



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM

CONVENE WORK SESSION AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Denyse McGriff convened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

PRESENT: 4 - Mayor Denyse McGriff, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

STAFFERS: 7 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Executive Assistant to the City Manager Lisa Oreskovich, Chief of Police James Band, Library Director Greg Williams, Public Works Director John Lewis, Assistant City Recorder Angelique Nomie

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Street Design Standards

Commissioner O'Donnell expressed concerns with the technical material provided on the same evening as a contentious public hearing and having inadequate time to review the material.

Damon Mabee, resident of Oregon City, suggested that a robust appendix should be included in the street design standards. He also commented that Oregon City has unusual streets that require more flexible standards and suggested removal of the requirement for planting strips.

Commissioner Smith favored having the item continued to another work session before adoption to provide more time to discuss it.

Hermanus Steyn, Senior Principal Engineer and Julia Knudsen, Associate Engineer with Kittelson & Associates provided a presentation on street design standards.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked about who participates in the process of street design and at which point the public becomes involved. Ms. Knudsen mentioned that the public can be incorporated early in the process to have the most influence. John Lewis, Public Works Director, discussed gathering public input to take Oregon City's unique road challenges into consideration.

Commissioner O'Donnell expressed concerns with a line in the document stating that standards presented in the document take precedence over Oregon City Concept Plans, Corridor Plans, and Studies. Mayor McGriff supported having concept plans take a stronger role than street design standards in development.

Mayor McGriff suggested that street design standards should address non-standard areas of the city and place more emphasis on traffic calming. She suggested that explanatory graphics be added to the document and that innovative concepts, like permeable pavement, be included.

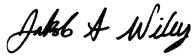
Commissioner Smith shared concerns about a lack of standardization in recent street design.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked for information on which street design standards would apply to development already underway and asked for a definition of terms such as collectors and minor arterials if they differ from previous definitions. He requested a variance from suggested standards for unique street conditions. Commissioner O'Donnell asked for a summary of how the design standards presented tonight differ from previous standards used. Mr. Lewis said such a document could be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder