



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, February 12, 2024
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86833933494>

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 David Fritz, Molly Coston, Julie Russell, Ernie Suggs, and Tia Robertson **Absent:** Councilmember Michelle Wagner

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager
Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk
Wendi Steinbronn, Police Chief
Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager
Monie Holmes, Assistant Finance Director
Michelle Wright, Public Works Business Administrator

VIDEO III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harvey Olson commented on the city's increasing water rates and reviewed the history of the increases. He discussed the carbon gas bill and suggested council reduce the cost of each water cc unit.

Larry Keister gave an update from the Port and the bicycle rack project.

Jennifer Giltrop introduced herself as the new Fort Vancouver Regional Library Executive Director.

Rick Smithrud introduced himself as the Executive Director of the library foundation.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

VIDEO A. Public Works: Washougal Towncenter Revitalization Project Update

Michelle Wright introduced Jeremy Fick and Nate Otani, project consultants who presented the following:

- Final spatial use diagram
- Guiding principles
- Woven community concept
- Natural site character
- Materials, textures plus transitions
- Splash pad inspirations

- Play amenities
- Site component key map
- Preliminary schematic site plan
- 3-D visual plans
- Funding sources
- Schematic design cost estimate
- Two food cart station sites
- Schematic design budget summary
- Value engineering idea reduction
- David Scott reviewed the funding mechanisms
- Operations and maintenance considerations

Trevor Evers and David Scott introduced the Jeremy Fick, Consultant who presented the following:.

VIDEO B. Public Works: WA State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Resolution/Authorization for Downtown Recreation Park

Michelle Wright explained the RCO resolution for funding referenced in the previous presentation. This item will be on the February 26th council agenda.

VIDEO C. City Manager's Office: Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Planning Committee

David Scott explained that three members from the council will be on the RFA Committee to meet the statutory requirements. The existing three JPAC members (Coston, Wagner, and Russell) are proposed for continuity. The resolution creating the committee will be on the next council agenda in two weeks. The recent fire interlocal agreement adopted by council directed the action to form the regional fire authority. The regional fire authority will need to be on the ballot.

VIDEO V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joey (Megan) Bailey commented on the parking, pedestrian deaths, truck emissions, and farmer's market.

VIDEO VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

David Scott gave an update from AWC City Action Days and projects on the legislative agenda. He discussed the capital budget and acknowledged the support of the local delegation. The fire replacement and police expansion open house is scheduled for February 22nd at 6 pm. This bond is forecasted to be on the August ballot. Bid opening on the treatment plant will occur later this month. The city needs to decide between the subsidize clean water loan or the public works loan.

B. MAYOR

Deferred to regular council meeting.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Fritz discussed the port project including bike racks along with a few other elements and involving local students and alternative forms of transportation.

Councilmember Russell announced the ECHO meeting undergoing charter review and addressed the utility rate increases.

Councilmember Coston noted the artist of the Seaman sculpture will be repairing the vandalism on Tuesday.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:23

Mayor

City Clerk