



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

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
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I. INVOCATION - Julie Dayley

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Fritz, Councilmembers Tia Robertson (ZOOM), Ernie Suggs, Michelle Wagner, Marty Swofford, David Szyplinski

Student Representative: Jake Larzalere

Absent: Mayor David Stuebe

Councilmember Swofford: Unanimous consent to excuse Mayor Stuebe

***No Objections**

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager

Joe Walsh, Community Services & Strategy Director

Robert Zeinemann, City Attorney (ZOOM)

Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk

Amanda Goulding, Assistant City Clerk & Accounting Specialist

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Anderson, Vice Chair of the Clark County Commission on Aging, provided updates on the Commission's work. He noted the annual report is in development, meeting dates have changed to the third Monday of every month, and meetings are publicly broadcast and recorded.

He reported the Commission's current focus on housing and transportation, with topics alternating monthly. He also announced three upcoming vacancies, encouraged applications—particularly from East County—by the end of March, and noted an estimated commitment of 5–10 hours per month.

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 February 23, 2026**
- B. Council Minutes of February 23, 2026**
- C. Payroll Claims of February 25, 2026**
- D. Accounts Payable of February 26 & March 5, 2026**
- E. Agenda Bill #18-2026
Authorize the Transfer of Funds for Emergency Utility Assistance**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

David Scott commented that the next Chamber luncheon will be held on March 25 and will feature the State of the Cities, and encouraged councilmembers to attend in support of Mayor Stuebe, as several city officials, including Mayor Pro Tem Fritz, himself and Joe Walsh, will be in Washington, D.C. at that time.

He also informed Council of a proposed update to the City Manager's contract delegation authority. The current threshold of \$50,000 has not been updated in

approximately seven years. Based on a survey of comparable cities and a recommendation from the Administrative Committee, Mr. Scott intends to bring forward a resolution at the next meeting to increase the limit to \$100,000.

B. MAYOR

Mator Stuebe was absent.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Szyplinski had nothing to report.

Councilmember Swofford reported attending the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) meeting on February 27, noting it was informative and provided an opportunity to connect with regional partners, including discussion of support for local economic development and farmers' market activities. The Councilmember also noted that the March meeting has been canceled.

Councilmember Wagner announced a "Second Saturday in the Park" volunteer event on March 14 at 9:30 AM, in partnership with Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge, and encouraged interested participants to sign up online. The Councilmember also discussed upcoming Parks Board and Regional Parks meetings on March 19, noting her anticipated absence and requested the alternate to attend — if available. Additionally, she noted a joint meeting of the Parks Board and Arts Commission scheduled for March 25 at 4:00 PM, and clarified that the Parks Board meeting originally planned for March 19 would instead be combined with this joint meeting.

Student Representative Larzalere reported that spring sports have begun at the high school, including baseball, girls tennis, girls golf, boys soccer, track and field, and softball. He also announced upcoming Washougal High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) fundraisers at Menchie's on March 24 from 4:00–9:00 PM. (flyer required) and at K&M on April 7 from 3:00–8:00 PM. Additionally, he shared he was invited to attend the Camas-Washougal Community Chest fundraiser on March 21 at the Black Pearl.

Councilmember Suggs noted the upcoming March 21st Community Chest auction dinner at the Black Pearl, describing it as a well-regarded event and shared plans to attend. He also conveyed the importance of the Ivy League.

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz reported participating in a CivicBrand call and interviewing with the WA State Building Code Committee (SBCC), noting he appreciated the experience. The Councilmember also attended a Community Services & Strategy meeting and visited the Two Rivers Heritage Museum, expressing support and appreciation for local history efforts.

The Councilmember further reported volunteering with the Ivy League at Mable Kerr Park to remove invasive species and collect trash, emphasizing the importance of community volunteer efforts and encouraging timely removal of signage to prevent litter in public spaces.

Councilmember Robertson reported she was unaware of a recent East County Ambulance Advisory Board (ECAAB) meeting held on February 24 due to a lack of notification and indicated she would follow up to obtain the full meeting schedule to ensure attendance at future meetings.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Agency Enforcement & Potential litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – no action to follow

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- Mayor Pro Tem Fritz called an executive session at 7:30 PM after a 5-minute break, with the regular Council meeting to resume at 8:00 PM.
- Mayor Pro Tem Fritz resumed the Council meeting at 8:00 PM, and stated an additional 15 minutes is required, with the Council meeting resuming at 8:15 PM.
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XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Fritz adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

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

David Stuebe

Mayor

Daniel Layer

City Clerk