

**Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rutherford convened the meeting at 6:04PM. With the absence of Commissioner Roberts.

PRESENT

Commissioner William Bennett II
Commissioner Matthew Rounsley
Commissioner William Rutherford

ABSENT

Commissioner Valerie Roberts

HOUSEKEEPING

1. Agenda Approval

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 03/11/2026 Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Rounsley, Seconded by Commissioner Bennett II.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Bennett II, Commissioner Rounsley, Commissioner Rutherford.

Motion passes: 3/0

2.

Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 02/11/2026 Minutes as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Rounsley, Seconded by Commissioner Bennett II.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Bennett II, Commissioner Rounsley, Commissioner Rutherford.

Motion passes: 3/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

Mayor Watterson reported an updated on the last City Council Meeting about the vast majority of the meeting was about Policing in Tenino and the budget.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Commission to discuss applicants and vote to go to City Council for final approval.

Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend the Council to appoint both candidates Pamela Light and Brian Ganster to fill the two Commissioner vacancies.

Motion made by Commissioner Bennett II, Seconded by Commissioner Rounsley.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Bennett II, Commissioner Rounsley, Commissioner Rutherford.

Motion passes: 3/0.

4. Mayor Watterson presenting the adopted changes to Accessory Dwelling Units regulations in Thurston County.

Just discussion, a vote not required.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Commissioner Rounsley Planning Commission Resignation Letter

Resignation letter, effective 3/17/2026.

Commissioner Rounsley read his resignation statement and thanked his fellow commissioners and expressed his gratitude in being a part of the Tenino Planning Commission. He has been offered a position on the Tumwater Planning Commission which makes more sense as to that is where he currently lives.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Chair Rutherford Adjourned the meeting at 6:29PM