



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, October 28, 2024
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82198865429>

VIDEO I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Stuebe called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Stuebe, and Councilmembers Michelle Wagner, David Fritz, Molly Coston, Julie Russell, and Tia Robertson **Absent:** Councilmember Ernie Suggs and Student Rep. Emily Bishop

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager
Joe Walsh, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Trevor Evers, Director of Public Works
Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk
Wendi Steinbronn, Police Chief
Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager
Monie Holmes, Assistant Finance Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Bromley thanked council for its consideration to revised the WATV's ordinance.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Police: Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles (WATVs)

Chief Wendi Steinbronn presented the following:

- RCW 46.09.455 WATVs on public roadway
- RCW 46.09.457 driver license requirements
- Side-by-side restriction
- Operator Requirements: age, license, insurance, helmet
- Equipment and Certifications
- Release language
- MPH restriction
- Pros
 - Economical
 - Convenient
 - Tourism potential
 - Enthusiast
- Cons
 - Operators not understanding the law

- NOISE

- Safety concerns due to limited standards

- Visual examples

Discussion ensued on muffling sounds, educating the community, law enforcement's role and responsibility, liability waivers, policy determination, city authority to enhance regulations, and the administrative process yet to be determined. Staff will consult legal counsel

B. Finance: City Manager's Proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Budget

Daniel Layer presented the following:

Key Assumptions

- Key investments based on the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan
- Investments for 2025 and 2026
- Investments for 2025
 - Strategic Plan Initiatives
- Revenue Assumptions
 - Councilmanic 1% Property Tax & EMS
 - Utility tax revenue
 - Trending various revenues

2025 Proposed Budget

- General and Street Revenue and Expenses
- 2025 Use of Reserves / Fund Balance

2026 Proposed Budget

- General and Street Revenue and Expenditures
- 2026 - Balanced budget - no use of reserves

Key Assumptions - Utilities

- Follow FCS Rate Study
- Utility Operations and Maintenance - Water, Sewer, and Stormwater
- Utility Capital - Water, Sewer, and Stormwater

2025-2026 Proposed Biennial budget in brief

2025-2026 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Count

City Manager's Budget Message

Proposed ordinance 2025

Proposed ordinance 2026

Next steps

Council schedule for the remainder of the year

November 4th, 12th, and 18th

December 2nd, 9th, and 16th

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

David Scott reported on the Ribbon Cutting at Hyas Point on Thursday, October 31st at the Port of Camas/Washougal.

B. MAYOR

David Stuebe gave a legislative update noting Washougal's project within the top six.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Wagner mentioned the Regional Fire Authority join meeting with Camas on November 6th in the Camas Council Chambers. She inquired about tracking the revenue from the Hyas Point development including Port lease hold excise tax.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:28 pm.

A. EXEMPT MEETING: Labor Negotiations (following workshop)

David Stuebe

Mayor

Daniel Loyer

City Clerk