



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, September 23, 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 5:01 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor David Stuebe, and Councilmembers Michelle Wagner, David Fritz, Molly Coston, Ernie Suggs **Absent:** Julie Russell, and Tia Robertson

**Staff:**

Joe Walsh, Strategic Initiatives Manager  
Trevor Evers, Director of Public Works  
Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk  
Mitch Kneipp, Community Development Director  
Wendi Steinbronn, Police Chief  
Zane Freschette, Police Captain  
Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager  
Monie Holmes, Assistant Finance Director

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**VIDEO A. Police: Body Worn Cameras Update**

**Chief Wendi Steinbronn** presented the following:

- Audio and video interrogation is now required
- Goals - To reduce complaints, promote trust, enhanced accountability, officer and public safety improving transparency, aiding prosecution,
- Concerns
- How body cameras work
- Legislative changes - WA state is mandated on some things
- Cost recovery for redaction - City adopted code language for public record requests
- Policy Development
- Department Policy
- Financing - Two year \$131,000 grant from the Dept. of Justice COPS, equipment refresh every three years.
- Deployment Data - Officers all have their own cameras,
- Implement in June 2023

- Provider Axon
- Percentage of uploads by retention schedule

## VIDEO

### B. Finance: 2025-2026 Budget - Revenue and Expenditure Estimates

**Daniel Layer** presented the following:

- 2025-2026 General/Street Funds - Preliminary Budget Strategy
  - Key Investments
  - Council priorities
  - Continue to fund the fire initiatives
  - Revenue assumptions - councilmanic property tax and EMS, utility tax, and various revenues
  - Expense assumptions - maintain service levels, medical and dental cost, DRS contribution rates, economic development, and strategic plan initiative funding
- 2025 Budget Revenue Estimates
- 2025-2026 Utility Budget Estimates
  - Water/Sewer Utility - Revenues
  - Stormwater Utility - Revenues
- 2025 Budget Estimates - other funds
- Next steps
- Formal budget calendar

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### C. Finance: 2025-2026 Budget - Community Development, Human Resources, LTAC, and Others

**Daniel Layer** presented the following:

- Human Resource - 2024 year to date and 2025 and 2026 budget highlights
- Community Development - school impact fees, 2025 and 2026 proposed budget
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Proposed budget \$139,000 2025 applications, and next years meeting schedule
- Upcoming department presentations

## VIDEO

## V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

### A. CITY MANAGER

**Trevor Evers and Joe Walsh** gave an update on the Clark County Transportation Alliance noting an updated staff recommendation. This will be conveyed in the the RTC Policy Statement. The council's priorities were reviewed: 32nd street underpass, Washougal River Rd. O and 18th Streets (double round about concepts), swapping out the town center. Shepherd Rd enhancements were also discussed.

### B. MAYOR

**Mayor Stuebe** gave an update on the sister city program.

### C. CITY COUNCIL

**Councilmember Fritz** reported on the Watershed Alliance status and upcoming project in conjunction with the Camas Ivy League joint clean up, LEOFF reconsidering Washougal representation on the board for future terms, the Lone Wolf building, WCGHS Hike the Dike and UNITE's involvement and its upcoming meeting, and Join or Die from author of Bowling Alone by Robert Putman playing at the Liberty Theatre.

**Councilmember Suggs** unable to attend the chamber luncheon. He will be off for about a month.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 6:10.

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**