



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, March 23, 2026
7:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

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I. INVOCATION - Ginny Seymour

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, Councilmembers Tia Robertson (ZOOM), Ernie Suggs, Michelle Wagner (ZOOM), Marty Swofford & David Szyplinski

Student Representative: Jake Larzalere

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem David Fritz

Councilmember Suggs: Unanimous consent to excuse Mayor Stuebe

***No Objections**

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager

Joe Walsh, Community Services & Strategy Director

Lisa Marshall, City Attorney (ZOOM)

Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk

Zane Freschette, Police Chief (ZOOM)

Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager (ZOOM)

Amanda Goulding, Assistant City Clerk & Accounting Specialist

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris D'Antonio commented on a granted variance allowing homes to extend to a higher elevation and stated it may affect views for nearby properties.

He expressed concerns regarding public notice and the process for the road modification and noted he had previously sought additional information from City staff.

Mr. D'Antonio requested Council consider reviewing the matter and evaluating whether any changes to City processes may be warranted.

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 March 9, 2026

B. Council Minutes of March 9, 2026

C. Payroll Claims of March 10, 2026

D. Accounts Payable of March 12, 2026

E. Agenda Bill #19-2026
Community Services & Strategy: *Arts Commission Funding Request*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Agenda Bill # 20-2026
Finance: *Resolution—Amending Council Contract Authority*
Delegation—David Scott

David Scott revisited the ***Resolution - Amending Council Contract Authority Delegation*** that was previously discussed during the March 9th Workshop.

Motion: Councilmember Suggs moved to pass & post the resolution in the usual manner

Second: Councilmember Szyplinski

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Discussion ensued with Council and David Scott.

B. Agenda Bill #21-2026

Public Works: *Public Hearing and Ordinance – South 2nd Street Right of Way (ROW) Vacation—Trevor Evers*

David Scott revisited the ***Public Hearing & Ordinance for the South 2nd Street Right-of-Way Vacation*** that was originally presented February 9th.

Mayor Stuebe opened the hearing for public testimony. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion: Councilmember Suggs moved to pass, post & publish the ordinance in the usual manner

Second: Councilmember Szyplinski

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Discussion ensued with Council & David Scott.

C. Agenda Bill #22-2026

Community Services & Strategy: *Ordinance—Permit-only Parking Zone—Joe Walsh*

Joe Walsh revisited the ***Ordinance-Permit-only Parking Zone*** that was originally presented during the March 9th Workshop.

Motion: Councilmember Suggs moved to pass, post & publish the ordinance in the usual manner

Second: Councilmember Szyplinski

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Discussion ensued with Council & Joe Walsh.

D. Agenda Bill #23-2026

City Manager's Office: *Ordinance—Establishing City Office Hours — David Scott*

David Scott presented the ***Ordinance - Establishing City Office Hours:***

- RCW 35A.21.070 requires city office hours to be set by ordinance
- The proposed amendment to Chapter 2.78 would establish general weekday hours
- City Manager authorized to adjust hours as needed and recognize state and Council-approved holidays.

Motion: Councilmember Suggs moved to pass, post & publish the ordinance in the usual manner

Second: Councilmember Szyplinski

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Discussion ensued with Council & David Scott.

IX. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

David Scott commented that he, Mayor Pro Tem Fritz and Joe Walsh will travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with the city's representatives, the Department of Transportation, and the Federal Railroad Administration to promote local projects, express appreciation for support, and advance community priorities.

He noted that he would miss the State of the City event at the Camas-Washougal Chamber Luncheon as he will be in Washington D.C., and extended his well-wishes. Mr. Scott added that communication has been shared regarding acting city manager coverage during his absence.

B. MAYOR

Mayor Stuebe expressed his support for Mayor Pro Tem Fritz, Joe Walsh and David Scott for their upcoming trip to Washington, D.C., noting the city has been fortunate to secure both state and federal funding for key projects, including less visible infrastructure such as wastewater improvements, and extended appreciation for their efforts in obtaining that support.

He also shared appreciation for the strong sense of community and the many individuals who contribute to making the city a desirable place to live, emphasizing

that community care and involvement are key to the city's strength.

Mayor Stuebe commented positively on the upcoming Camas-Washougal Chamber State of the Cities and noted enthusiasm for participating.

Additionally, the Mayor reflected on recent time spent in Olympia, describing it as both productive and challenging, and expressed appreciation for returning home and refocusing on local priorities.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Student Representative Larzalere reminded the Council that the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will hold a Menchie's fundraiser on March 24 from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM, noting that participants should take a photo of the flyer posted at City Hall front window, so proceeds can be credited to FBLA. He also announced an upcoming K&M fundraiser on April 7 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. He shared that the high school spring musical, *Frozen*, will run till mid-April.

Student Representative Larzalere reported that spring sports are off to a strong start, highlighting that the baseball team held its first home game in two years on March 20 and won 18–3 against Prairie, and added that track and boys' soccer are also performing well.

Additionally, he shared that he attended the Camas Washougal Community Chest Black Pearl Fundraiser on March 21, noting it was a successful event with strong attendance and fundraising results.

Councilmember Szyplinski shared that attending the Camas-Washougal Community Chest fundraising event on Saturday highlighted the strong community support, with a large turnout of residents coming together to support local organizations. He also noted attending the *Guys and Dolls* musical at Washougal High School on March 29, which showcased a diverse group of performers and reflected continued community engagement and enjoyment of local arts.

Councilmember Swofford expressed appreciation for the volunteers and organizers supporting local Little League programs as the season begins, noting the significant effort involved in coaching, organizing tryouts, and ensuring player safety.

He highlighted improvements in coach training, safety regulations, and skill development across youth sports, including baseball, softball, and soccer. The Councilmember also commended the strong community involvement, particularly through East County Little League, and recognized the positive impact of volunteer efforts on local youth.

Councilmember Robertson had nothing to report, but clarified when the *Public Safety Meeting* would start up again.

Councilmember Suggs reported attending a recent Port meeting, noting his

appreciation for the opportunity to engage and learn about ongoing growth and significant development projects. He shared plans to attend the upcoming Camas-Washougal Chamber luncheon in support of the Mayor.

The Councilmember also attended a Washington Schools Foundation meeting, noting preparations for the spring season, and reported meeting with Jordan Boege of the Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO).

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stuebe adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Monday, April 13, 2026 — Workshop at 5:00 PM & Council at 7:00 PM.

David Stuebe

Mayor

Daniel Loyer

City Clerk