



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, January 12, 2026
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87842956530>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem David Fritz, Councilmembers Michelle Wagner, Marty Swofford, Tia Robertson & Ernie Suggs (ZOOM). Mayor David Stuebe joined at 5:24 PM via ZOOM.

Student Representative: Jake Larzalere

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager

Joe Walsh, Community Services & Strategy Director

Trevor Evers Public Works Director (ZOOM)

Teresa Stedman, Human Resources Director

Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk

Mitch Kneipp, Community Development Director (ZOOM)

Zane Freschette, Police Chief (ZOOM)

Monie Holmes, Assistant Finance Director (ZOOM)

Amanda Goulding, Assistant City Clerk & Accounting Specialist

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Ron Schumacher, the Fire Marshal for Washougal, shared his appreciation for the City of Washougal as he prepares to retire in the coming days. He thanked the citizens of Washougal for the opportunity to serve as their Fire Chief and community Santa Claus. He also expressed gratitude to David Scott for his leadership, knowledge, and mentorship.

Reflecting on his career, Ron noted that although he has held many positions, serving the Washougal community was his most rewarding role. He shared that he will greatly miss the people and the strong sense of community and expressed his sincere thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Phyllis Carter, a member of the Washougal Studio Artists, commented on the Artisan's Guild of Camas hosting its HeART Fest event on February 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Black Pearl.

Commissioner Larry Keister announced that the Port of Camas-Washougal has selected Marlo Maroon as its first Deputy Director, a newly created strategic leadership position focused on supporting economic growth in Southwest Washington and promoting long-term community prosperity. He shared his anticipation of the Council and Washougal staff having the opportunity to meet her.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Services & Strategy: *Downtown Parking Study* — Joe Walsh & Rick Williams

Rick Williams with *Rick Williams Consulting (RWC)* presented the ***Downtown Parking Study***:

- Questions Informing the Study
- Project Study Area
- Main Street Approach
- Adequate Parking
- Existing Conditions
- Management Strategy Considerations

Discussion ensued with Council, Joe Walsh & Rick Williams.

B. Community Services and Strategy: *Report of the Molly Coston Legacy Committee* — Joe Walsh

Joe Walsh presented the ***Report of the Molly Coston Legacy Committee***:

- Renaming the Downtown Community Garden in honor of Molly Coston
- Proposed ideas included the installation of a sculpture, historical plaque, or signage to formally recognize her contributions
- Emphasis was placed on creating a permanent commemorative element that would remain with the garden should the location change in the future

Discussion ensued with Council and Joe Walsh.

C. Human Resources: *Update to Personnel Policies* — Teresa Stedman

Teresa Stedman presented the ***Update to Personnel Policies***:

- Shared Leave Policy & Purpose

Discussion ensued with Council and Teresan Stedman.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

David Scott discussed the *Annual Planning Session* and general date parameters were requested. Potential dates in May were identified as May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. It was noted that selecting a later date in the month may result in increased scheduling conflicts due to staff vacation plans.

B. MAYOR

Mayor Stuebe welcomed Councilmember Marty Swofford and extended New Year greetings. He noted the many ongoing and upcoming projects and expressed pride in the City and its staff, commending their hard work and dedication.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz reported on January 6th there was a Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting, which focused on improvements to the I-5 and streets near the Ridgefield Fairgrounds, including realignment with service roads.

He also provided follow-up from the December Council meeting regarding vaping among high school students. In coordination with the Washougal Community Coalition, vaping cessation kits will be provided to the high school counseling center, with possible distribution at additional locations throughout the City at no cost.

Councilmembers Wagner, Swofford and Robertson deferred.
Student Representative Larzalere deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz adjourned the meeting at 6:31 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Monday, January 26, 2026 — Workshop at 5:00 PM & Council at 7:00 PM.

David Fritz

Mayor Mayor Pro Tem Fritz

Daniel Loyer

City Clerk