

**City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

Minutes

WORK SESSION

Mayor Watterson convened the work session at 6:30 pm with:

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Councilmember Adam Carney

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

Councilmember Gotovac

Reviewed agenda items, under New Business: Keep Washington Working Policy, unfortunately the Chief will not be in attendance.

Councilmember Eisel asked about the Resolution and if this is going to go to a town hall meeting where the public can attend and give opportunity for our residents to give their opinions or ideas on how to help the budget.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Watterson convened the regular Council Meeting at 7:30PM with:

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Councilmember Adam Carney

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

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AGENDA APPROVAL

1. Agenda Approval

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 02/24/2026 Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel,
Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

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Motion passes: 5/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 02/10/2026 Minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Curtiss, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Consent Calendar for February 11, 2026 through February 24, 2026 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$38,263.39 and Claims Checks #33925 through #33945 and EFT's in the amount of \$84,720.84 for a Grand Total of \$122,984.23

Liquor License Renewals: None

Recommended Action: Move to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Curtiss, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 5/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joyce Worrell, owner of Iron Works Boutique 216/224 Sussex Ave W. reported that she had a customer come into her store and express their concerns regarding the sidewalks outside of the store. They have been patched in the past but there is more cracking and when it is went some areas fill with water which could be potential tripping hazard. Some of our sidewalk on the main street are in need of being looked at and potentially repaired/replaced.

Jody Stolz from The Tenino Food Bank states that they are moving gradually. She wanted to take a moment to make a statement in regards to the Police department. They have had two break ins and they Police were very responsive. It is understandable that we cannot have 24 hour coverage but They are seeing a lot of new people from Bucoda and Tenino that are really struggling.

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PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Keep Washington Working Policy

Discussion for HB 2015 Grant, this policy 412 Immigration Violations needed to be added to the Lexipol (SOP manual) for the Police Department. Chief Auderer to be in attendance.

This is just for discussion. This is a Lexipol policy that does not require Council Vote

5. Resolution to be discussed and worked on:

Section 1. Public Safety Priority

Section 2. 2027 Budget Protection

Section 3. Opposition to Defunding or Disbanding

Section 4. Citywide Spending Authorization Requirement

Section 5. Citywide Hiring Freeze Without Council Authorization.

Section 6. Direction to Prepare Protective Ordinance.

Councilmember Gotovac presented Resolution

Councilmember Carney suggests this Resolution be split into 2 different ones. 1) Budget and 2) Police

6. Voyager is our Vendor for Fuel Cards. We will not receive our statement for this month until February 25, it will be due before next Council Meeting on March 10. We are requesting approval to process a check for no more than \$2,500.00 outside of our normal process so that we don't incur late fees or disruptions in fuel card service.

Recommended Action: Move to approve the payment for Voyager Fuel Cards to be processed before next Council Meeting on 3/10/26.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 5/0.

7. Annual Subscription for Cost of Service for: Software Access for Water, Sewer & General Fund Service areas. Unlimited Support and Advising Hours for Water, Sewer & General Fund Services.

Recommended Action: Move to approve the WATERWORTH Terms of Service Agreement.

Reminder that this payment comes out of the water/sewer fund.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 5/0.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES

None.

REPORTS

8. Outside Agency

- 1) Chamber of Commerce - George Sharp report was not brought to the meeting for review.
- 2) Economic Development Council (EDC)
- 3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative /(STEDI) he next STEDI Meeting is Friday March 20, 2026 at noon at the Sandstone Cafe.

9. 13. Committees/Commissions

- 1) Civil Service Commission - Still needing applicants from the Tenino School District.
- 2) Finance Committee -
- 3) Planning Commission - Next meeting 3/11/26

10. 14. Staff

- 5) Clerk/Treasurer - Need to process to amend budget. She will do an abolishment for the cash & change drawer for the Court since it went to Thurston County.
- 6) Mayor - Working again on budget, been working with WaterWorth, looking into our 3 larger properties to consolidate. Pulled old appraisal for the Food Warehouse and it need redone, he spoke with the person to redo it.

11. 15. Liaisons

4) Tenino School Board - Councilmember Eisel if you check the school board calendar for the meetings, parents can attend and should attend. Can see what the board does and volunteers are welcome.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Gotovac reported The Tenino Splash Bash moved to May 16th at the Kodiak Room.

Mayor Watterson forgot to bring up a new law that has been a topic lately. ADU new state regulations, we have to meet the minimum state standard.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.