

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PLANNING COMMISSION
May 12, 2026



CONVENE: 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Elizabeth Robbins, Vice Chair Brandon Staff, and Commissioners Sandra Nelson, Gina Kotek, Terry Kirkpatrick, and Matthew Rounsley.

Excused: Commissioner Grace Edwards

Staff: Associate Planner Dana Bowers, Deputy Community Development Director Sharon Lumbantobing, Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams, and Economic Development Coordinator Gene Angel.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: No changes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Vice Chair Staff moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick, to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT: No reports.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was given.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Coordinator Angel presented updated goals which consolidate and highlight critical parts of Tumwater's Economic Development Strategy. Throughout the discussion Commissioners made comments on the following themes:

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- Support plain language and clear messaging
 - Alignment of resources and priorities
 - Data informed approach and monitoring
 - Relationship building
 - Considerations for legacy businesses
 - Land use priorities
 - Utilities and infrastructure needs
 - Quality of life improvements balanced with community costs and resource use
 - Communication, public education, and outreach
 - Affordability strategy

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: **With no further business, Chair Robbins adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.**

Prepared by Dana Bowers, Associate Planner