

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met at the above date and time. The following members were present: Alderpersons Myron Moldenhauer, Ken Berg, Tony Arnett (remote), Gina Nitecki (remote), Citizen member Pete Thompson. Also present: City Staff Andrew Beyer, Nathan Williams; Ethan Smith from Ayres Associates.

1. **Call to order.** Chairperson Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present.** - None.
3. **Review and take possible action. Minutes of PWC meeting of August 11th, 2026.** Mr. Thompson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Review and Approve Solid Waste Utility Rate Increase** – The Solid Waste rate study was presented to the Commission in May. The Commission asked staff to prepare a plan with a steady rate increase over 5 years, balancing borrowing with cash for capital expenditures. Rates have not been increased since 2019. The rate increase presented is \$1.10 per year for 5 years, balancing capital expenditures using borrowing and cash. Mr. Berg asked how long a trash collection truck typically lasts. Because of the extensive daily use, they last between 5 and 10 years. Mr. Berg also asked if this rate increase would result in a build-up of fund balance for Solid Waste. It does not accumulate a fund balance over that 5-year period. Mr. Moldenhauer moved to recommend the rate increase to Council, seconded by Mr. Thompson. (Ms. Nitecki arrived at 5:42 pm) Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Review and take possible action: N. First Street Parking Lot - Wall Condition Assessment and Feasibility Study** – Ethan Smith from Ayres Associates presented the report on the sea wall assessment stretching along the N. First St. parking lot and by city hall. The current wall has different construction along the length, but all of it is substantially deteriorated (see pictures in the report presented) and in need of replacement. 3 options for replacement were presented, utilizing different construction techniques, with costs ranging from \$1.4 million to \$3.3 million. After significant discussion of the construction techniques and costs and seeking to balance the cost with the anticipated lifespan of the replacement, the Commission asked the staff to come back with a revised proposal utilizing rip-rap to the extent practicable.
6. **Adjournment.** Mr. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett, Chairperson

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.