

**CITY OF KENNEWICK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 2026**

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Chuck Torelli, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Loren Anderson, *Councilmember*
Brad Beauchamp, *Councilmember*
Left at 7:31pm

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Erin Erdman, *City Manager*
Lisa Beaton, *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*
Dylan Doremus, *Deputy City Clerk*
Jillian Henze, *PIO/Marketing Supervisor*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mr. Doremus stated all Councilmembers were in attendance with the exception of Mayor McShane and that a quorum was established.

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

MOTION:	Councilmember Anderson moved to excuse the absence of Mayor McShane.
SECOND:	Councilmember Millbauer
DISCUSSION:	None.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilmember Beauchamp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No invocation provided.

Proclamation: EMS/Paramedics Week Councilmember Klippert read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Battalion Chief Andrew Streibeck, Captain/Paramedic Garhett Dotta, Firefighter/Paramedic Mason Osborn, Firefighter/EMT Garrett Riley, Firefighter/EMT Alexander Alvarez-Coyle, and Firefighter/Paramedic Garrett Trappett.

Proclamation: Public Works Week Councilmember Millbauer read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Deputy Public Works Director Jeremy Lustig, Utility Services Manager Caleb Shannon, Development Review Supervisor Kristin Stowe, Senior Design Services Engineer Ryan Durham, and Contract Office Administrator Sandra Quandt.

2. VISITORS:

Five visitors spoke to the City Hall replacement study and potential solutions and impacts.

A speaker discussed the opportunity for Council to make Kennewick a Purple Heart City.

A speaker discussed a billboard proposal.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Torelli stated Councilmember Trumbo requested Item 4.e. be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to amend the agenda to add “ CITY HALL RFP follow up DISCUSSION ” immediately following the Consent Agenda.
SECOND:	Councilmember Millbauer.
DISCUSSION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli clarified the purpose of the motion was to allow Councilmember Beauchamp to participate in the City Hall update prior to leaving the meeting early. He also clarified removal of item 4.e. from the consent agenda.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (6-0)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION:	Councilmember Millbauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.
SECOND:	Councilmember Beauchamp.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (6-0)

- a. **Meeting Minutes: May 5, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- b. **Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2026, City Council Workshop**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- c. **Claims Roster: April 2026**
Motion to approve the Claims Roster for April 2026 in the amount of \$4,763,312.11 comprised of electronic payments and check numbers 323818-324166.
- d. **Payroll Roster: For the Pay Period Ending 4/30/2026**
Motion to approve the payroll roster for the pay period ending 4/30/2026.
- f. **Contract: Lease Agreement with Save the Club, LLC for Zintel Creek Golf Course**
Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease agreement with Save the Club, LLC, for Zintel Golf Course, LLC, as presented.
- g. **Contract: Award the Amon Lift Station Upgrades Design Project - P2612 - to Keller Associates, Inc.**
Motion to award the Amon Lift Station Upgrades Design Project P2612 to Keller Associates, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$103,600.
- h. **Contract: Award the Bob Olson & Sherman Traffic Signal Project P2504-26, to Ellison Earthworks**
Motion to award Contract P2504 Bob Olson & Sherman Traffic Signal Project to Ellison Earthworks, for an amount not to exceed \$511,609.20.
- i. **Contract: Award the Zone 2 East Olympia Transmission Main Project - P2312-26 - to Culbert Construction, Inc.**
Motion to award P2312-26 Zone 2 East Olympia Transmission Main to Culbert Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$4,761,898.89
- j. **Contract: Award the Belfair and Umatilla Waterline Project P250-26 to Big D's Construction of Tri-Cities, Inc.**
Motion to award P2520-26 Belfair and Umatilla Waterline Project to Big D's Construction of Tri-Cities, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$953,988.43.

- k. **Public Hearing: Setting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan Public Hearing for June 2, 2026**
Motion to set the date of June 2, 2026, for a public hearing to adopt the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2027-2032).

5. DISCUSSION

a. Discussion: City Hall RFP

Ms. Erdman provided a staff report regarding the City Hall RFP and the three concepts that were presented by the consultants at the May 12, 2026, workshop. Ms. Erdman sought Council consensus to proceed with a recommendation to continue the current RFP scope and authorize a time extension for the consultants to vet the three concepts with an added focus for an aquatic center. The consultants would return to Council at the June 23, 2026, workshop to review the masterplan concepts and aquatic facility for final consideration in July 2026.

Ms. Erdman answered Council’s questions and Council unanimously concurred with Ms. Erdman’s recommendations.

6. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

a. Ordinance Docket: Merging the Planning Commission and Block Grant Advisory Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Torelli explained all matters listed within the ordinance docket were distributed to each member of the Kennewick City Council for reading and study, are routine, and may be enacted by on 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 due to the interrelated nature the ordinances will be approved or denied in one motion and cannot be separated. If a Councilmember were opposed to one or more of the ordinances, they will need to cast a no vote on the motion to adopt the docket.

Mr. Doremus read the ordinance titles into the record:

6.a.1. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ESTABLISHMENT AND REPEALING SECTION 2.16.520 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE.

6.a.2. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – POWERS AND DUTIES AND REPEALING SECTION 2.16.530 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE.

6.a.3. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PLANNING COMMISSION POWERS – DUTIES AND AMENDING SECTION 2.16.210 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE.

Mr. Muai provided a staff report and answered Council’s questions.

MOTION:	Councilmember Millbauer moved to adopt the ordinance as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Anderson.
DISCUSSION:	None.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (6-0)
<i>The City Clerk assigned Ordinance Numbers as shown below:</i>	

26-6193 6.a.1. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ESTABLISHMENT AND REPEALING SECTION 2.16.520 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE

26-6194 6.a.2. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – POWERS AND DUTIES AND REPEALING SECTION 2.16.530 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE.

26-6195 6.a.3. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PLANNING COMMISSION POWERS – DUTIES AND AMENDING SECTION 2.16.210 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Citywide Military Honor Designations

Ms. Erdman provided a staff report to designate the City of Kennewick as a Purple Heart City. This designation requires a resolution, followed by a ceremonial proclamation. Ms. Erdman sought Council consensus to proceed with the designation and proclamation and answered Council's questions. Council concurred with the designation; the matter will receive final consideration at a future meeting.

4.e. City Manager Performance & Compensation (*pulled from Consent*)

Councilmember Trumbo explained his reasons for pulling the item from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to increase the City Manager's compensation by 3.75% from her current salary, effective May 6, 2026, in accordance with her employment contract, due to a favorable performance review.
SECOND:	Councilmember Beauchamp.
DISCUSSION:	Councilmembers praised Ms. Erdman's performance. Some Councilmembers raised concerns over the proposed increase while others spoke in support of it.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (5-1); Councilmember Trumbo dissenting.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

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

Councilmember Millbauer sought Council consensus to task the Planning Commission with researching the billboard proposal discussed by a visitor under public comment. Council unanimously concurred with Councilmember Millbauer's initiative.

9. CONCLUSION: Mayor Pro Tem Torelli concluded the meeting at 7:43 p.m.



Dylan Doremus
Deputy City Clerk

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<https://kennewickwa.new.swagit.com/videos/388626>