

**CITY OF KENNEWICK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2026**

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Jason McShane, Mayor	Brad Klippert, Councilmember
Chuck Torelli, Mayor Pro Tem	Jim Millbauer, Councilmember
Loren Anderson, Councilmember	John Trumbo, Councilmember
Brad Beauchamp, Councilmember	

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Erin Erdman, City Manager	Jessica Platt, Finance Director
Lisa Beaton, Deputy City Manager	Chad Crouch, Executive Services Director
Cary Roe, Deputy City Manager	Anthony Muai, Planning Director
Laurencio Sanguino, City Attorney	Jeremy Lustig, Deputy Public Works Director
Chris Guerrero, Police Chief	Krystal Johnston, City Clerk
Michael Heffner, Fire Chief	Jillian Henze, PIO/Marketing Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Chief Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance. No one was present to provide the invocation.

Ms. Johnston administered the oath of office to Councilmember Anderson, Councilmember Klippert, Councilmember McShane, and Councilmember Trumbo.

With all Councilmembers sworn into office, Ms. Johnston stated all members were present with a quorum established.

Selection of Mayor for the 2026 & 2027 Term: Ms. Johnston explained the rules and procedures for the selection of mayor; there were no questions raised. Pursuant to the Council Governance Coordination Manual, all Councilmembers were nominated for the position of mayor. Councilmembers Anderson, Beauchamp, Millbauer, and Trumbo declined the nomination. Several councilmembers voiced support for a particular nominee.

Selection of Mayor Round One:

Upon the vote being called, Mr. Trumbo asked to pass his vote. Ms. Johnston explained the Council Governance Coordination Manual does not permit a pass and specifies voting occur in reverse alphabetical order.

MOTION:	Councilmember Trumbo moved to suspend the Council rules relating to the election of Mayor to allow a Councilmember to pass.
SECOND:	Councilmember Klippert.
DISCUSSION:	Council debated the merits of the motion and the implications and logistics of a pass vote.
VOTE:	The motion failed (2-5); Councilmember Klippert and Councilmember Trumbo dissenting.

- Councilmember Klippert received two votes (*from Councilmember Klippert and Councilmember Trumbo*)
- Councilmember McShane received three votes (*from Councilmember Anderson, Councilmember Beauchamp, and Councilmember McShane*),

- Councilmember Torelli received two (*from Councilmember Millbauer and Councilmember Torelli*)

Selection of Mayor Round Two:

- Councilmember Klippert received two votes (*from Councilmember Klippert and Councilmember Trumbo*)
- Councilmember McShane received five votes (*from Councilmember Anderson, Councilmember Beauchamp, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Millbauer, and Councilmember Torelli*)

Upon receiving the majority of votes (5), Councilmember McShane was selected as mayor for the 2026-2027 term and presided over the balance of the meeting.

Selection of Mayor Pro Tem for the 2026 & 2027 Term: Mayor McShane explained the rules and procedures for the selection of mayor pro tem; there were no questions raised. Pursuant to the Council Governance Coordination Manual, all six Councilmembers were nominated for the position of mayor pro tem. Councilmembers Anderson, Beauchamp, and Trumbo declined the nomination. Several councilmembers voiced support for a particular nominee.

Selection of Mayor Pro Tem Round One:

- Councilmember Klippert received two votes (*from Councilmember Klippert and Councilmember Trumbo*)
- Councilmember Torelli received five votes (*from Councilmember Anderson, Councilmember Beauchamp, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Millbauer, and Councilmember Torelli*)

Upon receiving the majority of votes (5), Councilmember Torelli was selected as mayor pro tem for the 2026-2027 term.

Proclamation: Proclamation: National Mentoring Month - January 2026. Mayor McShane read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Joe Thornton, Founder, Big Bro Joe Foundation. Mr. Thornton spoke to the importance of mentorship and thanked the Council for the recognition on behalf of all mentors.

2. VISITORS:

Three visitors spoke to resources and needs of veterans.

One visitor addressed the topic of housing and resource needs for unhoused persons in the community.

One visitor spoke to the topic of private citizens plowing public streets to clear snow and ice.

One visitor spoke in regards to conditions in and near Zintel Canyon.

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

- a. **Meeting Minutes: December 16, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- b. **Claims Roster: Columbia Park Golf Course Account**
Motion to approve the Claims Roster for the Columbia Park Golf Course Account for November 2025 in the amount of \$46,924.94 consisting of check numbers 2981-2989 and 3019-3028 in the amount of \$19,461.70 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$27,463.24.
- c. **Payroll Roster: For the Pay Period Ending 12/15/2025**
Motion to approve the payroll roster for the pay period ending 12/15/2025.
- d. **Final Plat: Harmony Estates located at 8045 W. 10th Ave; SUB-2025-0009**
Motion to authorize the Mayor (or in his absence the Mayor Pro Tem) to sign the Final Plat of Harmony Estates, contingent upon payment of fees and required easements.
- e. **Final Plat: Apple Valley Phase 8, 7124 W 31st Place, SUB-2025-0010**
Motion to authorize the Mayor (or in his absence the Mayor Pro Tem) to sign the Final Plat of Apple Valley Phase 8, contingent upon payment of fees and bonding or incomplete sidewalk and landscape work.
- f. **Contract: Authorize Award of Toyota Center Marquee Sign Replacement to Daktronics Inc through KCDA Cooperative Contract**
Motion to authorize the City Manager to award and execute an agreement with Daktronics, Inc. for the replacement of the Toyota Center marquee sign as presented.
- g. **Contract: Acceptance of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan for the Ranney Collector No. 5 PFAS Treatment System Improvements Project (P2508)**
Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract as presented.
- h. **Contract: Authorize Award of Clean Building Performance Standards Consultant Agreement Contract to Ameresco, Inc. (RFP 25-019)**
Motion to authorize staff to execute a professional services agreement with Ameresco, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$173,822 for RFP-25-019.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Councilmembers reported on their respective activities, upcoming events, and items of concern. Chief Guerrero and Chief Heffner provided a briefing on fireworks activities and impacts over the holiday.

6. CONCLUSION: Mayor McShane concluded the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Krystal Johnston

Krystal Johnston, CMC, CPRO
City Clerk

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<https://kennewickwa.new.swagit.com/videos/371318>