MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
October 27, 2026

CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Acting Police Chief Carlos Quiles, Jr., Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Information Technology Director Lance Inman, Communications Director Jason Wettstein, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, and Deputy City Clerk Tracie Core.

Others: Historic Preservation Commissioner Dave Nicandri

DAVIS MEEKER GARRY OAK UPDATE: Assistant Administrator Adams provided an update on the Davis Meeker Garry Oak Tree, an Oregon white oak estimated to be 400 years old with a diameter of 66 inches. The tree is listed on the Historic Register. Assistant Administrator Adams presented before-and-after photographs documenting recent storm damage and outlined three treatment options presented to the Historic Preservation Commission on October 15, 2026:

1. Tree Retention – More than $100,000
2. Wildlife Snag - $6,000 - $12,000
3. Removal - $20,000 – $35,000

The Historic Preservation Commission unanimously recommended Option 1, Tree Retention. Commissioner Nicandri was present to answer questions and provide additional information. He noted that given the tree's historical significance

and the high level of community interest, retaining the tree was the preferred option.

Assistant Administrator Adams shared the next steps while council asked questions and shared concerns.

BUDGET WORKSHOP #4, ALL OTHER FUNDS:

Director Niemeyer presented Budget Workshop #4, All Other Funds. He provided an overview of upcoming priorities, the City's bond rating and how it compares to our neighboring jurisdictions. He also discussed factors contributing to the City's strong bond rating and opportunities to further improve it.

Director Niemeyer presented two new funds proposed for next year.

- Abatement Fund
- Habitat Conservation Plan

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No reports were given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Dahlhoff recessed the meeting at 6:51 p.m. to discuss a Real Estate Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for approximately 10 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dahlhoff reconvened the meeting and adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Prepared by Deputy City Clerk Tracie Core.