

**CITY OF KENNEWICK  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2026**

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:**

**Jason McShane**, *Mayor (remote)*  
**Chuck Torelli**, *Mayor Pro Tem*  
**Loren Anderson**, *Councilmember*

**Brad Klippert**, *Councilmember*  
**Jim Millbauer**, *Councilmember (remote)*  
**John Trumbo**, *Councilmember*

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

**Erin Erdman**, *City Manager*  
**Lisa Beaton**, *Deputy City Manager*  
**Cary Roe**, *Deputy City Manager*  
**Laurencio Sanguino**, *City Attorney*  
**Chris Guerrero**, *Police Chief*  
**Michael Heffner**, *Fire Chief*  
**John Cowling**, *Public Works Director*

**Jessica Platt**, *Finance Director*  
**Chad Crouch**, *Executive Services Director*  
**Anthony Muai**, *Planning Director*  
**Krystal Johnston**, *City Clerk*  
**Heath Mellotte**, *Design Services Manager*  
**Tyson Duerr**, *Communications Specialist*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Torelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Johnston stated all councilmembers were in attendance with the exception of Councilmember Beauchamp, explained Mayor McShane and Councilmember Millbauer were joining via zoom, and affirmed a quorum was established.

Mayor Pro Tem Torelli stated Councilmember Beauchamp provided advanced notice of his absence and requested an excusal.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Councilmember Anderson moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Beauchamp.
<b>SECOND:</b>	Councilmember Klippert
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	None
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>The motion passed unanimously (6-0).</b>

Councilmember Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tina Gregory provided the invocation.

**2. VISITORS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Torelli stated that the written comments submitted in advance of the meeting had been distributed to all Councilmembers for review before the meeting and would be included in the online meeting materials.

Ms. Erdman and Chief Guerrero provided a brief overview regarding the status of the Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) home at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Edison and explained the format for the visitor comment section to ensure participants had a better understanding of the rules and limitations. A town hall meeting was announced for Monday, January 26, at Highlands Middle School at 6:30 p.m. for a dialogue between the community, city leaders, the Department of Social and Health Services, state legislators, and others.

Thirteen residents spoke against the LRA at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Edison. None spoke in favor.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Councilmember Klippert moved to allow Councilmembers to speak for 30 seconds or less.
<b>SECOND:</b>	Councilmember Trumbo
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	Comments were made in support of, and against, the motion.
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>The motion failed (3-3);</b> Mayor McShane, Councilmember Klippert, and Councilmember Trumbo voting for the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Torelli, Councilmember Anderson, and Councilmember Millbauer voting against.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the agenda as presented.
<b>SECOND:</b>	Councilmember Klippert
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	None.
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>The motion passed unanimously (6-0)</b>

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
<b>SECOND:</b>	Mayor McShane
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>The motion passed unanimously (6-0)</b>

- a. **Meeting Minutes: January 6, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting**  
*Motion to approve the minutes as presented.*
- b. **Meeting Minutes: January 13, 2026, City Council Workshop**  
*Motion to approve the minutes as presented.*
- c. **Claims Roster: December 2025**  
*Motion to approve the Claims Roster for December 2025 in the amount of \$11,171,034.77 comprised of electronic payments and check numbers 322145-322535.*
- d. **Payroll Roster: For the Pay Period Ending 12/31/2025**  
*Motion to approve the payroll roster for the pay period ending 12/31/2025.*
- e. **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 2025 in the amount of \$1,378,550.96 comprised of check numbers 28738-28828 in the amount of \$295,317.41 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,083,233.55*
- f. **Boards and Commissions: Council's 2026 & 2027 Board and Committee Assignments**  
*Motion to approve the 2026 & 2027 Council board and committee assignments as presented.*
- g. **Contract: Ratify Authorization to Award Toyota Center Marquee Sign Replacement Purchase Order to Daktronics Inc through KCDA Cooperative Contract**  
*Motion to ratify authorization of an agreement with Daktronics, Inc. for the replacement of the Toyota Center marquee sign.*

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Transportation Benefit District: 2025 Annual Report & 2026 Project List Approval**  
Heath Mellotte, Design Services Manager, provided a staff report and answered Council's questions.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the Transportation Benefit District 2026 project list as presented.
<b>SECOND:</b>	Councilmember Klippert
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	Council expressed appreciation for the work of staff.
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>The motion passed unanimously (6-0)</b>

**6. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:**

Councilmembers spoke at length regarding the LRA housing at 8<sup>th</sup> & Edison and brief updates of a general nature.

**7. CONCLUSION:** Mayor Pro Tem Torelli concluded the meeting at 7:51 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/372667>