

**CITY OF KENNEWICK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 3, 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:

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
Caleb Shannon, Utility Services Manager
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 present and that a quorum was established.

Mr. Cowling led the Pledge of Allegiance; no invocation was offered.

2. VISITORS:

1 visitor spoke to utility rate reduction for low-income households and households with disabled persons and also addressed homelessness resources and needs.

1 visitor addressed the previous speaker's suggestions and countered their perspective.

1 visitor spoke to the ordinance proposed under agenda item 5.a, urban mixed zones.

1 visitor spoke to the invocation processes and addressed the Less Restrictive Alternative housing for sexual predators.

12 visitors addressed the Less Restrictive Alternative housing for sexual predators.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to approve the agenda as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Millbauer.
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: February 17, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- b. **Meeting Minutes: February 24, 2026, City Council Workshop**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- c. **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 January 2026 in the amount of \$275,922.11 comprised of check numbers 28916-28994 in the amount of \$205,748.68 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$70,173.43.
- d. **Claims Roster: Columbia Park Golf Course Account**
Motion to approve the Claims Roster for the Columbia Park Golf Course Account for January 2026 in the amount of \$41,796.84, comprised of check numbers 325 and 3001-3010 in the amount of \$22,953.80 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$18,843.04.
- e. **Payroll Roster: For the Pay Period Ending 2/15/2026**
Motion to approve the payroll roster for the pay period ending 2/15/2026.
- f. **Council Committee & Board Assignments: Tri-City Regional Public Facilities District 2026 - 2029 Terms**
Motion to confirm the appointment of Councilmember Millbauer, Councilmember Trumbo, and Kennewick Public Facilities District Board Member Ron Hue to the Tri-Cities Regional Public Facilities District (TCRPF) Board for the 2026-2029 term.
- g. **Equipment: IT Hardware Purchase Funding Authorization**
Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute purchase orders for Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) and server hardware for the City's data center, incorporating approval for future budget amendments to move approximately \$600,000 of capital funding forward to the 2026 fiscal year to cover these purchase orders.

5. ORDINANCES

- a. **Ordinance: Amending KMC Title 18.12.010, Permitted Uses in the Urban Mixed-Use (UMU) Zone (DCA-2025-0006)**

Ms. Johnston read the ordinance title into the record:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TABLE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL USES AND AMENDING SECTION 18.12.010 B.1 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE

Mr. Muai provided a staff report and answered Council’s questions, which focused heavily on the review and application process, the current status of the zone, the applicant’s circumstances, available alternatives, and the potential outcomes of various options.

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to remand the proposal back to the planning commission and direct staff to start a new amendment review.
SECOND:	Councilmember Beauchamp.
DISCUSSION:	Councilmember spoke to the merits of the motion.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

- b. **Ordinance Docket: Modifying the Kennewick Municipal Code (KMC) Chapter 17 (DCA-2025-0007)**

Mayor McShane explained all matters listed within the ordinance docket were distributed to each member of the Kennewick City Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and may be enacted by one motion of the Council. He advised that following the

staff report, Council could request additional information or speak to any of the ordinances under the docket. He further explained that a Councilmember opposed to one or more ordinance, could strike that item from the docket for separate consideration and vote.

Ms. Johnston read each of the ordinance titles into the record as listed below:

5.b.1.: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SUBDIVISIONS AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.14 TO THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE

5.b.2.: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND AMENDING SECTION 17.04.020 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE

Mr. Muai provided a staff report, explaining the ordinances are required because of new state mandates; they are not discretionary. Mr. Muai responded to Council's questions.

Mayor McShane inquired if Council wished to pull any ordinance from the docket. None were pulled.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to adopt the KMC Title 17 ordinance update docket as presented (docket items 5.b.1 and 5.b.2).

SECOND: Councilmember Millbauer.

DISCUSSION: Councilmembers stated their reason for opposing the motion.

VOTE: **The motion passed (5-2); Councilmember Klippert and Councilmember Trumbo dissenting**
The City Clerk assigned ordinance numbers as listed below:

26-6167: Item 5.b.1. RELATING TO SUBDIVISIONS AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.14 TO THE KMC

26-6168: Item 5.b.2. RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND AMENDING SECTION 17.04.020 OF THE KMC

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Resolution 26-04: Final Latecomers Reimbursement Agreement for S. Colorado Street Sewer

Mr. Shannon provided a staff report and together with Mr. Cowling, answered Council's questions.

Mayor McShane opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Testimony: None.

Mayor McShane closed the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to adopt the resolution as presented and authorize the City Manager to sign the Final Latecomers Reimbursement Agreement for S Colorado Street Sewer.

SECOND: Councilmember Anderson.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: **The motion passed unanimously (7-0)**

The City Clerk assigned Resolution No. 26-04.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

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

Ms. Erdman provided a brief update on the status of the shoreline reconveyance efforts and a planned trip to Washington, D.C., to advocate for funding at the national level.

10. CONCLUSION: Mayor McShane concluded the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Krystal Johnston

Krystal Johnston, CMC, CPRO
City Clerk

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