



Minutes

Public Works SubCommittee

Wednesday, February 18,
2026

3:00 PM

Training Room,
2nd Floor, City Hall

1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

26-0084 To Join the Webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85191031903>
Webinar ID: 851 9103 1903
Or Telephone: (253) 215 8782 or (253) 205 0468

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm.

3. **ROLL CALL**

*Present: Councilmember Chris Bryant, Councilmember Mike Claxton, Councilmember Wayne Nichols, Assistant City Manager / PWD Chris Collins
Staff: Sam Barham, City Engineer; Steve Hansen, Assistant Public Works Director; Morgan Palmer, Engineer; Devon Ward, Traffic Supervisor; Nancy Vandehey, Admin*

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

26-0085 **MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 17, 2025**

The minutes were approved as presented. This passed unanimously.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

26-0086 **UTILITY LEAK REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Chris Collins shared the background and history of our leak reduction program. He shared a proposed plan to move towards a cost recovery option over the 50% reduction option that is currently in place. He explained a recent leak issue that charged a customer around \$10,000. The new policy would be around \$1,800. There are about 3 to 4 cases that he would hope that Council would allow us to backdate this policy and reduce the amount they were charged.

Mike Claxton made a motion, seconded by Chris Bryant, to move the new policy forward to Council. This passed unanimously.

26-0087 **PREEMPTIVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

Chris Collins explained that we have been asked to research preemptive traffic signals within the City. We had some in place several years ago. Morgan Palmer shared a presentation including a video as an example of a product explaining how it could be beneficial. Discussion included history of previous removal, benefits, staff limitations and potential ways to fund this proposal.

The direction of the board would be to continue to research funding options to bring back to PWSC and then onto Council.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. **CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES**

Sam Barham shared that we are breaking ground on Cloney Park next week with completion in October of this year. The official ground breaking will be held sometime in April. The LCC waterline project is not a city project, but we are involved as it involves city infrastructure. Traffic should be flowing again normally sometime in March.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.