MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 8, 2026

CONVENE:	11:00 a.m.
PRESENT:	Chair Angela Jefferson and Councilmembers Eileen Swarthout and Kelly Von Holtz Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Water Resources & Sustainability Department Director Dan Smith, Transportation & Engineering Department Director Brandon Hicks, City Engineer Bill Lindauer, and Administrative Assistant Bonnie Hale
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	**Councilmember Swarthout moved, seconded by Councilmember Von Holtz to approve the minutes of July 9, 2026, and September 17, 2026. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**
RESOLUTION NO. R2026-017 DESCHUTES ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT:	Director Smith presented Resolution No. R2026-017, Deschutes Estuary Restoration project. He summarized the effort to restore the tidal exchange between Budd Inlet and the Deschutes River, the Deschutes Estuary, a project that aims to improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat and resilience, and expand public access to the area. This resolution is meant to reinforce the city's support for state and federal funding being pursued for this project, which will be a decades long project alongside several other regional partners. No further financial obligations are being requested at this time.
MOTION:	**Councilmember Von Holtz moved, seconded by Councilmember Swarthout to place Resolution No. R2026-017, Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project on the October 20, 2026, City Council consent calendar with a**

recommendation to adopt. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Chair Jefferson adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.**

Prepared by Bonnie Hale, Administrative Assistant