

**CITY OF KENNEWICK
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
December 10, 2024**

City Council Present – In Person:

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

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

City Staff Present:

Erin Erdman, *City Manager*
Lisa Beaton, *Deputy City Manager*
Cary Roe, *Deputy City Manager*

Laurencio Sanguino, *City Attorney*
Chris Guerrero, *Police Chief Krystal Townsend*, *City Clerk*

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Crawford stated no public comments were submitted for tonight's meeting but explained Councilmember Trumbo submitted information pertaining to invocations. She stated Ms. Townsend had distributed the materials and posted them to the online meeting portal prior to the meeting.

2. **2025 COUNCIL BOARD AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.** Council members engaged in discussions regarding their desired assignments and the importance of embodying the Council's collective vision instead of focusing solely on their individual viewpoints. The Council also explored the option of creating an additional committee to jointly oversee animal control services. Ms. Erdman is set to review the interlocal agreement among the Cities of Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland and will present her findings and recommendations for oversight. The Council reached a consensus on their preferred assignments; the Mayor will finalize her recommendations and present the list for consideration and final approval during an upcoming Council meeting as part of the consent agenda. **No final action taken.**
3. **INVOCATIONS.** Mr. Sanguino delivered a summary of the existing regulations regarding invocations at Council meetings, along with an explanation of the factors considered to mitigate challenges to this practice. Council expressed their preferences and described their experiences in promoting participation from Kennewick citizens to volunteer for the invocation. Ms. Townsend outlined the measures she has implemented to better publicize this opportunity and provided an overview of the process for coordinating volunteer invocation speakers. Ms. Erdman, Ms. Beaton and Mr. Sanguino provided additional clarification and perspectives. After a thorough discussion, the Council members reached a consensus to take no additional action. They also discussed how this topic was introduced for agenda inclusion. Ms. Erdman reiterated that the Governance Manual will address this and other procedural issues. **No final decision was made on this matter.**

4. **ADJOURNMENT.** Mayor Crawford concluded the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krystal Townsend". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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/322366>