

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
February 10, 2026



CONVENE: 6:00 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: City Administrator Paul Simmons, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Community Development Director Brad Medrud, Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Information Technology Director Lance Inman, Communications Director Jason Wettstein, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, Acting Police Chief Carlos Quiles, Jr., and City Clerk Melody Valiant

Others: Morgan Damerow Chief Transparency Officer with the Attorney General's Office

**OPEN PUBLIC
MEETING ACT
TRAINING:**

Attorney Kirkpatrick introduced Morgan Damerow with the Attorney General's office who gave Council and staff a more condensed and customized training on the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA). Officer Damerow went over the core OPMA principals including that all meetings of the governing body shall be open to the public, public comment requirements, what constitutes a meeting and best practices for Executive sessions.

There was a lengthy discussion about defining what a quorum is for both Council and Council Subcommittees and best practices to avoid any violations of the OPMA.

**MAYOR/CITY
ADMINISTRATOR's
REPORT:**

Mayor Dahlhoff gave no report.

Administrator Simmons reminded everyone that he sent out an email with the proposed 2026 meeting schedule for them to review, and the item was on next week's council meeting for approval. He also said that they will be doing the first round of interviews for board members for the Equity Commission on February 20, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Mayor Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Prepared by Melody Valiant, City Clerk