



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, December 1, 2025
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81408503511>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stuebe called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Stuebe, Councilmembers David Fritz, Michelle Wagner, Tia Robertson (ZOOM), Ernie Suggs (ZOOM),
Student Representative: Jake Larzalere

Absent: Councilmember Julie Russell

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager
Joe Walsh, Community Services & Strategy Director
Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk
Mitch Kneipp, Community Development Director
Zane Freschette, Police Chief (ZOOM)
Monie Holmes, Assistant Finance Director (ZOOM)
Teresa Stedman, Human Resources Director (ZOOM)
Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager (ZOOM)
Amanda Goulding, Assistant City Clerk & Accounting Specialist

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Carter praised the Citizens' Academy for being informative and well put together. He inquired about the timeline for the arrival of light rail and encouraged long-term planning, asking how light rail would be routed through Washougal. He noted that Washougal is a progressive and continually growing metropolitan community.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Services & Strategy: *Workforce as Economic*

Infrastructure: What it Means for the City of Washougal —Workforce of SW Washington

Workforce of SW Washington Team presented ***Workforce as Economic Infrastructure: What it Means for the City of Washougal:***

- Introduction: Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW)
- Washougal Workforce Snapshot
- Washougal's Economic Vision & Workforce Alignment
- Economic Security
- Why Workforce Development Matters
- How Washougal can be Involved

B. Community Services & Strategy: *Columbia River Economic Development Council Presentation — Catherine Holm & Team*

Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) — Catherine Holm & Team presented:

- CREDC Impact in 2024
- 2021-2024 Return of Investment (ROI)
- 2024 Wins — Capital Investment & Employment
- Apex Accelerator - 2024 Impact Budget

C. Community Development: *Comp Plan Update — Mitch Kneipp*

Mitch Kneipp provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan and the City's current status in the process.

D. Finance: *2025-2026 Mid-Biennium Budget Review and Modification Update - Daniel Layer*

Daniel Layer presented the ***2025-2026 Mid-Biennium Budget Review and Modification Update:***

- General Fund
- Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) 2nd Quarter Fund
- Hotel/Motel Tax Fund
- Transportation Development Fund
- Fire Station Bond Fund
- Parks Capital Fund
- Transportation Capital Fund
- Stormwater Fund

- Equipment Rental and Revolving Funds (ER&R)

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

Council requested discussion regarding the Council Appointment Committee. David Scott recommended holding off, as appointments will be made at the January 12, 2026 meeting. Council discussed whether to maintain a two-member appointment committee or expand it to three members. It was decided that Councilmember Michelle Wagner and Mayor David Stuebe would continue as the two-member committee. Staff will email the committee assignment chart and schedule a meeting with Council.

Further discussion occurred between Council and David Scott regarding representation at meetings on behalf of Councilmember Coston.

B. MAYOR

Mayor David Stuebe deferred.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz deferred.

Councilmembers Wagner, Suggs & Robertson deferred.

Student Representative Larzalere deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stuebe adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Monday, December 8, 2026 — Workshop at 5:00 PM & Council at 7:00 PM.

David Fritz

Mayor Mayor Pro Tem Fritz

Daniel Loyer

City Clerk

