

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL
June 16, 2026



CONVENE: 7:00 p.m.

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

Excused: Councilmember Meghan Sullivan

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

Others: Dr. Thelma Jackson, NAACP President Talauna Reed, Tumwater Equity Commissioner Tina Crary.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

PROCLAMATION: JUNETEENTH, JUNE 19, 2026

Councilmember Von Holtz read a proclamation declaring June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth. The proclamation calls on the people of Tumwater to join together to reflect on the past, to commit together to continue to eradicate systemic racism, to look to the future, and to work each day to lift each other up for collective prosperity and liberty.

Mayor Dahlhoff presented the proclamation to Dr. Thelma Jackson, NAACP President Talauna Reed, and Tumwater Equity Commissioner Tina Crary.

**SWEARING IN OF
POLICE CHIEF**

Mayor Dahlhoff introduced and swore in Police Chief, Carlos Quiles Jr. He has more than 24 years of law enforcement experience. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2008, advanced to Deputy Chief on October 1, 2025, and on January 3, 2026, he assumed the role of Acting Police Chief. On June 2, 2026, the Council confirmed his appointment as Police Chief. He was joined tonight by his family along with many other law enforcement agency staff from around the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment was given by residents Partlow and Beard.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR:**

- a. Approval of Minutes: City Council Work Session, May 26, 2026
- b. Payment of Vouchers
- c. Intergovernmental Agreement with Department of Natural Resources for Forestland Response
- d. Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Tierra ROW for the X Street Roundabout Project Service Provider Agreement Amendment No. 2 with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the Southeast
- e. Water Reservoir Design Project Professional Services Agreement with Gray and Osborne for design of the Trosper Road
- f. Sewer Extension Project
- g. Project Prospectus with Washington State Department of Transportation for the X Street Roundabout project
- h. Project Prospectus with Washington State Department of Transportation for the Deschutes Valley Trail project
- i. Reappointment of Shane Harrington and Charlie Schneider to the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

MOTION:

Councilmember Jefferson, moved, seconded by Councilmember Agabi, to approve the Consent Calendar as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

**COUNCIL
CONSIDERATIONS:**

**TIMBERLAND
REGIONAL LIBRARY
AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT 2**

Administrator Simmons presented the Timberland Regional Library Agreement Amendment 2. We entered into an agreement in 2015 with an initial 10-year term that expired in November 2025. A six-month extension was approved by Council on December 16, 2025. Due to transitions with both the city and the Timberland Library, negotiations on a new agreement have not

been able to take place. Administrator Simmons requested a second six-month extension to allow time to bring back a new revised long-term agreement before the end of the year.

MOTION: **Councilmember Von Holtz, moved, seconded by Councilmember Weedon, to approve the Timberland Regional Library Agreement Amendment 2. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Assistant Administrator Adams gave an Economic Development Quarterly Update presentation. She shared information about the following:

- Opportunity Zone
- Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Element
- Brownfield Development
- Business Outreach
- Partnerships

Assistant Administrator Adams and Coordinator Angel both answered question that the Council had.

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

Administrator Simmons reminded everyone that all City Offices will be closed Friday, June 19, 2026, for the Juneteenth holiday. There will be no City Council Work Session on June 23, 2026, as staff, council and the mayor will be attending the Association of Washington Cities Conference in Spokane.

Mayor Dahlhoff shared about the Battery Take Back Event happening on Thursday, June 1, 2026, on the steps of the Washington State Capital with Woodsy the Owl.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORTS:**

Councilmembers Agabi, Cathey, Sullivan, Swarthout, Von Holtz and Weedon gave reports.

Councilmember Jefferson gave a report and shared that the Public Works Committee met on June 4, 2026. The next Public Works Committee meeting will be on June 18, 2026, and will discuss the following:

- Site Lease Agreement with SiriusXM Amendment 5
- Consultant Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Somerset Hill Culvert Replacement project

Councilmember Von Holtz gave a report and shared that the Public Health and Safety Committee met on June 9, 2026, with Frankie Peters giving an update on the Thurston County District Court.

Councilmember Swarthout shared that the General Government Committee meeting has been cancelled for June 17, 2026, the next will be meeting on July 15, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Mayor Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Prepared by Deputy City Clerk, Tracie Core