MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER EQUITY COMMISSION
September 17, 2026

CONVENE:	6:00 p.m.
PRESENT:	Chair Michael Snow, Vice-Chair Ellen Matheny, Commissioners Vanessa Arita Reyes, Tina Crary, Sarah Ellison, Lisa Gorski, and Vonny Turner Staff: Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams and Administrative Assistant Jessica Lee Other: Mayor Leatta Dahlhoff and City Administrator Paul Simmons
CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:	No changes to the Agenda.
PUBLIC COMMENT:	The Commission received public comment regarding the proposed Home Energy Score Ordinance. Comments included support for providing home energy performance information to buyers and concerns regarding assessment costs, impacts on lower-income homeowners, potential gentrification, public disclosure of scores, voluntary versus mandatory programs, and the effectiveness of incentives and energy-efficiency programs.
CITY COUNCIL REQUEST: HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE REVIEW:	The Commission discussed the equity implications of the proposed Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure Ordinance, including the cost and implementation of the Home Energy Score, protections for lower- and fixed-income households, potential impacts on home sales and housing affordability, and concerns regarding predatory or corporate purchasing of lower-scoring homes. Commissioners discussed the need for plain-language information and translations, mitigation measures, additional data and monitoring of outcomes, and ways to make implementation

equitable. Commissioners also discussed deferred payment options and the need for additional time to develop recommendations and safeguards for City Council consideration.

MOTION: **Commissioner Gorski moved to use the next meeting to develop recommendations for making the proposed Home Energy Score Ordinance more equitable. Commissioner Crary seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.**

Prepared by Jessica Lee Administrative Assistant