



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM

CONVENE WORK SESSION AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 5:33 PM.

PRESENT: 5 - Commissioner Mike Mitchell, Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Mayor Denyse McGriff

STAFFERS: 9 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Public Works Director John Lewis, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Police Chief James Band, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid, Economic Development Manager James Graham, Library Director Greg Williams, Assistant City Recorder Angelique Nomie

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. List of Future Work Session Agenda Items

Tony Konkol, City Manager, said discussion of the community survey results might move from the February 7, 2023 work session to March depending on the number of survey responses received before the survey is considered statistically valid.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked for commission input on prioritizing the list of upcoming work session agenda items. He suggested prioritizing the economic development strategy follow up item.

Commissioner Smith suggested that any unfinished items with charter parks be prioritized. Mayor McGriff suggested a meeting to gather community input for charter parks.

Commissioner O'Donnell also suggested prioritizing the code enforcement complaint process item.

Commissioner Mitchell suggested discussion of City speed limits following recent legislation allowing cities to designate their own speed limits.

Consensus was reached on prioritizing discussion of the economic development strategy.

Mr. Konkol discussed foundational repairs to be performed by the National Park Service on the McLoughlin and Barclay houses. Mayor McGriff requested that notices be provided beforehand to residents in those areas. Mr. Konkol confirmed that the timeline for the repairs was still unknown.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Review of Sidewalk Damage Caused by Street Trees Adjacent to the Municipal Parking Lot Located at 1220 Main St.

James Band, Police Chief, gave a presentation on the sidewalk damage caused by street trees adjacent to the Municipal Parking Lot at 1220 Main Street. Code Enforcement has oversight of the Municipal Parking Lot.

Commissioner Smith asked that mitigation efforts be in line with what City residents are allowed to do. He suggested that sidewalk damage is worse in other areas of the City. Commissioner Smith opined that the trees presented should be replaced due to their size. Commissioners Marl and Mitchell agreed that the trees should be replaced.

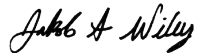
Mayor McGriff said she believes that the City conducts due diligence in dealing with street tree issues by considering all options available and requesting input from arborists who do not have a conflict of interest in tree removal. She opined that in this instance the trees discussed should be removed and replaced with a species more appropriate for the area.

Terry Flanagan, Principal and Consulting Arborist with Teragan and Associates, Inc., suggested that soil vaults be used when replanting so that trees can reach their natural, mature size without damaging sidewalks. He also suggested replanting fewer trees in the future to prevent competition among trees and sidewalk damage.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder