



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Tuesday, September 07, 2021 at 7:30 PM

6:00 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COMMISSION:

The Executive Session began at 6:00 PM immediately prior to the City Commission Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission at 6:45 PM.

1. *PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(2)(e): To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.*

7:30 PM - City Commission Work Session

CONVENE WORK SESSION AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Lyles Smith convened the meeting at 8:11 PM.

PRESENT: 5 - Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith, Commissioner Denyse McGriff, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Jr., and Commissioner Adam Marl

STAFFERS: 13 - City Manager Tony Konkol, Asst. City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Community Development Director Laura Terway, Police Chief James Band, Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardner, Econ. Dev. Manager James Graham, Library Director Greg Williams, Finance Director Matt Zook, Parks & Rec. Director Kendall Reid, Public Works Director John Lewis, Deputy City Attorney Carrie Richter, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Asst. to the City Manager Lisa Oreskovich

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. List of Future Work Session Agenda Items

Mr. Konkol reviewed upcoming topics. There were no changes or additions to the agenda items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of Resolution to Support Oregon City Businesses During Covid-19

Commissioner McGriff discussed the current situation in the city where business owners are expressing concerns regarding patron behavior in response to the state pandemic mandate.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked what problem is the City trying to solve and what role the City could really play. Commissioner Smith also expressed his concerns as a current business owner in downtown, but is wary of what the city could do and how it would be received.

Mayor Lyles Smith felt it should be a proclamation for a day or week to accentuate positive behavior. Commissioner Marl was supportive of this effort. There was consensus by the Commissioners to pursue this further and report back to the Commission.

3. Housing Choices Code Update (HB 2001)

Christina Robertson-Gardner, Senior Planner, presented the staff report. Ms. Robertson-Gardner discussed changes to the City's zoning code that may be required in response to House Bill 2001 (2019) (HB 2001).

Commissioner O'Donnell asked if HB 2001 overrides existing private property covenants. Ms. Robertson-Gardner indicated it does not, but it would affect any new covenants. Mayor Lyles Smith asked about low-density zoning in relation to HB 2001 and Ms. Robertson-Gardner provided additional explanation and information.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked about converted shipping container homes and how the design standards apply to them. Ms. Robertson-Gardner indicated they would be considered cluster housing under medium density residential. Ms. Robertson-Gardner provided examples of the current zoning and potential amendments.

Commissioner McGriff asked about the application of the City's historic review design standards and that it matches those of other cities for uniformity. Ms. Robertson-Gardner indicated staff does confer with staff from other cities on uniformity standards.

Ms. Robertson-Gardner reviewed the timeline and process leading up to the deadline for adoption by June 30, 2022. Commissioner McGriff asked what the penalty was if the city does not comply by the deadline. Ms. Robertson-Gardner indicated the city would then be required to use the model code.

Mayor Lyles Smith asked about how much public involvement there needed to be. Ms. Robertson-Gardner indicated that the direction the Commission wishes to pursue will determine the amount of public outreach that will be needed. Mayor Lyles Smith and Commissioner O'Donnell supported the Minimum Compliance Standards option. There was discussion on infill and new subdivision differences and the macro approach.

Commissioner Marl asked about middle housing in the Model and Minimum Compliance Standards and there was discussion that middle housing cannot be excluded from historic districts under the Performance Metric Approach. Commissioner McGriff supported a hybrid approach since Oregon City is not like other communities. Commissioner Smith also supported the Minimum Compliance Standards.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Beaver Creek Employment Area Blue Ribbon Committee - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

There was nothing to report.

B. Citizen Involvement Committee Liaison - Commissioner Adam Marl

Commissioner McGriff asked about the Community Development investigation and Mayor Lyles Smith indicated Mr. Konkol will follow up with the Commissioners individually.

- C. Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4)** - Appointed: Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith Alternate: Commissioner Adam Marl

Mayor Lyles Smith indicated transit is the current topic and gaps in service are being discussed.

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

The committee has not met.

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

Commissioner Smith indicated the next meeting will be next week on September 17th

- F. Clackamas Water Environment Services Policy Committee –**
Appointed: Commissioner Rocky Smith, Jr.

Commissioner Smith indicated the next meeting will be on September 16th.

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

Commissioner McGriff commented they are in the process of interviewing new membership, there was a tour that included representative Kurt Schrader and there was discussion on the proposed quiet zone.

- H. Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)** - Appointed: Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith Alternate: Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Mayor Lyles Smith indicated the Metro housing bond and parks bond were adopted. The housing bond revenue was lower than originally projected.

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

Commissioner McGriff indicated there will be summits beginning on September 14th regarding economic and housing development. Information regarding the summits is on the city website.

- J. Oregon Governor's Willamette Falls Locks Commission** - Vacant until State Appoints Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith

Mayor Lyles Smith indicated the next meeting will be on September 8th.

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

Commissioner O'Donnell indicated he will be watching a "destination ready" presentation later in the week.

Commissioner Smith indicated the presentation was well received by the tourism community and they are discussing when the project can be ramped up.

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

Commissioner McGriff indicated they have not met due to search for funding sources and the report just being released. Mr. Konkol commented that Oregon City staff will be meeting with West Linn staff and they will bring forth information from those meetings, which will be held virtually.

M. South Fork Water Board (SFWB) - Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith, and Commissioners Frank O'Donnell and Rocky Smith, Jr.

Mayor Lyles Smith indicated they have not met.

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

Commissioner McGriff indicated they have just hired a new director and they will be hiring a new consultant that will be working on equity and inclusion.

O. Willamette Falls Legacy Project Liaisons - Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith and Commissioners Frank O'Donnell

Mayor Lyles Smith indicated the five partners will be changing the governance approach and that will slow down the meeting process.

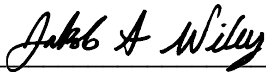
Mayor Lyles Smith commented on a September 11 remembrance ceremony that will be held on the Clackamas County Red Soils campus at 2pm.

Commissioner Smith reminded everyone to watch out for children returning to school in the coming weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lyles Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob Wiley, Asst. City Recorder