

## Finance Committee Meeting

March 10, 2026

5:00 PM

### Minutes

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#### I. Call to Order

Chair Swatman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

#### II. Finance Committee Roll Call

Elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman (Chair), Councilmember Angela Baldwin, and Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were Mayor Terry Carter, Administrative Services and Interim Finance Director Chuck McEwen, Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, Human Resources Manager Brian Sandler, and Administrative Specialist II Debbie McDonald.

Staff members attending the meeting virtual were Assistant to the City Administrator, Leslie Harris.

#### III. Approval of Minutes

##### A. Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee draft minutes for February 10, 2026, were approved with minor corrections.

#### IV. Department Reports/Presentations

##### A. HR Staffing Update

Human Resources Manager Sandler presented the Human Resources report for February 2026.

The Committee discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Parks Part-time employees.
- Accounting Specialist II was an open position.
- Breaking up Superintendent of Public Works Todd Bright's position into two.

**V. Items for Discussion/Action**

None.

**VI. Open Committee Discussion**

Councilmember Fullerton

Chief Finance Officer. Councilmember Fullerton questioned why the Chief Finance Officer was told not to attend the meetings. With this being a budget year, she is needed here at the meetings to answer questions.

Mayor Carter responded with why the Chief Finance Officer was not attending the meetings.

City Taxes. Councilmember Fullerton does not want to raise taxes without first looking at the City Budget to see where we can save money. This may include asking staff to take a payout or each Department find 20% to 30% to cut out of their budget.

Mayor Carter responded that if Departments were asked to cut their budget by 20%, then it will mean having to let staff go.

The Committee discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Need to hire a City Administrator before the Chief Financial Officer.
- Do not want to wait on hiring.
- Use a Headhunter to hire for both positions.
- Would like to hire someone to do a staffing analysis.

**VII. Public Comments**

None.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**At 5:52 p.m. the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned by Deputy Mayor Swatman with the common consent of the Committee.**

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Debbie McDonald, Administrative  
Specialist II

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Dan Swatman, Deputy Mayor