

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL
July 7, 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, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Information Technology Director Lance Inman, Communication Director Jason Wettstein, Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Police Chief Carlos Quiles, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, and Deputy City Clerk Tracie Core.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

PROCLAMATION: Councilmember Weedon read a proclamation declaring July 2026 as National Park & Recreation Month. The proclamation calls on the people of Tumwater to join in recognizing the benefits derived from Tumwater's parks and recreation programs.

NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION MONTH, JULY 2026

Mayor Dahlhoff presented the proclamation to Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Denney.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Comment was given by resident Reynolds.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approval of Minutes: City Council, June 2, 2026
- b. Approval of Minutes, City Council Work Session, June 9, 2026
- c. Approval of Minutes, City Council Meeting, June 16, 2026
- d. Payment of Vouchers
- e. Site Lease Agreement with SiriusXM Amendment 5

f. Consultant Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Somerset Hill Culvert Replacement

MOTION: Councilmember Von Holtz, moved, seconded by Councilmember Swarthout, to approve the Consent Calendar as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. O2026-003, 2025-2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1 Director Niemeyer presented Ordinance No. O2026-003, 2025 – 2026 Budget Amendment No. 1. The proposed amendment is intended to incorporate previously approved expenditures, enhance budget transparency and allocate funding for upcoming projects. The amendment includes minor adjustments to cost allocations, small errors and duplications in the original budget, an increase in LTAC funding, and additional expenditures related to record participation in the Tumwater Youth Program.

Mayor Dahlhoff opened the testimony for the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Dahlhoff closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. with no one giving public comment.

MOTION: Councilmember Sullivan, moved, seconded by Councilmember Agabi, to move forward Ordinance No. O2026-003, 2025-2026 Budget Amendment No. 1 to the July 21, 2026, considerations calendar. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Simmons provided an overview of the calls for service on July 4, 2026. The Police Department responded to 60 calls for service and the Fire Department responded to 18 calls.

Mayor Dahlhoff shared that the Budget and Finance Committee will meet on July 24, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. and provided a summary of the consent calendar items.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: Councilmembers Agabi, Cathey, Jefferson, Sullivan, Swarthout, and Weedon gave reports.

Councilmember Von Holtz gave a report and shared the Public Health and Safety Committee will meet on July 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., and will discuss the following:

- Thurston County Prosecutor Update
- Reevaluate meeting time

Councilmember Jefferson shared that the Public Works Committee will meet on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 11:00 am and will be discussing the following:

- Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey and Olympia for Regional Environmental Education Partnership
- Interlocal Agreement between LOTT and the City of Tumwater for Mutual Services

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Mayor Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Prepared by Deputy City Clerk, Tracie Core