



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM

CONVENE WORK SESSION AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 6:05 PM.

PRESENT: 4 - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Mike Mitchell, Mayor Denyse McGriff

EXCUSED: 1 - Commissioner Adam Marl

STAFFERS: 5 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Police Chief Shaun Davis, Code Enforcement Manager Ryan Kersey, Public Works Director John Lewis

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Municipal Code Updates for Code Enforcement

Police Chief Shaun Davis and Code Enforcement Manager Ryan Kersey facilitated a discussion about updating and clarifying code enforcement. The topics under discussion included garage sales, construction hours, graffiti removal, prohibited stopping, standing, and parking, and scattering rubbish.

Regarding code for garage sales, Commissioner O'Donnell suggested adopting the language of several neighboring municipalities who limit such sales to two per year, each sale not to exceed 72 hours. There was consensus that it be clarified that persons may not extend a garage sale beyond these limits by purchasing a business license.

There was discussion about clarifying language regarding illegal parking, and there was consensus to remove the code's current wording about such parking constituting a "hazard." It was deemed preferable to define forbidden parking practices without requiring proof that such parking constitutes a hazard. There was also consensus that language in that ordinance be edited to clarify the identity of "persons" referred to therein.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked a question about enforcing parking restrictions within twenty feet of an intersection. There was discussion about potentially adding more street markings to indicate this restriction.

There was consensus to update the Municipal code with language prohibiting blocking of mailboxes, prohibiting the violation of handicapped parking restrictions, and prohibiting parking within landscape strips.

There was discussion about current code language regarding the placing of rented storage units or other large non-vehicle items on the street.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked for clarification about the length of time indicated in the

definition of “stopping and standing” in the municipal code. Mr. Kersey explained that the code language referred to parked vehicles or other property and that it comprised any length of time.

Regarding proposed code language on scattering rubbish, Mayor McGriff asked whether the language would apply to persons using City garbage receptacles for personal garbage. Mr. Kersey replied that the language could be applied that way.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked about the current code enforcement response to littering. Mr. Kersey replied that the current practice includes cleaning the litter and attempting to identify and prosecute the perpetrator using evidence from the litter or from videos.

Commissioner Mitchell suggested that something should be done to prevent vehicles from parking too close to traffic mitigation curb bumps. There was consensus that these areas should be signed and marked with paint.

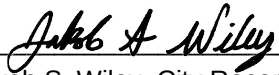
There was discussion about the processes of code enforcement with regard to graffiti. There was consensus that the new code should give ten calendar days for graffiti to be removed.

Commissioner Mitchell suggested stating permitted construction hours as 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on weekdays, and 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on weekends and holidays. There was discussion that other loud noises could be enforced similarly in residential neighborhoods, and discussion that a decibel level limit could be specified to clarify enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder