

**CITY OF KENNEWICK  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
September 17, 2024**

**City Council Present – In Person Unless Noted Otherwise:**

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

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

**City Staff Present:**

**Erin Erdman**, *City Manager*  
**Cary Roe**, *Deputy City Manager*  
**Lisa Beaton**, *City Attorney*  
**Jessica Platt**, *Interim Finance Director*  
**John Cowling**, *Public Works Director*  
**Chris Guerrero**, *Police Chief*  
**Chad Michael**, *Fire Chief*  
**Cary Roe**, *Deputy City Manager*  
**Krystal Townsend**, *City Clerk*

**Anthony Maui**, *Planning Director*  
**Nick Farline**, *Parks Director*  
**Chad Crouch**, *Human Resources Director*  
**Cody Lewis**, *IT Director*  
**Dana Dollarhyde**, *Exec Assistant/Lead Communications Specialist*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Townsend stated all Councilmembers were in attendance, a quorum was established, and that Councilmember Millbauer was attending remotely.

Chief Michael led the pledge of allegiance. There were no invocations.

**Service Recognition: Christina Palmer, Management Services, 21 Years of Service:** Mayor Crawford awarded a plaque to recognize Ms. Palmer's years of service to the residents of Kennewick. Ms. Palmer spoke to the accomplishments during her time, expressed appreciation for her staff, and stressed the importance of adding personnel to her department during the upcoming budget cycle to ensure continued success and the well-being of employees. Finally, she thanked her family for their support and described the sacrifices they made when she couldn't attend family functions and events due to her obligations to the City of Kennewick.

In appreciation of her service, Mayor Crawford announced a 10-minute recess at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Crawford reconvened the open session at 6:45 p.m.

**2. VISITORS: None.**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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| <b>MOTION:</b>     | Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to approve the agenda as presented. |
| <b>SECOND:</b>     | Councilmember Anderson.                                         |
| <b>DISCUSSION:</b> | None.                                                           |
| <b>VOTE:</b>       | <b>The motion passed unanimously (7-0).</b>                     |

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Meeting Minutes: September 3, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024, City Council regular meeting as presented.
- b. Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2024, City Council Workshop Meeting**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024, City Council regular meeting as presented.
- c. Claims Roster: August 2024**  
Motion to approve the Claims Roster for August 2024 in the amount of \$4,159,285.02, comprised of electronic payments and check numbers 315899-316297
- d. Payroll Roster: For the Pay Period Ending 08/31/2024**  
Motion to approve the Payroll Roster for the pay period ending 08/31/2024.
- e. Acceptance of Work: Systemic Safety Street Lighting Improvements Project**  
Motion to accept the work of Colvico, Inc. for contract P2214-23, Systemic Safety Street Lighting Improvements, in the amount of \$365,398.94.
- f. Contract: SCADA Master Plan - Supplemental Agreement No. 1**  
Motion to appoint Gabi Lopez to serve as a voting member of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee with a term expiring August 31, 2026.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

**SECOND:** Councilmember McShane.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

**5. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. Ordinance: Amending KMC Chapter 9.54, Regulating Public Camping**  
Ms. Beaton provided a staff report and responded to Council questions.  
Ms. Townsend read the ordinance title into the record:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REGULATING PUBLIC CAMPING  
AND AMENDING SECTION 9.54.015 AND ELIMINATING SECTION  
9.54.050 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt the ordinance as presented.

**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Torelli.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

- b. Ordinance: Repealing KMC Chapter 2.04.048, Remote Attendance**  
Ms. Erdman provided a staff report and responded to Council questions.  
Ms. Townsend read the ordinance title into the record:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL AND REPEALING  
SECTION 2.04.048 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt the ordinance as presented.

**SECOND:** Councilmember McShane.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

6. **PUBLIC HEARING: None.**

7. **NEW BUSINESS: None.**

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

9. **VISITORS:**

A member of the media described her efforts to interview officials concerning homelessness and requested that city officials speak with her after the meeting.

Six residents voiced their concerns regarding a home in their neighborhood that has posed safety, health, and crime issues for the past four years due to drug use, sales, and prostitution. The neighbors shared how their lives have been affected, detailed their attempts to address the problem, and earnestly sought help in finding a resolution.

An organizer from the Be SMART campaign highlighted the significance of gun safety and announced a lock box giveaway event at Ranch and Home on September 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Brochures were provided to the City Clerk.

A local artist advocated for promoting art-related events in the same way that sporting events are marketed. He highlighted the upcoming SOCO Creative Arts Festival on September 21 in downtown Kennewick and shared the success of the Classy Chassy car show earlier this year.

10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Erdman, Chief Guerrero and Councilmembers spoke at length to the issues raised by the concerned neighbors. Council and staff committed to following up and working to resolve the issue.

Councilmembers reported on their respective activities, upcoming events, and items of concern.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Crawford concluded the meeting at 7:55p.m.



Krystal Townsend, CMC, CPRO  
City Clerk

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<https://kennewickwa.new.swagit.com/videos/315446>