

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
February 24, 2026



CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Acting Police Chief Carlos Quiles, Jr., Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Information Technology Director Lance Inman, Communication Director Jason Wettstein, Community Development Director Brad Medrud, Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, Sustainability Manager Alyssa Jones-Wood, Recreation Manager Todd Anderson, Recreation Marketing Specialist Marisa Worden and Deputy City Clerk Tracie Core.

TUMWATER PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS 2026: Manager Anderson gave a presentation on the Parks and Recreation Events for 2026. He shared with council the upcoming events, encouraged their attendance and shared a variety of ways they could participate.

Mayor Dahlhoff shared that this is an opportunity for council to work with the Parks Department to be present at these events with their family. Councilmembers asked questions throughout the presentation and showed interest in attending many of the upcoming events.

HOME ENERGY SCORE (HES) PROGRAM CONCEPT: Mayor Dahlhoff shared that the Home Energy Score (HES) is a tool to reduce both greenhouse gas emissions and the overall cost of homeownership. Our region has been discussing this tool since 2020 and Tumwater has invested budget and staff time since

2024 to explore the potential of requiring the tool. The tool is mentioned in Tumwater’s Climate Element as a key tool in the toolbox to reduce the emissions from existing residential buildings.

Manger Jones-Wood gave a presentation on the Home Energy Score covering the why, what, how and next steps. She shared that the Home Energy Score supports affordable housing and any recommended upgrades found from the report would be voluntary. Council asked questions and shared concerns.

Director Smith said they will be looking further into the information to better answer Council's questions and concerns and will come back in a couple months at another work session to provide an update to better answer those questions.

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

No reports were given.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Mayor Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Prepared by Deputy City Clerk Tracie Core