



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall 1104 Maple Street
March 16, 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, Ruth, Windish, Moericke, Palmer, Steffens, Raymond, Beadle, McCurdy, Kosa, Carnahan 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 – Father Burns

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

COUNCILMEMBER EVERS WAS ABSENT. HE NOTIFIED THE MAYOR PER COUNCIL RULES. MOVED BY ELFERS SECONDED BY KENNA TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER EVERS FROM TONIGHT’S MEETING. PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Bowman invited Mark Malcolm to podium and administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Malcolm was chosen to fill a vacancy left by Mayor Bowman. Mr. Malcolm will fulfill the remainder of Bowmans council term (December 2027). The new Councilmember took his seat on the Dias.

CIVIC COMMEDATIONS

Sumner Police Chief Moericke and East Pierce Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief Stabenfeldt recognized two community members for their heroic actions in rescuing individuals from separate house fires.

Terry Gemmell and Derek Konzelman were both honored for their bravery during separate incidents on February 15 and February 26, respectively.

Both individuals received a Sumner Police Commendation Award, as well as a Civilian Citation from East Pierce Fire & Rescue, in recognition of their actions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. White River Restoration Project - Property Acquisition Schliesman
2. Sewer Manholes and Castings - Construction Contract Award
3. Fryar Avenue Trail Project Property Acquisition - Puget Sound Energy
4. Fryar Avenue Trail Project Property Acquisition - Club Wealth
5. Resolution No. 1747 - Setting a Public Hearing Date for Vacation of a Portion of 63rd Street East

6. Resolution No. 1743 - Climate Change and Resiliency - Department of Commerce Grant Acceptance
7. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$2,388,007.98.
8. Approval of the meeting minutes from the regular council meeting of March 2, 2026 and the study session of March 9, 2026.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Ordinance No. 2958 – Vacation of a Portion of the Harrison Street Alley**

Mayor Bowman opened the Public Hearing at 6:22PM and called on Deputy City Attorney Doug Ruth to address the item.

Janis Suznevich, Bonney Lake spoke to the item.

With no additional comments from the public, Mayor Bowman closed the Public Hearing at 6:29pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **Unfinished Business**

2. **Public Comment**

Tina Burnett, 228 Sumner Avenue.

3. **New Business**

a. **Ordinance No. 2956 – Franchise Agreement with Ezee Fiber (First Reading)**

MOVED BY KENNA, SECONDED BY REINKE TO HEAR ORDINANCE NO. 2956.

City Attorney Andrea Maequez spoke to the item.

Since this is a franchise agreement, two readings of the ordinance is required. Council will take action on April 6, 2026.

b. **Wastewater Treatment Facility Biosolids Modernization – Construction Contract Award**

MOVED BY REINKE TO APPROVE THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY BIOSOLIDS MODERNIZATION CONTRUCTION CONTRACT. SECONDED BY ELFERS.

Public Works Director Michael Kosa addressed the Council.

Council discussion ensued.

Nick Biermann, Sumner commented.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

c. **Ordinance No. 2955 – Amending the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget**

MOVED BY WILSEY TO APPROVE ORDINANC NO. 2955 – AMENDING THE 2025/2026 BIENNIAL BUDGET. SECONDED BY ELFERS.

Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond spoke to the topic.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

4. **Reports**

a. **Council**

Councilmember Kenna welcomed the newest Councilmember Malcolm. His comments included thanking the individuals honored earlier tonight, congratulated the Sumner High School Girls basketball team on their outstanding showing in the State Tournament. And highlighted key discussions from the Public Works Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor Elfers thanked the individuals honored earlier tonight. He updated the Council and the public on the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting.

Councilmember Malcolm thanked the Council for their confidence and vote. Gave a shout out to the Sumner Water Department and their responsiveness. He is looking forward to the Street Sweeper naming project.

Councilmember Wilsey welcomed Councilmember Malcolm. Thanked the Sumner Police Department and East Pierce Fire and Rescue for their service.

Councilmember Hochstatter spoke about the Wastewater Treatment Facility, he assured the public there is no ‘waste’ in what they do. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Open House, April 14th at City Hall.

Councilmember Reinke welcomed Councilmember Malcolm. He then updated the Council and public on regional committees he attended over last two weeks.

b. **City Administrator**

City Administrator Jason Wilson’s report included the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- March 23rd – Study Session
 - Legislative Recap
 - 2025 Financial Review
- March 30th – 5th Monday, no meeting
- April 6th – Regular Council Meeting
 - Proclamation Rotary Centennial
 - Proclamation Animal Care and Control Officer’s Week
 - Public Hearing 6-Year Tip

- Approval to Apply for RCO Grant for Bennett Property
- Ordinance – Alley Vacation Harrison Street
- Commission Reappointments
- Ordinance – Amendment Civil Service
- Ordinance – Personnel Policy Update
- Ordinance – Zoning Code Text Amendment – Co-living Housing
- Ordinance – Franchise Agreement with Ezee Fiber (2nd Reading)

c. **Mayor**

Mayor Bowman had several topics included in her report. She first welcomed Councilmember Malcolm to the Dias. She gave an update on her activities for the past two weeks, which included speaking at Ferrucci Junior High School about career paths, including on-the-job-training; hosted the Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute; meeting with smaller groups of City staff and attending the Rotary Gala which featured fund raising for the future phase of Heritage Park.

She concluded her remarks by stating, “we’ve only just begun.”

5. The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:38pm, for the purposes of discussing with legal council litigation or potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 20 minutes, there will be no action to follow. The Executive Session ended at 7:58pm.

6. **Adjournment**

With no further business before the Council, the Regular Council meeting ended at 7:58pm.

ATTEST:

Signed by:

Carla S. Bowman

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Carla S. Bowman, Mayor

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Michelle Converse

Michelle Converse, CMC, City Clerk