Notice of Public Hearing
City of Hermiston
Exemption from Public Contracting Competitive Bidding Requirement
Health, Aquatics, and Wellness Center (HAWC) Project

The City of Hermiston (City) will conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2026, at the City of Hermiston Council Chambers, 180 NE 2nd St., Hermiston, OR 97837 to consider an exemption from the public contracting competitive bidding requirement.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to take oral and written comments on the City's Findings of Fact in support of an Exemption from competitive bidding under ORS 279C.335 for the project known as "Health, Aquatics, and Wellness Center (HAWC) Project".

The City has prepared draft Findings of Fact supporting the potential use of Progressive Design-Build (PBD) delivery for the Health, Aquatics, and Wellness Center (HAWC) Project. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed findings before the City Council considers whether to adopt the findings and authorize the use of Progressive Design-Build. The PDB contracting method utilizes an integrated team approach applying modern management techniques to the planning, design, preconstruction, and construction phases of a project, to control time and cost and to assure quality for the project owner. Selection of the successful Design-Builder is by a qualifications-based selection process: evaluation/scoring of written proposals, interviews, and the specified profit margins of all Proposers.

Draft findings may be obtained from the City's Project Management firm, Wenaha Group. Please email Shea White, Project Coordinator, at sheaw@wenahagroup.com.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing at the time and place stated above. Advance written comments must be received via e-mail to Shea White, Project Coordinator, at sheaw@wenahagroup.com by 2 p.m. local time on Friday, November 20th, 2026.

Online viewing of the hearing is available through the City's YouTube channel.

The City of Hermiston's City Council intends to consider adopting the Findings of Fact at the Public Hearing scheduled for November 23rd, 2026.