

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
March 24, 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, Administrative Services Director Michelle Sutherland, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Community Development Director Brad Medrud, Information Technology Director Lance Inman, Transportation & Engineering Director Brandon Hicks, Communication Director Jason Wettstein, Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Communications Engagement Specialist Margo Bergendahl and Deputy City Clerk Tracie Core.

**PROCLAMATION:
EDUCATION AND
SHARING DAY,
MARCH 29, 2026**

Councilmember Swarthout read the proclamation declaring March 29, 2026, as Education and Sharing Day. The basis for continuity of any society is education, and the education of our youth is a priority in the City of Tumwater. Moral and ethical education empowers every individual to develop their full potential in making the world a better place.

Mayor Dahlhoff presented the proclamation to Rabbi Yosef Schtroke, Chabad Jewish Center of Olympia and Evergreen State College.

10-YEAR FORECAST: Director Niemeyer gave a presentation on a 10-Year forecast that included historical data, the current budget and budget projections as well as revisions he would like to make for the 2026 budget. Currently the City does not have any debt and Director Niemeyer shared why now is the time to start thinking about

potentially incurring some debt. He also shared potential revenue levers to help generate income. Councilmembers asked questions and shared comments and concerns.

CITY HALL TOUR:

At 7:38 p.m. the meeting video was turned off and the group left Council Chambers to do a tour of City Hall. The tour ended at 8:08 p.m.

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

No reports were given.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Mayor Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Prepared by Tracie Core, Deputy City Clerk