

**CITY OF KENNEWICK
CITY COUNCIL
Workshop
August 27, 2024**

City Council Present – In Person Unless Noted Otherwise:

Gretl Crawford, *Mayor*
Chuck Torelli, *Mayor Pro Tem (VIRTUAL)*
Loren Anderson, *Councilmember*
Brad Beauchamp, *Councilmember*

Jason McShane, *Councilmember*
Jim Millbauer, *Councilmember*
John Trumbo, *Councilmember*

City Staff Present:

Erin Erdman, *City Manager*
Dan Legard, *Deputy City Manager*
Cary Roe, *Deputy City Manager*
Anthony Muai, *Planning Director*
Christina Palmer, *Mgmt Svcs Director*
Lisa Beaton, *City Attorney*
Chris Guerrero, *Police Chief*
Chad Michael, *Fire Chief*
Nick Farline, *Parks Director*
Chad Crouch, *Human Resources Director*

Robert Ball, *Deputy Fire Chief*
Isaac Merkl, *Police Commander*
Krystal Townsend, *City Clerk*
Dana Dollarhyde, *Lead Communications Specialist/Executive Assistant*

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **COLUMBIA VALLEY CENTER FOR RECOVERY UPDATE.** Chief Michael provided a concise summary of the City's involvement in the project and introduced Benton County Deputy Administrator Matt Rasmussen, emphasizing Mr. Rasmussen's expertise and experience. Mr. Rasmussen then presented an overview of the project's progress, objectives, history, and anticipated accomplishments. Mr. Rasmussen responded to Council questions. **No final disposition of this matter taken.**
3. **CASE LAW UPDATE REGARDING PUBLIC CAMPING REGULATIONS AND HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS.** Ms. Beaton delivered a detailed summary of the Grants Pass ruling from the Supreme Court. During her presentation, she discussed the City's existing strategies for handling encampments and public camping issues, which were developed in response to the 9th Circuit Court's 2018 ruling in *Martin v. Boise*. Additionally, she provided insight into potential future approaches for consideration. Council asked clarifying questions and shared various perspectives to consider. **No final disposition of this matter taken.**
6. **ADJOURNMENT.** Mayor Crawford concluded the meeting at 7:49 p.m.



Krystal Townsend, CMC, CPRO
City Clerk

At the time of publishing these minutes, the City Council meeting recording is available at:

<https://kennewickwa.new.swagit.com/videos/313640>