



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM

CONVENE WORK SESSION AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner McGriff convened the meeting at 6:08 PM.

PRESENT: 3 - Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Denyse McGriff

ABSENT: 1 - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

STAFFERS: 13 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Police Chief James Band, Finance Director Matt Zook, Library Director Greg Williams, Public Works Director John Lewis, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Economic Development Coordinator Ann Griffin, Senior Project Engineer Patty Nelson, Assistant City Recorder Angelique Nomie, Assistant Planner Jude Thaddaeus, Assistant Planner Molly Gaughran

Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Community Development Director, introduced Jude Thaddaeus and Molly Gaughran, new Assistant City Planners.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. List of Future Work Session Agenda Items

Tony Konkol, City Manager, discussed moving the October 19, 2022 City Commission meeting to October 17, 2022 due to two upcoming land use appeals.

Commissioner McGriff asked about the ODOT Diversion Traffic Report. John Lewis, Public Works Director, said it was not yet ready.

Commissioner McGriff suggested moving up the discussion about railroad quiet zone funding.

Commissioner McGriff suggested adding the component of employee-only parking to the discussion on parking rate issues.

Commissioner Marl asked about hiring an Assistant City Manager and City Arborist. Mr. Konkol confirmed this discussion was upcoming.

Commissioner McGriff asked about succession planning for her soon-to-be-vacant commission seat. Mr. Konkol suggested waiting for Clackamas County's election certification before adding this discussion item to the next available commission meeting.

Commissioner McGriff mentioned that she reached out to Oregon City's Economic Development Department with a suggestion regarding the spending plan for 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Tom Geil, resident of Oregon City, provided a brief public comment and suggested the events that transpired at the September 12, 2022 Planning Commission work session be discussed as soon as possible. Commissioner McGriff said the events would be discussed at the next City Commission meeting, since decisions could not be made at tonight's work session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Spending Plan for American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Funding

Matt Zook, Finance Director, presented updates to the spending plan for the ARPA of 2021. He mentioned that a contract to spend the funds must be in place by 2024 and that the funds must be spent by 2026.

Commissioner McGriff asked if items on the spending plan could be prioritized, specifically the Quiet Zone.

Commissioner Rocky Smith mentioned that elevator security enhancements only cover some of the security risks associated with city parks. He cited vandalism and suggested that other sites might need security enhancement.

Mr. Konkol clarified that elevator security enhancements included replacing the gate on the top of the elevator by McLoughlin Promenade.

Commissioner McGriff asked about updated security cameras near the elevator. Mr. Konkol said IT staff are working with Public Works to upgrade the cameras.

Mr. Konkol mentioned that the figures for city-wide essential employee pay were still in union negotiations.

Mr. Konkol highlighted the hold for unanticipated future opportunity line and proposed it remain in place until overruns for the recently implemented region-wide radio program are reconciled.

Commissioner Marl asked if the Broadband Feasibility Study was underway. Mr. Konkol said it was. He confirmed that the first four lines of the Spending Plan have already been allocated to the current biennial budget.

Commissioner Marl asked about updates to the Clackamette Park boat ramp and Cayuse Five tribute. Mr. Konkol replied that implementation to construct the boat ramp would take a while. He said there has been less pressure to fund the Cayuse Five Tribute due to partnership with other tribes and added that potential funding gaps between projection and actual cost should be easy to rectify.

Commissioner Marl asked about updates to the city website. Mr. Konkol said he believes the city is working on an RFP and that delays in the project are due to the resignation of the Communications Coordinator and the project falling on the IT department. He estimated a year for completion of the project.

Commissioner Marl asked about post-Covid reconfigurations to the library. Greg Williams, Library Director, confirmed that the \$75,000 allocated had not yet been spent but would be used for final post-Covid reconfigurations.

Commissioner McGriff recommended that approximately \$60,000 be allocated to work on the new Clackamas County Courthouse. She suggested that it was an opportunity for the city to gain some control over the old courthouse. She said the county is likely open to discussions about Oregon City's involvement in the courthouse.

Commissioner McGriff asked that railroad quiet zone funding be prioritized due to prior delays she has experienced working with Union Pacific Railroad Company. She suggested that downtown parking kiosks also be prioritized.

There was consensus that one community meeting space should be considered for the upcoming budget. Mr. Konkol suggested the Community Development building or City Hall were options.

3. Oregon City Parklet Program

John Lewis, Public Works Director, requested Commission feedback on making the Oregon City Parklet program permanent under Resolution No. 22-30.

Commissioner Marl asked that the amount of parking revenue lost due to parklets be considered when discussing the resolution. Commissioner Marl asked about numerical limits to parklets on each block. Commissioner McGriff suggested that no more than two parklets per block would be reasonable. Commissioner Smith recommended two parklets per block face.

There was consensus to bring the resolution back for discussion during general consensus to decide the number of parklets per block.

4. Review Oregon City Private Property Outdoor Dining and Retail Site Plan and Design Review Application

Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Community Development Director, gave a presentation on a new application for outdoor dining and retail on private property. She confirmed there would be no resolution required for this application as the process falls within City Code.

5. Updates on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Loan Package Proposal

Patty Nelson, Senior Project Engineer, presented the WIFIA Loan Package Proposal.

Commissioner McGriff asked how this project coordinates with the master plan of the South Fork Water Board. Mr. Lewis said the South Fork Water Board master plan is concerned with water treatment whereas this project is concerned with water transmission.

Commissioner Marl asked what the planned rehabilitation efforts were for the Barlow Crest and Boynton Reservoir project. Ms. Nelson confirmed that the project was for seismic retrofits.

Ms. Nelson said an assessment was recently done on the Boynton Reservoir and that the cost to rehabilitate it is almost equivalent to the cost of replacing it. She said that because of its design, two thirds of the reservoir is currently not usable.

6. Creation of the Oregon City Youth Advisory Commission

Mr. Konkol reviewed the creation of the Oregon City Youth Advisory Commission.

Commissioner McGriff said she supports the Youth Advisory Commission but is concerned about its budgetary impact. Mr. Konkol said funding for the commission would come from department savings and be included as a priority line item in future budgets.

Commissioner McGriff said she was meeting tomorrow with Superintendent Spitzer of the Oregon City School District in the spirit of cooperation and partnership. She would also like to talk with members of student council at schools and reduce the number of students on the Youth Advisory Commission to 7.

Commissioner Marl suggested that the commission would be an enterprise separate from student government and would represent a cross section of students for which 9 members was a good number.

Commissioner McGriff asked for clarification on which students qualified for the commission. Mr. Konkol confirmed that members should be in high school and reside within the limits of Oregon City.

Commissioner Smith asked if the Youth Advisory Commission would have a City Commission liaison. Commissioner Marl confirmed it would. Commissioner Smith suggested bringing input from the Youth Advisory Commission to City Commission work groups.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report from the City Manager.

Commissioner McGriff thanked West Linn and Oregon City staff for their assistance with the 100th Anniversary of the Arch Bridge.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Beavercreek Employment Area Blue Ribbon Committee** - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

- B. **Citizen Involvement Committee Liaison** - Commissioner Adam Marl

There was no meeting due to Labor Day.

- C. **Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4)** - Appointed: Commissioner Adam Marl

Bob Van Brocklin, Chair of the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) attended the meeting. Commissioner Marl expressed appreciation for Chair Van Brocklin's attendance, as it demonstrated support from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and OTC. The committee approved a letter to OTC requesting collaboration between local elected officials and local staff. Members of the committee will attend an affordable housing field trip in Eugene on October 14, 2022.

- D. **Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) – Metro Subcommittee**
- Appointed: Commissioner O'Donnell

- E. **Clackamas County I-205 Tolling Diversion Committee** - Appointed: Commissioner Adam Marl Alternate: Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

- F. **Clackamas Heritage Partners** - Commissioner Rocky Smith, Jr.

The meeting scheduled for August 26, 2022 was postponed. End of the Oregon Trail (EOT) is now open 7 days a week from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Saturday and 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sunday.

- G. **Clackamas Water Environment Services Policy Committee** -
Appointed: Commissioner Denyse McGriff

- H. **Downtown Oregon City Association Board** - Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Several improvements have been made to the Municipal Elevator. The board will hold a retreat on September 23, 2022 to discuss upcoming fall events.

- I. **Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)** - Appointed: *Commissioner Denyse McGriff*

Metro's parks and nature bond will be on the November election ballot.

- J. **OC 2040 Project Advisory Team** - Appointed: *Commissioners Adam Marl and Denyse McGriff*

- K. **Oregon City Tourism Stakeholder's Group** - Appointed: *Commissioners Frank O'Donnell and Rocky Smith, Jr.*

- L. **Oregon City/West Linn Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Concept Plan Project Advisory Committee** - Appointed: *Commissioner Denyse McGriff*

Commissioner McGriff would like to discuss this project, tolling, and homelessness with the City of West Linn at their next quarterly meeting. She suggested reaching out to Clackamas County for funding to assist with homelessness.

- M. **South Fork Water Board (SFWB)** – *Commissioner Denyse McGriff, Commissioners Frank O'Donnell, and Rocky Smith, Jr.*

The committee provided updates to the Chemical Feed Building plan and gave manager evaluations. They also discussed security.

- N. **Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area** - Appointed: *Commissioner Denyse McGriff* Alternate: *Commissioner Frank O'Donnell*

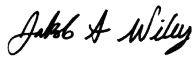
Commissioner McGriff mentioned ongoing disputes resulting from the notice of condemnation filed by Portland General Electric (PGE) for this area.

- O. **Willamette Falls Legacy Project Liaisons** - *Commissioner Frank O'Donnell*

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McGriff adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder