CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, February 9, 2026
7:00 PM

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84501259219

I. INVOCATION - Mike Hansen

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stuebe called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Stuebe, Mayor Pro Tem David Fritz, Councilmembers Tia Robertson, Michelle Wagner, Marty Swofford & David Szyplinski

Absent: Ernie Suggs
Motion: Councilmember Wagner moved to excuse Councilmember Suggs
Second: Mayor Stuebe
Vote: Motion carried unanimously
****It was noted that Councilmember Suggs ZOOMED in at 7:07 PM.****

Student Representative: Jake Larzalere

Staff:
David Scott, City Manager
Joe Walsh, Community Services & Strategy Director
Robert Zeinemann, City Attorney (ZOOM)
Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk
Zane Freschette, Police Chief (ZOOM)
Amanda Goulding, Assistant City Clerk & Accounting Specialist

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Douglas & Margaret Tweet commented on opposing the inclusion of light rail in the Interstate Bridge Replacement project, citing low and declining C-TRAN ridership across the I-5 bridge and asserting that bus service can meet demand at lower cost.

They stated that light rail would replace only one bus route with limited usage, while consuming significant bridge space needed for traffic and freight. They both echoed concern about escalating project costs, questioned ridership forecasts, and urged prioritizing vehicles and freight, removing light rail from the project, and seeking voter approval.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be passed by a single motion to approve all listed actions and resolutions. There will be no discussion on these items unless requested by Council. If discussion is requested, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered separately - after the motion has been made and passed to approve the remaining items.

Councilmember Suggs: Unanimous consent to approve the consent agenda as read.
No Objections

A. Workshop Minutes of January 26, 2026

B. Council Minutes of January 26, 2026

C. Accounts Payable of January 22–29 & February 5, 2026

D. Agenda Bill #13-2026
Authorize the Transfer of Funds for Emergency Utility Assistance

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Agenda Bill #14-2026
Boards & Commission Appointment: Salary Commission

Joe Walsh presented the Salary Commission applicant on behalf of Rose Jewell:

- Ann Stevens

Motion: Councilmember Wagner moved to appoint Ann Stevens
Second: Councilmember Szyplinski
Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Discussion ensued with Council.

IX. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

David Scott stated he gave his during the Workshop.

B. MAYOR

The Mayor noted that although a report was provided during the Workshop, he wished to reiterate his appreciation to the City staff and Council, welcomed Councilmembers Swofford and Szyplinski, and expressed enjoyment in having Student Representative Larzalere present at the Council meetings.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Wagner previously made her report during Workshop, but wanted to comment on Second Saturday in the Park.

Student Representative Larzalere commented on another fellow student in the audience, observing City Council.

Councilmember Syzplinski reiterated the importance of students being present and participating in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz gave his report during the Workshop.

Councilmembers Suggs, Swofford & Robertson gave reports during the Workshop.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stuebe adjourned meeting 7:20 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Monday, February 23, 2026 — Workshop at 5:00 PM & Council at 7:00 PM.

David Fritz

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz

Daniel Layer

City Clerk