

Council Workshop Meeting

January 6, 2026

6:00 PM

Minutes



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I. Call to Order

Mayor Carter called the meeting to order 6:00 P.M.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Carter led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Mayor Carter, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Aaron Davis, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans, Councilmember Brittany Rock.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John P. Vodopich, Police Chief Mark Berry, Chief Finance Officer Cherie Reiersen, Judge Anneke Berry, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, Judicial Branch Administrator Geri Resch, Judicial Specialist III Terri Terry, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Administrative Specialist II Debbie McDonald.

Staff members in virtual attendance were: None.

II. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations

A. Announcements

None.

B. Appointments

1. Oath of Office - Mayor

Mayor's Oath of Office was administered by City Clerk Schaneman.

2. Oath of Office - Councilmember 1

Mayor Carter administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Fullerton.

3. Oath of Office - Councilmember 3

Mayor Carter Administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Swatman.

4. Oath of Office - Councilmember 6

Mayor Carter Administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Davis.

5. Oath of Office - Councilmember 7

Mayor Carter Administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Rock.

6. Oath of Office - Judge

Chief Justice Stephens administered the Oath of Office to Judge Berry.

7. Electing The Deputy Mayor And Assigning Councilmembers To The Council Standing Committees

Mayor Carter called for nominations from the Council for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councilmember Baldwin nominated Councilmember Swatman for Deputy Mayor.

Councilmember Fullerton nominated herself for Deputy Mayor.

Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Carter called for a vote of the Council.

The Council voted. Councilmember Fullerton received 3 votes and Councilmember Swatman received 4 votes. With a majority vote, Councilmember Swatman was reappointed the new Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Swatman opened the conversation regarding appointments to the Council Standing Committees. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked the Councilmembers if they had a preference on what Committee they would like to be on. After discussions Deputy Mayor Swatman made the following appointments without objection from the Councilmembers:

Community Development Committee: Councilmembers Fullerton, McClimans, and Rock.

Public Safety Committee: Councilmembers Baldwin, Davis, and Hubler.

Finance Committee: Council agreed to wait and see who is appointed chairs of Public Safety Committee and Community Development Committee.

8. Appointing The City's Representative To The Pierce County Regional Council

City Clerk Schaneman informed Council that they are needing to appoint a representative and alternate to the Pierce County Regional Council. Mayor Carter asked for any volunteers. Councilmember Fullerton volunteered to be the city representative and Councilmember Hubler volunteered to be the alternate.

Mayor Carter called for a vote. **The appointments were approved 7-0.**

9. Appointing The City's Representative To The South Sound 911 Board of Directors

City Clerk Schaneman informed Council that they are needing to appoint a representative and alternate to the South Sound 911 Board. Mayor Carter asked for any volunteers. Councilmember Hubler volunteered to be the city representative and Councilmember McClimans volunteered to be the alternate.

Mayor Carter called for a vote. **The appointments were approved 7-0.**

C. **Presentations**

None.

III. **Public Hearing**

None.

IV. **Review of Council Minutes**

None.

V. **Council Open Discussion**

Deputy Mayor Swatman:

City Action Days. Gave an overview of City Action Days and encouraged Council to attend.

Mayor Carter:

Legislative Top Priorities. Asked Council for their top legislative priorities to prepare a legislative agenda for City Action Days. Council discussed and gave taxes, public disclosures, parents bill of rights, election of sheriffs, HB 2181, medical privacy, Placement of Children Back with Parents Still Fighting Addiction, and HB1227.

VI. Discussion/Action Items

None.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Changing Community Development Committee Start Time

Introduced by City Clerk Schaneman who presented the history and reasoning for changing the start time. The Council had no discussion on this item.

There was Council consensus to place the item for action on the next Council agenda under the Consent Agenda.

B. Updating Administration And Police Department Fee Schedule

Introduced by City Clerk Schaneman who gave an overview of why the edits are needed. The Council had no discussion on this item.

There was Council consensus to place the item for action on the next Council agenda under the Consent Agenda.

C. Updating Council Policies & Procedures

Introduced by City Clerk Schaneman who gave an overview of the standardizing the parliamentary procedure for all meetings, changes to the parliamentarian, and other procedural updates that were requested by Council. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Seeing the differences between Sturgis and Robert's Rules of Order
- Changing committee chairs to should instead of must have 1 year experience
- Changing new Councilmembers must be on Public Safety to it is suggested

There was Council consensus to place the item for action on the next Council agenda under the Consent Agenda.

D. Changing Frequency Of Council Meetings

Introduced by City Clerk Schaneman who presented options for Council to review for possibly changing the frequency of meetings. The Council discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Staff turn around
- Cancelling of meetings
- Public Meetings
- Short meetings
- Affects to Standing Committees

There was Council consensus to have three meetings a month on the first three Tuesdays of each month. Committee meetings will happen the first two Tuesdays of the month. With Community Development Committee meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month.

There was Council consensus to place the item for action on the next Council agenda under the Consent Agenda.

VIII. Executive/Closed Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

At 7:25 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Carter with the common consent of the City Council.

Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

Terry Carter, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the January 6, 2026, Meeting for the record: None.

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