



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, March 10, 2025
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89398867289>

VIDEO I. CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Councilmember Coston called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

VIDEO II. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Molly Coston and Julie Russell

Councilmember Tia Robertson joined via Zoom at 5:01 pm.

Absent: Mayor David Stuebe, Councilmembers Michelle Wagner, David Fritz, and Ernie Suggs, and Student Representative Emily Bishop

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager

Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk

Mitch Kneipp, Community Development Director

Zane Freschette, Police Chief

Amanda Goulding, Assistant City Clerk & Accounting Specialist

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIDEO IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Development: Comprehensive Plan Update Overview by Element

Mitch Kneipp introduced **Jessica Herceg** from **DOWL**, who presented the following:

- 2025 Public Meeting Schedule:
 - January-March - Land Use Alternatives including open house
 - April-July - Comprehensive Plan Element Updates and Associated Code Amendments
 - August-September - Capital Facility Plan Updates
 - October-December - State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Documentation & Adoption
- Comprehensive Plan Update:
 - Land Use Element
 - Key changes - strategy, goal & policy refresh, vacant buildable lands inventory, city demographics & population projection, introduction & explanation of the new land use map, review/revision of land use designations for preferred land use scenario, address wildfire risk, internal consistency with other elements and the Shoreline Master

- Plan (SMP)), consistency with the countywide planning policies
 - Associated Code Work - zoning designation, unit lot subdivision standards for short plats, parking minimums for low-income, senior, disabled and market-rate housing, project review procedures
- Housing Element (House Bill 1220)
 - Requirements for a Housing Element under the Growth Management Act (GMA) - Housing Needs Assessment (HNA), Residential Land Capacity Analysis, Goals, Policies, & Objectives, Racially Disparate Impacts, Provisions for All Economic Segments
 - Associated Code Work - new middle housing regulations, amended allowable housing product types by zone, amended accessory dwelling unit provisions, new/modified density standards, permanent supportive housing & transitional housing, minor updates to definitions
- Economic Development Element
 - Not required to be updated and thus unfunded, but vital to Washougal's economy
 - Washougal's Approach will be accomplished with data collection and community engagement
- Climate Element (House Bill 1181)
 - Resilience to Climate Impacts
 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction
 - Associated Code Work - not required
- Other Minor Element Updates:
 - Natural Resources & Critical Areas (wetlands, riparian areas, Oregon white oaks)
 - Parks & Open Space Element (tree canopy inventory, urban forestry regulations & park development requirements)
 - Transportation Element (impact fee restructuring, update to engineering standards, concurrency requirements)
 - Utilities & Capital Facilities (impact fee and utility system development charge restructuring & stormwater provisions)
- City/County Coordination
 - County Milestones:
 - 6/1/2025 County issues Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
 - 8/19/2025 County selects preferred land use alternative
 - 10/16/2025 County issues Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
- Next Steps & Questions
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V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

David Scott deferred to council meeting.

B. MAYOR

Presiding Councilmember Coston deferred to council meeting.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Russell deferred to council meeting.

Councilmember Robertson had nothing to report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

David Fritz

Mayor Mayor Pro Tem

Daniel Layer

City Clerk