MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 2,2026

CONVENE:	4:00 p.m.
PRESENT:	Chair Kelly Von Holtz and Councilmembers Brandon Weedon and Meghan Sullivan Staff: Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams, Police Chief Carlos Quiles, Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Crimmins, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Administrative Manager Erika Stone Others: Thurston County Public Defense Director Patrick O'Connor, Thurston County Fiscal Manager Mia Pagnotta
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	**Councilmember Weedon moved, seconded by Councilmember Sillivan, to approve the minutes of July 14, 2026, as presented. A voice vote approved the motion.**
PUBLIC DEFENSE UPDATE:	Director O'Connor presented an overview of services that are provided to the City through a contract for Public Defense. Currently Thurston County Public Defense has one attorney and one legal assistant for the City. In 2026, they must implement a 10% case load moving forward with a case load target of 120 by 2032.
ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE TEAM GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES:	Deputy Chief Crimmins presented the Alternative Response Team Grant Agreement with Association of Washington Cities. In 2024, Tumwater Fire Department partnered with City of Olympia Fire Department to provide a dedicated Community Assistance Referral and Education Services (CARES) staff member to provide outreach to individuals in Tumwater. The Grant provides reimbursement of $80,000 to support the CARES employee assigned to Tumwater. This is the second time we have applied

for this grant, and we have the opportunity to apply for a third time next year.

MOTION: **Councilmember Sullivan moved, seconded by Councilmember Weedon, to place the Alternative Response Tean Grant Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities on the September 15, 2026, Consent Calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS: There were no additional items.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Chair Von Holtz adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.**

Prepared by Erika Stone, Administrative Manager