

TO: City Council
FROM: Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney
DATE: August 25, 2026
SUBJECT: Washington Cities Insurance Authority Training – Council Best Practices

1) Recommended Action:

No action needed – this item is informational only.

2) Background:

Ann Bennett, Executive Director of Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA), will provide training on Council Best Practices. The following is a summary of what the training will cover:

- WCIA Orientation, Background & Purpose
 - Liability Exposures for Council Members
 - How Council Members Can Avoid Liability
 - Executive Session Leaks and Impacts on Liability
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3) Policy Support:

Learning We learn from experience, embrace innovation, and seek new ways to enhance City services and strengthen our community.

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4) Alternatives:

N/A

5) Fiscal Notes:

N/A

6) Attachments:

A – City of Tumwater Council Best Practices presentation slides