



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Utility Advisory Committee

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Thursday, February 5, 2026

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 207

1.A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kover called the meeting to order.

1.B. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Kristin Lamson, Vice Chair Melissa Kover, Committee member Dennis Bloom, Committee member Dani Clark, Committee member Ben Gossett, Committee member Scott Hancock, Committee member Donald Krug and Committee member Kathryn Walton-Elliott

1.C. STAFF PRESENT

Drinking Water Utility Director Mike Vessey
Interim Waste ReSources Director Ron Jones
Administrative Specialist Lindsay Walker

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[26-0096](#) Approval of November 6, 2025 UAC Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as amended. There was a typo in the Announcements section; a "t" missing in the word "art".

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM UAC AND STAFF

Chair Kover thanked staff for the Pioneer Recycling Facility tour in November 2025. She recommended the tour to UAC members if one is offered this year.

Director Vessey filled in as UAC Staff Liaison. He provided the following updates:

Reminder that UAC members no longer have City email addresses; the City converted to personal email address as of January 1, 2026 for all advisory committee members.

Update on the City's advisory body recruitment - The UAC has one vacancy. Chair Kover and Vice Chair Gossett reviewed four applications. Community Livability and Public Safety (CLPS) will interview candidates the first week of March. Chair Kover will attend the interviews. The new member will be appointed by the April UAC meeting.

Tribal Acknowledgement is not necessary on City Council or other advisory body agendas. The UAC requested more clarification on this regarding when it would be appropriate to use the acknowledgment.

The April UAC meeting will be the first Thursday, April 2nd, not the second Thursday as typically done in the past in order not to conflict with spring break for the local school districts.

Several UAC meetings this year (May, September, October and November) will be held at the City's Maintenance Center due to room scheduling conflicts at City Hall. Staff will properly notice the meeting location to the public for those meetings.

Committee member stipend forms due March 31st.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[26-0097](#) Draft 2026 - 2027 UAC Work Plan Review

Staff and UAC members discussed the draft 2026-2027 UAC work plan. It includes items that come before the UAC every year, such as utility budgets, rates and the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). UAC members suggested the following as potential items to add to the work plan:

- Climate change/Sea Level Rise update
- Financial Rate Study scope and overview (wet utilities)
- Flood - Discuss lessons learned for the City with the flooding in other areas of Washington last fall.
- PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) and other contaminants of emerging concern for drinking water
- Utility tours

The UAC will review and approve a final draft of the 2026-2027 Work Plan at the March 5, 2026 UAC meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kover adjourned the meeting at 6:11 pm