

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
January 27, 2026



CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Others: Affordable Housing Program Specialist Sharif Hocine, Affordable Housing Program Manager Alex Persse and Senior Program Manager Tom Webster with Thurston County

2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM: Assistant City Administrator Adams introduced Program Manager Persse, Program Specialist Hocine and Senior Program Manager Webster from Thurston County who provided information on the Community Development Block Grant Program that provides annual grants to states, cities and counties by providing a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons. Council members asked clarifying questions throughout the presentation.

SALISH LANDING COUNTY AMENDMENT LETTER: Director Medrud presented on the Salish Landing County Amendment Letter covering background, maps and an approximate timeline. He requested the item be placed on the February 3, 2026, Council meeting on the consideration

calendar. Council members asked questions and requested a modified presentation with more detailed maps and timeline information for the February 3rd meeting.

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

Administrator Simmons shared he attended City Action Days last month with Mayor Dahlhoff, Councilmembers Swarthout and Von Holtz, Assistant City Administrator Adams and Community Development Director Medrud hosted by the Association of Washington Cities.

Mayor Dahlhoff gave no report.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Mayor Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Tracie Core, Deputy City Clerk