

**CITY OF KENNEWICK  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
January 27, 2026**

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:**

**Jason McShane**, *Mayor*  
**Chuck Torelli**, *Mayor Pro Tem*  
**Loren Anderson**, *Councilmember*  
**Brad Beauchamp**, *Councilmember*

**Brad Klippert**, *Councilmember*  
**Jim Millbauer**, *Councilmember*  
**John Trumbo**, *Councilmember*

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

**Lisa Beaton**, *Deputy City Manager*  
**Cary Roe**, *Deputy City Manager*  
**Laurencio Sanguino**, *City Attorney*  
**Chris Guerrero**, *Police Chief*  
**Michael Heffner**, *Fire Chief*  
**Anthony Muai**, *Planning Director*  
**Jessica Platt**, *Finance Director*

**Brandon Lange**, *Recreation Supervisor*  
**Matt Halitsky**, *Senior Planner*  
**Steve Donovan**, *Planning Manager*  
**Chad Crouch**, *Executive Services Director*  
**Dylan Doremus**, *Deputy City Clerk*  
**Isaac Merkle**, *Police Commander*

**GUEST PRESENTERS:**

**McKenzie Kennedy-Slack**, *Arts  
Commission Chair*  
**Ron Hue**, *CBDG Committee Chair*  
**Jennifer Harper**, *Historic Preservation  
Commission Chair*  
**Ken Hahn**, *Parks & Recreation  
Commission Chair*

**James Hempstead**, *Planning Commission Chair*  
**Marcus Valentine**, *Architects West Project  
Manager*  
**Lauren Loosveldt**, *Architects West Programming  
Specialist*

**CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor McShane called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor McShane called roll; all Councilmembers were present.

Mayor McShane announced there were no citizen comments submitted.

**1. Boards and Commissions: Presentation of 2025 Accomplishments and 2026 Annual Work Plans:** Anthony Muai, Matt Halitsky, and Brandon Lange introduced commission and committee chairs for a presentation on updating Council on Boards and Commissions. Each presenter provided a summary of their 2025 Boards accomplishments and provided their annual work plan for 2026. Mr. Lange introduced Mckenzie Kennedy-Slack, who is the Chair of the Arts Commission, and Ken Hahn, who is the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Halitsky introduced Jennifer Harper, who is the Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, and finally Mr. Muai introduced James Hempstead, who is the chair of the Planning Commission, and Ron Hue, who is the chair for the Block Grant Advisory Committee (CBDG). After each Commission Chair presented council provided comments and questions, which were answered by staff or the Commission Chairs.

**2. City Hall Replacement Study Request for Proposals (RFP):**

Deputy City Manager Cary Roe introduced members of Architects West, Marcus Valentine and Laureen Loosveldt to provide a presentation on the City Hall Replacement Study. Council provided questions for Mr. Valentine and Ms. Loosveldt who provided answers or referred to staff for additional answers. Mr. Roe concluded the presentation to confirm with Council on next steps to bring back scope of work and professional services agreement for an upcoming council meeting.

**3. Federal Advocacy Services:**

Deputy City Manager Lisa Beaton addressed Councilmembers that City Manager Erin Erdman is seeking approval to have council make a motion to have Ms. Erdman enter into a federal advocacy services agreement with CFM Advocates. The Scope of Services will include assistance with finding grant opportunities, shoreline reconveyance and additional opportunities.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to grant the City Manager authority to enter into a federal advocacy services agreement with CFM Advocates at Level 2, utilizing general fund reserves.
<b>SECOND:</b>	Councilmember Trumbo
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	Councilmembers had questions regarding the use of the general fund budget, what the terms of the length of the agreement would be and debated which level would be adequate. Staff helped assist and answered questions.
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>The motion passed unanimously (7-X).</b>

**CONCLUSION.** Mayor McShane concluded the meeting at 07:48 p.m.



Dylan Doremus  
Deputy City Clerk

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