

CITY OF KENNEWICK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 7, 2025

City Council Present – In Person:

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

Jason McShane, *Councilmember*
Jim Millbauer, *Councilmember*

City Staff Present:

Erin Erdman, *City Manager*
Laurencio Sanguino, *City Attorney*
Jessica Platt, *Finance Director*
Chris Guerrero, *Police Chief*
Michael Heffner, *Deputy Fire Chief*
Cary Roe, *Deputy City Manager*
Lisa Beaton, *Deputy City Manager*
Krystal Townsend, *City Clerk*

John Cowling, *Public Works Director*
Nick Farline, *Parks Director*
Chad Crouch, *Executive Services Director*
Robert Ball, *Deputy Fire Chief*
Jason Kiel, *Police Commander*
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 with the exception of Councilmember Trumbo and Councilmember Anderson and that a quorum was established.

Mayor Crawford explained Councilmember Trumbo and Councilmember Anderson gave advance notice of their absence and each asked that their absence be excused.

MOTION:	Councilmember Millbauer moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Anderson and Councilmember Trumbo.
SECOND:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli.
DISCUSSION:	None.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilmember Millbauer led the pledge of allegiance. Tim Kerr provided an invocation.

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

- Retirement Service Recognition: Marco Monteblanco, 22 Years, Police Department

Mayor Crawford explained Officer Monteblanco sends his regrets that he was unable to attend. Mayor Crawford expressed appreciation for his service and Chief Guerrero announced an upcoming retirement ceremony to honor Officer Monteblanco.

- Proclamation: National Mentoring Month

Mayor Crawford awarded a proclamation to Joe Thornton, fondly referred to in the community as “Big Bro Joe,” designating January 2025 as National Mentoring Month. Big Bro Joe emphasized the significance of mentoring young people, particularly young men, and expressed his gratitude to the City and his team for their support.

2. VISITORS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to approve the agenda as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Millbauer.
DISCUSSION:	None.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Beauchamp.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- a. **Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024, City Council regular meeting as presented.
- b. **Meeting Minutes: December 17, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024, City Council regular meeting as presented.
- c. **Claim Roster: Toyota Center Operations and Box Office Accounts**
Motion to approve the Claims Rosters for the Toyota Center Operations and Box Office Accounts for November 2024 in the amount of \$842,841.43 comprised of check numbers 27790-27891 in the amount of \$389,139.09 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$453,702.34.
- d. **Claims Roster: Columbia Park Golf Course Account**
Motion to approve the Claims Roster for the Columbia Park Golf Course Account for November 2024 in the amount of \$49,396.20 comprised of check numbers 2908-2918 in the amount of \$10,664.06 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$38,732.14.
- e. **Payroll Roster: For the Pay Period Ending 12/15/2024**
Motion to approve the Payroll Roster for the pay period ending 12/15/2024.
- f. **Board & Commission Vacancy: Arts Commission Appointment**
Motion to approve the Interview Committee's recommendation to appoint Warren Hughs to Position 4 using the City Clerk's recommended termination date of March 31, 2027.
- g. **Board & Commission Vacancy: Historic Preservation Commission Appointments**
Motion to approve the Interview Committee's recommendation to appoint Kim Simmons to Position 2 with a term expiring in 2026 and Thomas Smith to Position 3 with a term expiring in 2027.
- h. **Board & Commission Vacancy: Planning Commission Appointments**
Motion to approve the Interview Committee's recommendation for the appointment of Douglas Perez to Position 6 using the City Clerk's recommended term expiring March 31, 2028, and Ana Rahimlou to Position 7, with a term expiring March 31, 2028.
- i. **Board & Commission Vacancy: Parks & Recreation Commission Appointment**
Motion to approve the Interview Committee's recommendation to appoint Ryan Nell to Position 2 with a term expiring March 31, 2026.
- j. **Resolution 25-01: Authorizing Investment in the Local Government Investment Pool and Repealing Resolution No. 14-16**
Motion to adopt the resolution as presented. The City Clerk assigned Resolution No. 25-01

5. **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:** None.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

9. **VISITORS:**

A visitor spoke to a variety of topics including current affairs, personal opinions, and religion.

10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:**

Councilmembers reported on their respective activities, upcoming events, and items of concern to include appreciation for the newly appointed board and commission members.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Crawford concluded the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Krystal Johnston

Krystal Johnston, CMC, CPRO
City Clerk

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<https://kennewickwa.new.swagit.com/videos/325173>