

**CITY OF KENNEWICK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Jason McShane, *Mayor*
Loren Anderson, *Councilmember*
Brad Beauchamp, *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*
Jake Van Horn, *Deputy Fire Chief*
John Cowling, *Public Works Director*

Jessica Platt, *Finance Director*
Chad Crouch, *Executive Services Director*
Anthony Muai, *Planning Director*
Krystal Johnston, *City Clerk*
Jillian Henze, *PIO/Marketing Supervisor*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McShane called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Johnston stated all councilmembers were in attendance with the exception of Councilmember Klippert and that a quorum was established. She explained Mayor Pro Tem Torelli was present via Zoom.

Councilmember Beauchamp led the Pledge of Allegiance and Matthew Huston provided the invocation.

Mayor McShane stated Councilmember Klippert provided advanced notice of his absence and requested an excusal.

MOTION:	Councilmember Trumbo moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Klippert.
SECOND:	Councilmember Anderson.
DISCUSSION:	None.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (5-0; Mayor Pro Tem Torelli was unable to hear/participate in the meeting due to technical issues with the audio interface).

Mayor Pro Tem Torelli, and later, Councilmember Klippert, attempted to join the meeting via remote connection but due to the failure of the Chamber's audio interface for the Zoom platform, their connections were unsuccessful.

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

2. VISITORS:

Fourteen visitors spoke to the Less Restrictive Alternative Facility for sexual offenders.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Millbauer moved to approve the agenda as presented.

SECOND: Councilmember Trumbo.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: **The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Trumbo moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

SECOND: Councilmember Millbauer.

VOTE: **The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

- a. **Meeting Minutes: February 3, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- b. **Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2026, City Council Workshop**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- c. **Claims Roster: January 2026**
Motion to approve the Claims Roster for January 2026 in the amount of \$10,350,243.06 comprised of electronic payments and check numbers 322536-323031.
- d. **Payroll Roster: For the Pay Period Ending 1/31/2026**
Motion to approve the payroll roster for the pay period ending 1/31/2026.
- e. **Contract: Kennewick Transportation System Plan Consultant Agreement Amendment #2 with Transpo Group for the US 395 (I-82 to I-182) Corridor Planning Study Project (P2511)**
Motion to approve Amendment #2 with Transpo Group as presented.
- f. **Agreement: WSDOT US395 Corridor Planning Study Update (GCC 1326)**
Motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the WSDOT Special Transportation Planning Study Agreement as presented.
- g. **Agreement: WSDOT Agreement and Prospectus to Obligate PE Funds for the Edison to Kellogg Kennewick Irrigation District ROW Pathway Project (P2602)**
Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement and project prospectus as presented.
- h. **Agreement: WSDOT Agreement and Prospectus to Obligate PE Funds for East Columbia Park Bicycle Improvements Project Phase 2 (P2603)**
Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement and Project Prospectus as presented.

5. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Resolution 26-01: Joint Resolution with the Kennewick School District Regarding Less Restrictive Alternative Facilities for Sexual Offenders**

Mr. Roe provided a staff report and together with Mr. Sanguino, answered Council's questions.

Councilmembers collaborated to modify the resolution in the following manner: Add "the Governor of the State of Washington" to the first sentence of the last paragraph on page one; add "the input of those" to the last sentence of the last paragraph on page 2.

MOTION: Councilmember Millbauer moved to adopt the resolution as amended and instruct the City Manager to transmit it to state legislators, the Governor's Office, and DSHS leadership.

SECOND: Councilmember Anderson.

DISCUSSION: Councilmembers discussed the merits of the resolution.

VOTE: **The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

The City Clerk assigned Resolution No. 26-01.

b. Resolution 26-02: Shoreline Reconveyance Memorandum of Agreement with Local Tribes and Municipalities

Mr. Roe provided a staff report and answered Council's questions. During his report, Mr. Roe explained he'd recently learned there may be slight changes to the language in the agreement and exhibits based upon public feedback through the Tribes. Therefore, he recommended Council include flexibility in their motion to allow minor modifications. He committed to return to Council if the changes proposed by the Tribes materially alter the terms and conditions of the documents presented.

MOTION: Councilmember Millbauer moved to adopt the resolution as presented, along with the acceptance of the Memorandum of Agreement and its related exhibits for the Shoreline Reconveyance project; with approval to allow for minor modifications to incorporate the final versions of the documents, which will reflect feedback from the Tribes, provided that the language does not materially alter the terms and conditions of the documents presented today.

SECOND: Councilmember Trumbo.

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the matter and reaffirmed the importance of returning to Council if the changes proposed by the Tribes are substantive.

VOTE: **The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

The City Clerk assigned Resolution No. 26-02.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Resolution 26-03: Vacation of a Portion of a 20-Foot Water Line Easement Located at 5775, 5803, 5831, W 28th Pl and 5748 W 28th Ave (ENG-2026-0001)

Mr. Cowling provided a staff report; no questions were raised.

Mayor McShane opened the public hearing at 8:01 p.m.

Testimony: None.

Mayor McShane closed the public hearing at 8:01 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt the resolution as presented and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

SECOND: Councilmember Millbauer.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: **The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

The City Clerk assigned Resolution No. 26-03

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Councilmembers reported on their respective activities, upcoming events, and items of concern. The Mayor and Councilmembers spoke at length regarding the LRA matter. Councilmember Trumbo raised a particular point regarding transparency and notification to the public for the LRA site. He shared his recollection of an executive session which occurred “months ago” and went on to state that he shared details of that meeting with a person who lived in the vicinity. Mayor McShane drew the public’s attention to the approval of item 4.g., a construction project to install a public park facility/trail directly behind the proposed LRA property pursuant to the Pathways and Trails Master Plan Council approved in March 2025.

8. CONCLUSION: Mayor McShane concluded the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Krystal Johnston

Krystal Johnston, CMC, CPRO
City Clerk

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<https://kennewickwa.new.swagit.com/videos/375420>