



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, January 22, 2024
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88547226923>

VIDEO I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Stuebe called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager

Wendi Steinbronn, Police Chief

Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager

Michelle Wright, Public Works Business Administrator

VIDEO III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Keister announced the Port of Camas/Washougal Strategic Planning meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

VIDEO A. City Manager's Office: Facilities Use and Recreation Update

David Scott presented the following:

- Council direction to explore opportunities for enhanced use
- Enhance Community Engagement
 - Citizen Academy
 - Volunteer Program
 - Enhanced and Expanded Events
- Finding: Facility use - community center
 - CDBG status
 - Existing agreements
 - FVRL
 - Washougal Senior Association
 - Meals on Wheels
 - ReFuel
 - Association on Aging for Exercise class
 - Opportunities and additional staff resources
- Findings: ECFRC
 - CDBG funding restrictions in place to 2028
 - Akin (former Children Home Society)
 - Currently under utilized

- Upgrades needed for enhanced use for all three floors is estimated at \$1.5M
- Findings: Recreation Programming
 - Lack of dedicated staff
 - Partnering opportunity and current status
- Current and Planned Initiatives and Activities
 - FTE: Community Engagement Program Coordinator
 - Facility Preparation
 - Implementation
- Towncenter Revitalization Project - enhance opportunity use
- Facility preparation
- Discussion: Report on current clients served and programming in the ECRCC, funding mechanisms, need to update WMC facilities use fees, total cost of the facilities expenses,
- Next steps: ECRC enhancements, analysis in subsidy for 2025, and reports from lessees and agreements to council

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Megan (Joey) Bailey commented on accessibility and city programs.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

David Scott gave a shout out to public works staff for their work during the latest snow and ice storm and acknowledged the community's patience.

B. MAYOR

David Stuebe complimented public works and first responders for their efforts during the storm.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Wagner shared her concerns with street clearing and suggested additional funding and resources be considered for future events.

Councilmember Coston shared her experience with the snow removal.

Councilmember Fritz noted public works efforts during the storm, the value of others organizations and neighbors, and urban forestry and tree maintenance.

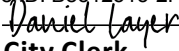
Councilmember Robertson shared her experience with a fallen tree during a past storm, public works good efforts, and resources available during a storm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended 6:22.

Dan Stuebe

Mayor



City Clerk