



CITY OF OREGON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schlagenhauser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: 4 - Chair Dirk Schlagenhauser, Commissioner Patti Gage, Commissioner Daphne Wuest, and Commissioner Gregory Stoll

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Christopher Staggs and Commissioner Bob La Salle

Staffers: 2 - Community Development Director Aquila Hurd-Ravich, Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, and Assistant Planner Jude Thaddaeus

WORK SESSION ITEM

1. Presentation of the 2022-23 Street Tree Minor Code Amendment project

Jude Thaddaeus, Assistant Planner, gave a presentation on an amendment to the street tree code. He gave a background on the problem of cracked and buckled sidewalks due to street trees resulting in mobility hazards and expensive repairs. After 2001, new subdivisions required larger planting strips and in 2022 a sidewalk assistance grant program was established. He then reviewed the proposed amendments that were recommended by the Natural Resources Committee. The amendments provided a more streamlined tree permit process with eliminated replanting costs and reduced future risks. He explained the anticipated timeline and public comments received.

There was discussion regarding reasons for not requiring replacement trees in the 3-foot planter strips after removal, current street tree removal process, right-of-way adjustment process, tree caliper measurement, replacing trees with pollinators, and smaller trees/bushes as sight obstructions.

This would come back to the Planning Commission as a legislative hearing.

COMMUNICATIONS

Aquila Hurd-Ravich, Community Development Director, said Mike Mitchell had been appointed to the City Commission and had resigned from the Planning Commission. Patti Gage's term was also ending, so there would be two vacancies that needed to be filled.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Schlagenhauser adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.