



**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>

**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

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**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 programing 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.

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**