



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, February 23, 2026
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85493112871>

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 Tia Robertson, Michelle Wagner, Marty Swofford, David Szyplinski (ZOOM)

Absent: Mayor David Stuebe & Councilmember Ernie Suggs

*It was noted that Councilmember Suggs joined Workshop via ZOOM at 5:03 PM & Mayor Stuebe joined via ZOOM at 6:16 PM.

Student Representative: Jake Larzalere

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager
Joe Walsh, Community Services & Strategy Director
Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk (ZOOM)
Theo Gomez, IT Manager (ZOOM)
Mitch Kneipp, Community Development Director
Amanda Goulding, Assistant City Clerk & Accounting Specialist

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Port Commissioner Larry Keister stated he had no formal comments and offered to address any Council concerns or Port-related questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz inquired about updates on the Slough Bridge. Commissioner Keister responded that there are no new updates at this time.

He noted the bridge is scheduled to be repaved this summer, which will require one-lane traffic.

He stated that businesses leasing property in the Port's industrial area have been notified of the anticipated impacts. Commissioner Keister added that the temporary lane closure will help illustrate the bridge's impact on the local economy.

He further stated that the Port continues to pursue funding for structural repairs to the bridge.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Development: *Code Updates Group 1 — Mitch Kneipp*

Mitch Kneipp & Jessica Herceg with *DOWL* presented the ***Code Updates Group 1***:

- Middle Housing Definitions & Regulations
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
- STEP Housing
- Next Steps/Action Items

Discussion ensued with Council, Mitch Kneipp, David Scott and Jessica Herceg.

B. Community Services & Strategy: *Federal Community Project Funding for FY 2027 — Joe Walsh*

Joe Walsh presented the ***Federal Community Project Funding for FY 2027***. He requested Council's support for pursuing federal appropriations for 2 projects:

- Construction funding for the next phase of the PFAS Treatment Facility — following completion of the newly funded design phase
- Funding for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

He noted the funding for the Emergency Operations Center would expand the new fire station space, enhance technology for training and emergency response, and would be just an additive to the existing plan.

Mr. Walsh stated the request is being pursued earlier than usual as US Senator Cantwell has opened the FY2027 appropriations portal.

Discussion ensued with Joe Walsh, David Scott and Council.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

David Scott deferred.

B. MAYOR

Mayor Stuebe deferred.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz deferred.

Councilmembers Wagner, Robertson, Suggs, Swofford & Szyplinski deferred.

Student Representative Larzalere deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Monday, March 9, 2026 — Workshop at 5:00 PM & Council at 7:00 PM.

David Fritz

Mayor Mayor Pro Tem

Daniel Loyer

City Clerk