calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:

Administrator Simmons brought forward future meeting schedules to accommodate Councilmember Sullivan. Councilmember Weedon suggested keeping it on Tuesdays and moving the time to 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Von Holtz moved, seconded by Councilmember Weedon to change the Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Chair Von Holtz adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Prepared by Erika Stone, Executive Assistant