

**From:** staci patton <yayabear3@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026 11:28 AM

**To:** Jenny Taylor <jenny.taylor@ci.stevenson.wa.us>; Dave Cox

<dave.cox@ci.stevenson.wa.us>; Pat Rice <pat.rice@ci.stevenson.wa.us>; Erin Minnis

<erin.minnis@ci.stevenson.wa.us>; Tina Van Pelt <tina.vanpelt@ci.stevenson.wa.us>;

Robert C Muth <rmuth@kilmerlaw.com>; Mitch Patton <nwtsrinc@gmail.com>; City

Council <citycouncil@ci.stevenson.wa.us>; Emily Harris <emily@upliftlocal.news>;

fdevaul <fdevaul@devaulpublishing.com>; Elly Snow <info@washingtoncog.org>; Jeanette

Foster <jfoster@gorge.net>; Curtis Esch <csesch@embarqmail.com>

**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL MEETING 2/19/2026

[A firing and a resignation shakes up Stevenson - Uplift Local](#)

"and a recent decision by Mayor Taylor to stop posting videos of Stevenson's city council and planning commission meetings to the city's [YouTube channel](#)."

[default.aspx](#)

**" RCW 42.56.030 Construction. The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may maintain control over the instruments that they have created."**

Jenny,

**Please accept this email(including above) as my public comment for tomorrow's (2/19/2026) City Council Meeting. Please**

**acknowledge receipt of this email/public comment.**

Thanks,

Staci

**Councilmembers,**

**Good evening. Staci Patton, 5th generation Skamania Countian( Glur family Carson-1870's), strong advocate for government**

**transparency/government accountability. I am writing today to share concerns over the possibility of the Mayor/City council**

**removing the City's YouTube channel. For those of you that are from here, all I can say is dear Gloria Howell will be rolling over in**

**her grave, should the City decide to become less transparent.**

**Without knowing the "why", one could only surmise that this is continued poor legal advice, carried over from the previous administration (in my personal opinion). Currently, the Port of Skamania County is the only local government agency that doesn't provided the citizens either the option of audio or video recordings. Videos are currently provided to citizens by the City of**

**Stevenson and the Skamania County PUD, who joined the transparency bandwagon in 2024. Both Skamania County and the**

**City of North Bonneville have provided audio recordings for quite some time.**

**For someone to run on rebuilding public trust/transparency, the talk of taking away the City's You tube channel, with no replacement**

**with audio recordings, is a slap in the face to citizens/voters. I urge you to keep this transparent access for citizens and journalists**

**as well as dig into ensuring all of your elected officials/employees are getting the proper training/refresher courses in the OPMA,**

**Public Records Act and Record retention laws.**

**Thank you for your time.**