PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

Online via Zoom and In Person at
Tumwater City Hall, Public Works
Conference Room, 555 Israel Rd. SW,
Tumwater, WA 98501

Thursday, October 08, 2026
11:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes: Public Works Committee, July 9, 2026 & September 17, 2026
4. Resolution No. R2026-017, Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project (Water Resources and Sustainability Department)
5. Additional and Future Items
6. Adjourn

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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

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
September 17, 2026

CONVENE: 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Angela Jefferson and Councilmember Eileen Swarthout

Excused: Councilmember Kelly Von Holtz

Staff: Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Crimmins, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Transportation & Engineering Director Brandon Hicks, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, City Engineer Bill Lindauer, Facilities Manager Chris Graham, City Administrator Paul Simmons and Administrative Assistant Kelly Quiroz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Councilmember Swarthout moved, seconded by Councilmember Jefferson, to approve the minutes of August 20, 2026, as presented. A voice vote approved the motion.**

STATION T2 REMODEL UPDATE: Chief Hurley provided an update on the Station T-2 Remodel Project, including the status of temporary living quarters, facility design, project costs, and construction timelines. He explained that the remodel will add a third apparatus bay, expanded living quarters, office space, fitness facilities, and decontamination areas to better support current staffing levels and future growth.

Staff reported that temporary housing is expected to be occupied by the end of October 2026, and that construction of the remodeled facility is anticipated to begin in mid-2027 and be completed in 2028. Councilmembers asked questions regarding future fire station needs, project costs, staffing impacts, and coordination with the adjacent Second Avenue improvements project.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS: There were no additional items.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Chair Jefferson adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.**

Prepared by Kelly Quiroz, Administrative Assistant

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Dan Smith, Water Resources & Sustainability Director

DATE: October 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2026-017, Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project

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1) Recommended Action:

Place Resolution No. R2026-017 for the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project (Project) on the October 20, 2026, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to adopt.

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2) Background:

The project aims to restore tidal exchange between the Deschutes River and Budd Inlet through removal of the 5th Avenue Dam and related habitat, water-quality, sediment-management, infrastructure, and public-access improvements. The 2022 Final Environmental Impact Statement identified the Estuary Alternative as the preferred long-term approach, and the Washington Department of Ecology assumed lead responsibility in 2025. On October 15, 2024, the City Council unanimously approved the Project Interlocal Agreement and South Basin Boardwalk Agreement, establishing regional governance, sediment-management funding, and a future boardwalk. Resolution No. R2026-017 reaffirms that position and supports continued state and federal implementation.

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3) Policy Support:

- 2026-2032 Strategic Plan, Environmental Stewardship: Be a leader in environmental health and sustainability.
- Values: Environment & Partnership; long-term stewardship and intergovernmental collaboration.
- Action items include conserving and protecting water resources, promoting environmentally sustainable practices, and implementing the Climate Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The Project aligns with these priorities through its intended water-quality, habitat, ecological-function, and climate-resilience benefits and continued regional partnership.

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4) Alternatives:

- ❑ Do not recommend adoption. Existing city agreements would remain in effect; however, city but would not provide a current statement supporting state and federal implementation funding.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

Resolution No. R2026-017 has no immediate fiscal impact or new financial obligation. Existing obligations remain; FY2728 prepares for repayment of ~$2.865 million through 2050, addressing 15.4% of future sediment management costs (2024 Interlocal Agreement).

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6) Attachments:

A. Resolution No. R2026-017, Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project

RESOLUTION NO. R2026-017

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington supporting state and federal funding to implement the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project.

WHEREAS, the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project ("Project") is a transformative, once-in-generations opportunity to restore the Deschutes Estuary, improve the health of Budd Inlet and the Deschutes River watershed, and address long-standing water quality, habitat, sediment, and public access challenges associated with the existing Capitol Lake Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, acting on behalf of the State of Washington, led the environmental review process for the Project, including completion of the Environmental Impact Statement process and selection of the Estuary Alternative as the preferred long-term management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Ecology, per direction of the Legislature, took over the planning process for the Project in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Project will remove the 5th Avenue Dam, restore tidal exchange and estuarine habitat, improve ecological function, support recovery of salmon and other native species, improve water quality in Budd Inlet, and enhance the resilience of public infrastructure and natural systems in the face of sea level rise and other changing environmental conditions; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington constructed the 5th Avenue Dam and has long held management responsibility for Capitol Lake, and the State, acting through Department of Ecology, is responsible for leading, funding, managing, and administering Project planning, design, permitting, estuary restoration, and construction of Project-related physical assets; and

WHEREAS, state construction funding is primary and essential to initiate and advance Project implementation, because the State was responsible for constructing the 5th Avenue Dam, which created the environmental and infrastructure challenges that exist today, and bears responsibility for managing the State Capitol Campus assets in compliance with all relevant state and federal laws and policies; and

WHEREAS, the scale and importance of the Project require a funding partnership that reflects the Project's statewide, regional, tribal, local, environmental, cultural, economic, and infrastructure benefits; and

WHEREAS, federal funding is an appropriate and necessary supplement to state funding for construction because the Project advances federal interests in infrastructure resilience, water quality protection, endangered species recovery, and natural hazard resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia, City of Tumwater, Thurston County, Squaxin Island Tribe, LOTT Clean Water Alliance, and the Port of Olympia ("Regional Partners") have demonstrated substantial commitment to the Project, as called upon and acknowledged by the Washington State Legislature (HB 2926, 2015; ESSB 6095, 2018; ESSB 5187, 2023; and SSB 6003, 2026) by entering into the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project Interlocal Agreement and related subsidiary agreements ("Interlocal Agreement"), which establish roles and responsibilities for long-term sediment management, governance, funding, coordination, asset transfer, and operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, under the Interlocal Agreement, local parties will participate in long-term funding and governance for sediment management in navigational areas of West Bay through 2050 to support continued commercial and recreational navigation and allow the restored estuary and working waterfront to coexist; and

WHEREAS, local entities have also committed to long-term ownership, operation, maintenance, and risk-of-loss responsibilities consistent with the Interlocal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, these local commitments represent meaningful, durable, and ongoing support for the Project beyond construction and demonstrate that local partners are prepared to steward the Project's long-term success; and

WHEREAS, continued coordination among the Regional Partners, in collaboration with the State, federal agencies, and community partners will be necessary to secure construction funding and successfully implement the Project; and

WHEREAS, timely state and federal investment in the Project is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Support for the Project.** The City of Tumwater supports implementation of the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project and recognizes Washington State Department of Ecology, acting on behalf of the State of

Washington, as the lead public agency responsible for Project design, permitting, funding, construction, and overall implementation.

Section 2. Support for State Funding. The City of Tumwater urges the Washington State Legislature, the Governor, and appropriate state agencies to continue providing support to secure the state funding necessary to initiate construction without delay and commit to full project implementation as quickly as reasonably feasible.

Section 3. Support for Federal Funding. The City of Tumwater supports and urges the pursuit and award of federal funding to supplement state funding for Project construction and implementation, including funding available for transportation infrastructure, natural hazard mitigation, Puget Sound recovery, endangered species recovery, water quality improvement, navigation, and utility infrastructure programs.

Section 4. Recognition of Local Commitment. The City of Tumwater reaffirms its commitment to the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project Interlocal Agreement, including participation in long-term sediment management funding and governance, coordination on dredging and navigation issues, and acceptance of long-term ownership, operation, maintenance, and asset-management responsibilities where applicable.

Section 5. Continued Local Support. The City of Tumwater commits to continuing to work collaboratively with the State of Washington, other members of the Regional Partnership, federal agencies, and other stakeholders to support funding, permitting, coordination, and implementation of the Project consistent with the Interlocal Agreement and any applicable subsidiary agreements.

Section 6. Transmittal. The City Clerk is directed to transmit this resolution to the Governor of the State of Washington, members of the Washington State Legislature representing the region, the State's Congressional delegation, appropriate federal agencies, and other Project partners.

Section 7. **Ratification**. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 8. **Severability**. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 9. **Effective Date**. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

RESOLVED this ___ day of _____, 20____.

CITY OF TUMWATER

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Leatta Dahlhoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney