



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, July 14, 2025
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81211678215>

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Stuebe, Councilmembers Molly Coston & Julie Russell
Councilmember Tia Robertson via ZOOM

Absent: Councilmembers David Fritz, Ernie Suggs, Michelle Wagner

Staff:

Joe Walsh, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk
Mitch Kneipp, Community Development Director
Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager
Amanda Goulding, Assistant City Clerk & Accounting Specialist

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roxann Wiebe made a comment regarding rhizome plants growing in her yard that originated from her neighbor's property. She said the issue is that these plants spread into neighboring yards; and the solution is to have a bamboo barrier put down prior to planting. Roxann requested an ordinance stating that the individual who plants rhizome plants is responsible for keeping them from spreading to neighbors' yards. She said she just wants responsible plating.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Development: Climate Element Update

Meg Horst, Andrea Martin and Maddie Seibert with Cascadia Consulting and Community Development Director **Mitch Kneipp** presented the *Climate Element Update*:

Meg Horst presented Climate Element Development:

- Policy Audit
- Climate Impacts Summary
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
- Draft Climate Element
- Community Engagement

Andrea Martin presented a Greenhouse Gas Emissions overview:

- Washougal's 2022 GHG Emissions
- Targets & Measurements
- State & Federal Policy Contributions
- Local Forecast & Action

Maddie Seibert presented the Climate Element goals:

- Resilience
- GHG Emissions Reduction

****Discussion ensued with Council, Mitch Kneipp and Meg Horst.**

B. Fire: Draft Joint Resolution with the City of Camas to Adopt the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Plan and Place the Formation of an RFA on the November 4th, 2025 General Election Ballot

Finance Director Daniel Layer presented the *Draft Joint Resolution with the City of Camas to Adopt the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Plan*.

He gave an overview of the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) plan, and if approved by Washougal and Camas' City Councils, will be put on the ballot for the general election on November 4th. Daniel also presented a resolution with the intent to reduce property tax levy for 2027.

Councilmember Coston suggested amending the Council agenda and passing the resolution tonight. Councilmembers Robertson & Russell and Mayor Stuebe were all in favor.

****NOTE: Amended the Council agenda*****

C. Community Services and Strategy: Arts Commission Funding Requests

Community and Engagement Manager Rose Jewell presented two funding requests. The first funding application was from the *Arts Commission* requesting

\$800.00 for a painted mural on the side of a City-owned pumphouse building at the pickleball court.

The second funding application was for the *Washougal Songcraft Festival* requesting \$1000.00 to fund the August concerts at the Reflection Plaza.

V. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Joe Walsh deferred.

B. MAYOR

Mayor Stuebe deferred.

C. CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers Coston, Russell & Robertson deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stuebe adjourned at 6:23 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Monday, July 28, 2025: Workshop at 5:00 PM and Council at 7:00 PM.

David Stuebe

Mayor

Monie Holmes

City Clerk Acting Finance Director