



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Monday, June 23, 2025
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87432227784>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Councilmember Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Michelle Wagner, Molly Coston, Tia Robertson & Julie Russell; Councilmember Ernie Suggs via ZOOM

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem David Fritz & Mayor David Stuebe

Staff:

Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk

Mitch Kneipp, Community Development Director

Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager via ZOOM

Amanda Goulding, Assistant City Clerk & Accounting Specialist

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Port of Camas-Washougal: Strategic Plan Update

The **Port of Camas-Washougal's Chief Executive Officer, Trang Lam**, presented the *Strategic Plan Update* with **Commissioner Larry Keister** as comment support:

- Background research
- Commission meetings
- Commissioner interviews
- Staff workshops
- Stakeholder interviews & online surveys
- Focus groups
- Community open house

- Goal areas

Discussion ensued with Trang Lam, Larry Keister and Councilmembers. Councilmember Russell asked how the development was going. Councilmember Coston asked if there was a solid plan for recreational activities. Councilmember Suggs thanked the Port of Camas-Washougal, and Councilmember Wagner thanked the Port for supporting Washougal businesses.

B. Community Development: Economic Development Element Update

Elliot Weiss with Community Attributes presented the *Draft Economic Development Element*:

- Element Development Process
 - Update data
 - Expand with additional information
 - Update goals & policies
- Washougal Residents' Age Distribution & Change, and Education
- Labor Force and Employment
- Travel to Work Patterns
- Employment and Growth by Industry
- Industry Clusters and Prospects
 - Potential focus areas for development
- Draft Goals and Policies

Councilmembers ask questions directed toward Mitch Kneipp and Elliot Weiss. Thanked Elliot for all his research and hard work.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Daniel Layer informed Council of an upcoming *Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee* meeting on July 8th. With summer vacations, he suggested that Council should appoint an alternate member during tonight's regular meeting.

Councilmember Wagner recommended Mayor Stuebe being the alternate to attend meetings.

B. MAYOR

Mayor David Stuebe was absent, visiting the Sister City in Poland.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers Michelle Wagner, Molly Coston, Tia Robertson & Julie Russell all deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Monday, July 14, 2025; Workshop at 5:00 PM and Council at 7:00 PM

David Stuebe

Mayor

Daniel Loyer

City Clerk