



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall
1104 Maple Street
January 20, 2026 6:00 PM

The city conducted this public meeting using a hybrid model, in-person and on the Zoom platform.

Staff present: Wilson, Marquez, Johnstone, Ruth, Moericke, Steffens, Palmer, Beagle, Kosa and Converse

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUMNER CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR BOWMAN AT 6:00PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Roll Call: Elfers, Evers, Hochstatter, Kenna, Reinke and Wilsey

COUNCILMEMBER KENNA WAS ABSENT. AS PER COUNCILL RULES OF PROCEDURE, HE INFORMED THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF HIS ABSENSE.

MOVED BY REINKE SECONDED BY ELFERS TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER KENNA FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY ELFERS SECONDED BY EVERS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF:

1. Approval of the meeting minutes of January 5th, 2026, regular Council meeting and the 12th of January 2026, study session.
2. Approval of checks/electronic payments in the amount of \$5,388,613.18.
3. Hunt Avenue Reconstruction - Design Consultant Agreement
4. Resolution No.1738 - Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Acceptance – Neighborhood Traffic Calming and Intersection Data Collection
5. Resolution No.1739 - Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Acceptance - Roadway Curve Warning and Delineation
6. Stewart Road Bridge Temporary Construction Easement Extension - Manke Lumber
7. Stewart Road Bridge Temporary Construction Easement Extension - Potelco Industries LTD
8. Stewart Road Bridge Temporary Construction Easement Extension - Riverside Free Will Baptist Church

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

2. Public Comment

Randall Adams - 15013 63rd Street Court East.
Kasey Henderson – Sumner, WA

3. New Business

a. Resolution No. 1740 – 2026 Refuse Rates

COUNCILMEMBER REINKE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1740 – 2026 REFUSE RATES. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSEY.

Deputy City Administrator Jeff Steffens spoke.

Amanda Henderson, Sumner, WA commented.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. Ordinance No. 2938 – Donation, Naming Rights & Sponsorship

COUNCILMEMBER EVERS MOVED TO APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 2938 – DONATION, NAMING REIGHTS & SPONSORSHIP. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ELFERS.

Deputy City Attorney Doug Ruth spoke to the item.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

3. Reports

a. Council

Deputy Mayor Elfers gave updates on the Finance & Personnel and Public Works Committees

Councilmember Reinke updated the Finance & Personnel Committee, Pierce Council Regional Council.

Councilmember Evers was impressed by the amount of Public Works projects being funded by grants.

Councilmember Hochstatter thanked the Public Works Department for the installation of signage at the corner of Maple and Wood. He also spoke about HOPS Alley and the excitement it has generated within the community. Councilmember Hochstatter reported that he will be serving on two committees, neither of which has met yet, and he will provide updates at the next meeting.

Councilmember Wilsey noted that neither of the two committees she serves on have met yet. Ms. Wilsey concluded her report by encouraging residents to dine local!

b. **City Administrator**

City Administrator Jason Wilson shared the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- January 26th – Special Council Meeting
 - Heritage Park Change Order for Interim Park Improvements
- January 26th – Study Session
 - Council Presentation from Washington Cities Insurance Authority
- February 2nd – Regular Council Meeting (Canceled)
- February 9th – Study Session
 - Joint training with the planning commission regarding Parliamentary Procedures

Miscellaneous:

- Sumner University returns this February on the 11th and 25th. The University provides a participatory overview of significant city services. Attendance is limited to 50 participants, and is filling up quickly. More information can be found on our website.
- The City is accepting applications for the council vacancy. Applications and more information can be found on our website.

c. **Mayor**

Mayor Bowman at the invitation of some residents, she attended a POW WOW. She very much enjoyed themselves. Reflected on her first 20 days in office. The Mayor updated the public on the legislative items and reminded the public that we are paying attention.

4. Executive Session

Mayor Bowman adjourned the regular council meeting into an Executive Session at 6:53pm, for the purposes of Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation. The Executive Session will last 20 minutes and there will be no action to follow.

5. Adjournment

The Regular Meeting was reconvened and adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

Signed by:



Carla S. Bowman, Mayor

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Michelle Converse, CMC, City Clerk