



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, January 8, 2024
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81348110200>

VIDEO I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL

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

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager
Trevor Evers, Director of Public Works
Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk
Monie Holmes, Assistant Finance Director
Teresa Stedman, Human Resources & Risk Director
Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager
Michelle Wright, Public Works Business Administrator
Cliff Free, Fire Chief
Ron Schumacher, Fire Marshal

VIDEO III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Keister gave an update from the Port and acknowledged the anticipated retirement director David Ripp.

Megan (Joey) Bailey commented on vacant buildings, free store for community service, rent affordability, and parking lots.

John Nohr, Camas city council JPAC member, introduced himself.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

VIDEO A. City Manager's Office: Presentation from Camas/Washougal Community Chest - Dave Pinkernell and Joelle Scheldorf

David Scott introduced the presenters who shared the following:

- The history of Community Chest
- 80 year old philanthropic organization supporting welfare for the community
- Board composition - all volunteers
- Impact of support

- Focus on nonprofits
- All funds go back into the community
- Review of the programs supported in 2023
- Partnerships within the community
- How those interested can get involved

VIDEO

B. Finance/Public Works: Draft Ordinance for Utility Rates

Daniel Layer presented the following:

- Rate Design for Water, Sewer, and Stormwater
- Bi-monthly Utility Bill - prior to 2024 explanation
- Average impacts
- Proposed itemized bi-monthly utility bill
- Water, Sewer, and Stormwater - change in rate table
- Utility Tax goes into the general fund
- Parameters for utility assistance program
- Area jurisdiction's rate
- General funding sources
- NPES Permit
- Next steps - 1/22/24 adoption
- Thank you to the citizen's advisory committee

VIDEO

C. City Manager's Office: Professional Services Agreement for Fire Station 43 Replacement and Police Dept. Remodel Phase 1: Conceptual Design and Community Outreach

David Scott presented the following:

- Background
 - Fire CFP include replacement of station 43
 - Preferred option is to replace the station at the current site
 - Shared fire/police facilities is being proposed
 - Bond planned August 2024
 - Current fire station was not built to house firefighter since it was for volunteers
- Scope
 - Phase 1-3
 - Resolution needed in April/May for August ballot
 - RFQ respondent - MACKENZIE approved consultant
 - Proposed project schedule
- Next Steps - on this evening council agenda
- Supplemental budget forthcoming to make the necessary appropriation
- Funding options for capital facilities was discussed

VIDEO

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Megan (Joey) Bailey commented on goods and services offset by tax payers, the high cost of free parking, empty retail space, vibrancy in the plaza, food carts, weed stores as a funding generator, large farms to provide food due to climate change (vertical gardens), and a mansion tax.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

Deferred to council meeting.

B. MAYOR

Deferred to council meeting.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Deferred to council meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:28.

Dan Stuebe

Mayor

Daniel Layer

City Clerk