

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL

January 20, 2026



CONVENE: 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Leatta Dahlhoff and Councilmembers Peter Agabi, Angela Jefferson, Meghan Sullivan, Eileen Swarthout, Kelly Von Holtz and Brandon Weedon.

Excused: Councilmember Joan Cathey

Staff: Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Acting Police Chief Carlos Quiles, Jr., Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Crimmins, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Information Technology Director Lance Inman, Transportation & Engineering Director Brandon Hicks, Communication Director Jason Wettstein, Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, Sergeant Danielle Dawson, Lieutenant Bryent Finch, Battalion Chief James Osberg, Firefighter Andrew Weinstein and Deputy City Clerk Tracie Core.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

**SWEARING IN OF
BRANDON WEEDON
TO COUNCIL
POSITION NO. 1:** Mayor Dahlhoff introduced and administered the oath of office to Brandon Weedon who would be serving in Council Position No. 1.

**FIREFIGHTER OF THE
YEAR:** Chief Hurley presented the Firefighter of the Year award to Firefighter/Paramedic Andrew Weinstein, with Battalion Chief Osberg sharing remarks on the reasons for his selection.

**INTRODUCTION OF
SERGEANT DANIELLE
DAWSON &
LIEUTENANT BRYENT
FINCH:**

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was given.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR:**

- a. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting, January 6, 2026
- b. Approval of Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, January 10, 2026
- c. Payment of Vouchers
- d. 2026 Long Range Planning Work Program
- e. Affiliation Agreement with Tacoma Community College for Training
- f. Service Provider Agreement with ICF Jones & Stokes, LLC for the Habitat Conservation Plan - Phase 3 Amendment 1
- g. Service Provider Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Tumwater Boulevard Northbound I-5 On/Off Ramp Intersection - Amendment No. 1 - **Pulled**

MOTION: **Councilmember Sullivan, moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz, to approve the Consent Calendar with item “g” Service Provider Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Tumwater Boulevard Northbound I-5 On/Off Ramp - Intersection Amendment No. 1 removed. Motion carried unanimously as amended.**

**CONSENT
CALENDAR:**

- a. Service Provider Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Tumwater Boulevard Northbound I-5 On/Off Ramp Intersection - Amendment No. 1

MOTION: **Councilmember Swarthout, moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz, to approve item “a” Service Provider Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Tumwater Boulevard Northbound I-5 On/Off Ramp Intersection - Amendment No.1. Motion carried. Councilmember Sullivan abstained.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:

Peter Agabi

The committee met on January 18, 2026, and discussed the following items:

- Affiliation Agreement with Tacoma Community College for Training
- Challenges/Opportunities for unhoused individuals in Tumwater

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

The committee met on January 14, 2026, and discussed the following item:

- Service Provider Agreement with ICF Jones & Stokes for the Habitat Conservation Plan – Phase 3 Amendment 1

PUBLIC WORKS:

Eileen Swarthout

The committee will meet on Thursday, January 22, 2026, and will discuss the following items:

- Project Review Reimbursable Agreement with WSDOT for the Trosper Road Interchange Project
- Amendment No. 2
- 2025-2027 Stormwater Capacity Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology
- Resolution No. R2026-001, Updating Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets
- Resolution No. R2026-002, Thurston County Hazardous Waste Management Plan
- Purchase Agreement with Champion Homes Center for T-2 Fire Station Temporary Housing

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Leatta Dahlhoff

The next meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be on February 27, 2026.

MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR's REPORT:

Mayor Dahlhoff attended the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. County Wide Celebration with Council and staff on Monday, January 19, 2026.

Administrator Simmons shared that the Equity Commission Advisory Board is now open, with applications available on our website. The first round of interviews will take place in mid-March. He also mentioned that the Second Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement project has begun. Lastly, Tumwater was recognized as a Well City and will continue to receive discounted rates for health benefits.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORTS:** Councilmembers Agabi, Jefferson, Sullivan, Swarthout and Von Holtz gave reports.

Councilmember Weedon had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Mayor Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.**

Prepared by Deputy City Clerk, Tracie Core