MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 22, 2026

CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Information Technology Director Lance Inman, Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Communications Director Jason Wettstein, Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, Police Lieutenant Bryent Finch and City Clerk Melody Valiant.

BUDGET WORKSHOP #2: Director Niemeyer presented Budget Workshop #2, focusing on the Utility and Golf funds. He also reviewed approved utility budget enhancements including the reclassification of an Administrative Assistant and the addition of a Capital Project Manager. Director Smith reviewed proposed water, sewer, and stormwater rate increases, including the impacts of inflation, operating costs, capital projects, and future debt payments. Council discussed rate history, affordability and assistance programs for qualifying customers.

Director Denney reviewed the Golf fund, including approved funding for a reclaimed-water backflow prevention project and improvements to the pro shop and restaurant. He also discussed golf course revenues, facility needs and proposed rate increases to support ongoing maintenance and improvements.

MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:	Mayor Dahlhoff reminded Councilmembers to respond to the request for records related to an outstanding public disclosure request. Administrator Simmons had no report.
ADJOURNMENT:	**Mayor Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.** Prepared by City Clerk, Melody Valiant.