



TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Valerie Pratt, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Cyndy Hillier, Councilor Christen Sacco, Councilor Octavio Gonzalez

Call to Order

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

1. Proclamation- Black History Month

Councilor Brooks read the proclamation declaring February 2026 Black History Month in the City of Tualatin.

Public Comment

Chris Paul spoke regarding Tualatin's community values. He thanked the Council for its support of the Martin Luther King Jr. rally held in Tualatin. Mr. Paul encouraged the community to reflect on the concept of loving one's neighbor and stated that emergency preparedness is one-way residents can support one another, noting that everyone in the community is a neighbor.

Ed Wagner and Kelly Bartholomew, organizers of Save Stafford Road, spoke in opposition to the transmission lines being installed in the Stafford Road area. They stated an appeal has been filed with the Land Use Board of Appeals regarding the County's decision to approve the conditional use. They expressed concerns regarding the visual impacts of the transmission poles and noted Stafford Road was designated as a scenic road to limit industrial type uses. They stated the area was designated as urban reserve approximately 20 years ago and expressed concern that the project constitutes major infrastructure requiring tree removal and introducing industrial elements. They stated they wanted to ensure the City's interests and role in the process are protected.

Wanda Lichtenberg spoke regarding Stafford Road and water service issues in the area.

Jim Walker asked the City to help protect his property in the Stafford area. He expressed concerns regarding the high voltage transmission lines proposed for installation in the area.

Keith Okerstrom spoke in support of preserving the Stafford area and expressed concerns regarding the installation of transmission lines.

Joe Ratti spoke regarding the transmission lines proposed for the Stafford area. He stated the project raises safety and health concerns and urged the Council to intervene in the process.

Lyne Vandermolen spoke regarding potential impacts to property values and expressed concerns regarding fire risk associated with the transmission lines. She asked the Council to assist residents in seeking relief.

Susan Vandenberg stated four power poles located on her property are proposed to be replaced with transmission lines located approximately 70 feet from her home.

Mayor Bubenik thanked the speakers for their comments and stated the City Attorney is reviewing options for how the city may proceed regarding the Stafford area.

Consent Agenda

Motion to adopt the consent agenda made by Council President Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Sacco. Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Pratt, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco, Councilor Gonzalez

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of Approval of the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026
2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5941-26** authorizing the City Manager to Execute Deed Acquiring the Gertz Construction Co Property for a Public Right of Way.

Special Reports

1. Outside Agency Grant Awardee- Tualatin Valley Pride

Tualatin Valley Pride President Kit Lorelied, Treasurer Andy Dettinger, and Secretary Rachel Greim presented information on their organization. President Lorelied stated the organization's mission is to foster a sense of safety and connectedness for the Tualatin area queer community through the education, advocacy, and resources. Secretary Greim stated the annual Pride event began in Tualatin in 2023. Treasurer Dettinger stated the organization was awarded \$400 through the Outside Agency Grant Award to support outreach and marketing for the 2026 Pride event. They stated the funds will be used to purchase a banner to be displayed along Tualatin Sherwood Road to promote the event.

Councilor Brooks thanked the group for its leadership and contributions to the community.

Council President Pratt thanked the group for the presentation.

Councilor Sacco acknowledged the work the organization has done and stated the Transgender Day of Visibility proclamation would be moving forward.

2. Republic Services 2024 Annual Report

Republic Services Municipal Relationships Manager Cindy Rogers and Municipal Contract Administrator Travis Comfort presented the 2024 annual report. Manager Rogers stated Republic Services hauled 8,984 tons of residential materials in 2024. She explained that in addition to garbage collection, Republic Services provides curbside bulky waste service, Recycle Plus service, and other residential programs. Manager Rogers stated Republic Services also provides

commercial collection services and hauled 12,722 tons of commercial materials in 2024. She reported industrial hauling totaled 22,413 tons of materials.

Manager Rogers stated Tualatin residents have free access to the Republic Services recycling depot located on Ridder Road. She stated residents may drop off cardboard, electronic waste, glass bottles, metal, paper, and plastic tubs and jugs. Manager Rogers reviewed Republic Services financials for the year, noting disposal costs represent the largest expense, followed by labor costs.

Administrator Comfort spoke regarding residential yard debris and food waste programs. He provided an overview of the recycling program and discussed the Recycling Modernization Act, which established Oregon's Extended Producer Responsibility system. Administrator Comfort stated the Act created a uniform statewide collection list for commingled recycling, expanded community outreach efforts, and focused on contamination reduction.

Administrator Comfort shared Republic Services community outreach activities, which included participation in Tualatin High School Career Day, Safety Town, birthday parades, Touch a Truck events, and Toys for Tots. He stated Republic Services also hosted its annual Bulky Waste Days. Administrator Comfort reported the company now operates four electric collection trucks, which support the City's Climate Action goals.

Councilor Hillier asked for additional information regarding bulky waste pickup. Manager Rogers stated customers may call Republic Services to schedule bulky waste pickup.

Councilor Reyes asked whether the recycling facility is open on holidays. Manager Rogers stated residents should check the facility's hours on the Republic Services website.

Councilor Reyes also asked about education materials related to waste reduction. Manager Rogers stated waste reduction is included as part of Republic Services' education program.

Councilor Brooks asked whether there is a location to recycle Styrofoam. Manager Rogers stated a facility known as Green Century is working toward opening to the public.

Council President Pratt thanked the presenters for the report and information provided.

Councilor Gonzalez thanked Republic Services drivers for their work in keeping streets clean on service days.

Mayor Bubenik asked which cities are served out of the Wilsonville facility. Manager Rogers listed the cities served from that location.

Mayor Bubenik asked about Metro's tipping fees and the amount paid by Republic Services. Manager Rogers stated she would have to follow up with that information.

Council Communications

Councilor Hillier stated she has been contacted by community members regarding the prescription drug drop off no longer being available at the Police Department. Police Chief Pickering stated the Police Department lobby is currently undergoing remodeling and the prescription drug drop box will be reinstalled once the project is completed.

Council President Pratt thanked the Police Department for their work in de-escalation efforts and for keeping the community safe.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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