

**CITY OF KENNEWICK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2025**

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Erin Erdman, *City Manager*
Cary Roe, *Deputy City Manager*
Laurencio Sanguino, *City Attorney*
Trever Davis, *Police Chief*
Michael Heffner, *Fire Chief*
John Cowling, *Public Works Director*
Jessica Platt, *Finance Director*
Anthony Muai, *Planning Director*

Krystal Johnston, *City Clerk*
Martin Nelson, *Stormwater & Solid Waste
Program Engineer*
George Ray, *Economic Development Director*
Chad Crouch, *Executive Services Director*
Jose Santoy, *Police Commander*
Dana Dollarhyde, *Communications & Marketing
Specialist*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. due to technical difficulties with the computer system.

Ms. Johnston stated all councilmembers were in attendance and that a quorum was established.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 3518 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No invocation provided.

Proclamation: Day of the Girl Mayor Crawford read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Girl Scout Troop 3518 and their leaders including Abby Runner and Brian Newberry. Mr. Newberry spoke to the importance of scouting and spoke in appreciation for the ongoing support and recognition from the City of Kennewick.

Proclamation: Community Planning Month Councilmember McShane read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Community Planning Director Anthony Muai. Mr. Muai spoke in appreciation of his staff and the support offered by City Council.

Introduction of New Staff: Ms. Erdman warmly welcomed George Ray, the City's new Economic Development Director, highlighting his qualifications and experience. Mr. Ray spoke to the Council and conveyed his enthusiasm for fostering economic growth in Kennewick.

2. VISITORS:

Nine residents expressed their concerns regarding various issues in Benton County's Tri-Cities Heights neighborhood. They urged the Council to take action to address problems related to garbage, noise, safety, and traffic in the unincorporated area adjacent to Canal Drive.

One visitor advocated for an aquatic center in Kennewick.

One visitor emphasized the need for investment and backing for Downtown, particularly concerning Visit Tri-Cities' support for Clover Island Hotel.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Millbauer.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

- a. **Meeting Minutes: September 16, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- b. **Meeting Minutes: September 23, 2025, City Council Workshop**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- c. **Claims Roster: Columbia Park Golf Course Account**
Motion to approve the Claims Roster for the Columbia Park Golf Course Account for August 2025 in the amount of \$58,933.82 consisting of check numbers 2950-2962 and 2982-2990 in the amount of \$19,592.95 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$39,340.87.
- d. **Payroll Roster: For the Pay Period Ending 09/15/2025**
Motion to approve the payroll roster for the pay period ending 09/15/2025.
- e. **Disbursement Agreement: Rural County Capital Funds (RCCF) Disbursement Agreement with Benton County for the Three Rivers Convention Center**
Motion to approve the Rural County Capital Funds (RCCF) Disbursement Agreement with Benton County for the Three Rivers Convention Center as presented.
- f. **Interlocal: Kennewick School District & Kennewick Police Department School Resource Officer Agreement**
Motion to approve the agreement as presented.
- g. **Contract: Professional Services Agreement for Data Governance Framework and Strategic Plan with CompuNet in the Amount of \$59,250**
Motion to approve the contract as presented.
- h. **Contract Award: Columbia Park East Boat Launch Floats; RFB 25-021**
Motion to award the project to Tapani Inc as presented and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.
- i. **Grant: Columbia Park East Boat Launch Floats - Grant Award Approval**
Motion to approve the grant award totaling \$727,250.00 as described and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.
- j. **Grant: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award (AFG) for Hazmat and Technical Rescue Team Training**
Motion to authorize the City Manager (or her designee) to accept the AFG grant award for Hazmat and Technical Rescue Team training and to execute any necessary documents.

- k. **Grant: Amendment to WSDOT Agreement GCB3138 for the US395/Ridgeline Interchange Project**
Motion to authorize the City Manager to sign Amendment No. 2 with the Washington State Department of Transportation as presented.

5. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Resolution 25-14: Amending Ambulance Transport & Mileage Rates**
Chief Heffner provided a staff report and replied to Council questions.

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to adopt the resolution as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Anderson
DISCUSSION:	Comments were offered in support of the motion, citing the low cost of services when compared to regional providers and asked clarifying questions.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

The City Clerk assigned Resolution No. 25-14

- b. **Ordinance 25-6140: Housekeeping Update Amending KMC 10.12.060 Concerning Pistols and Semiautomatic Assault Rifles**

Ms. Johnston read the ordinance title into the record:

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIREARMS - WEAPONS AND
AMENDING SECTION 10.12.060 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE**

Mr. Sanguino presented a staff report and addressed the questions posed by the Council. Before the motion was made, Council members engaged in a discussion regarding the Second Amendment rights of individuals aged 18 to 20, as well as the circumstances in which the housekeeping ordinance would apply or not. Mr. Sanguino explained this ordinance is limited to clarifying the City's designation of the offense (when prosecuted) in alignment with the state law; it does not create new regulations.

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to adopt the ordinance as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Beauchamp
DISCUSSION:	There was no discussion after the motion was made; discussion occurred after the staff report.
VOTE:	The motion passed 6-1 with Mayor Crawford dissenting

The City Clerk assigned Ordinance No. 25-6140

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Ordinance 25-6141: Waste Management Solid Waste Services Franchise and Contract**

Ms. Johnston read the ordinance title into the record:

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO WASTE MANAGEMENT OF
WASHINGTON, INC. d/b/a WASTE MANAGEMENT OF KENNEWICK FOR THE
COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE IN THE CITY OF KENNEWICK**

Mr. Cowling provided a staff report and answered Council's questions.

Mayor Crawford opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Testimony: Five visitors spoke in opposition to the contract citing reasons such as the length of the contract, lack of competitive bidding process, costs of services, bin size, and the sharp rise in costs.

No testimony was offered in favor of the contract.

Mayor Crawford closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to adopt the franchise ordinance and approve the Waste Management contract as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Beauchamp
DISCUSSION:	Council engaged in a lengthy discussion concerning the merits of the contract, options available, the process to identify a contract provider, and aspects of the contract terms and conditions.
VOTE:	The motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Trumbo dissenting

The City Clerk assigned Ordinance 25-6141

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

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

8. CONCLUSION: Mayor Crawford concluded the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Krystal Johnston

Krystal Johnston, 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/357484>