



# Meeting Minutes - Final

## Utility Advisory Committee

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**Thursday, March 5, 2026**

**5:30 PM**

**City Hall, Room 207**

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**1.A. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.B. ROLL CALL**

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

**1.C. STAFF PRESENT**

Water Resources Director/UAC Staff Liaison Gary Franks  
Water Resources Engineering and Planning Supervisor Susan Clark  
Environmental Habitat Planner Kym Foley  
Administrative Specialist Lindsay Walker  
Thurston County Regional Planning Council Senior Planner Paul Brewster

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[26-0161](#) Approval of February 5, 2026 UAC Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as amended. The titles for Melissa Kover and Ben Gossett need to be updated to Chair and Vice Chair rather than committee members. Staff will make this change.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM UAC AND STAFF**

Chair Kover participated in interviews of two potential UAC members at the March 4th meeting of the Community Livability and and Public Safety (CLPS) committee. CLPS will appoint a new UAC member by April.

UAC Member Lamson mentioned walking tours on Saturday March 7th hosted by the State of Washington Department of Ecology. The tours are about the future of the Capital Lake area as it becomes an estuary.

UAC Staff Liaison Franks provided further clarification about the use of the tribal acknowledgment for City meetings. The UAC agreed to follow the tribes guidance and only use the acknowledgement for special occasions/meetings with the tribe.

## 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

### [26-0162](#) Regional Stormwater Roadway Retrofit Study

Kym Foley introduced Paul Brewster with the Thurston County Regional Planning Council. The UAC and staff held a discussion and asked some clarifying questions. The UAC thanked staff for the briefing.

**Information only; no action required.**

### [26-0163](#) Finalize 2026-2027 UAC Work Plan

Committee member Walton-Elliott asked about her suggestion from the February UAC meeting regarding the City State of the Utilities. This business item is regarding state of deferred capital projects. Staff explained they planned to include this topic under the Consultant Financial Rate Study business items. UAC members expressed interest in adding this as a business item on the work plan before the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) item in the fall. They would like to understand the implications of deferred CFP projects. Staff agreed and will discuss timing/when to add this item to the timeline of the UAC work plan. They will be sure to include it before the September 2026 CFP business item.

**Committee member Lamson moved, seconded by Committee member Clark approved the 2026-2027 UAC Work Plan as amended and to forward it to CLPS.**

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kover adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.