



# CITY OF OREGON CITY

## CITY COMMISSION JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION

### MINUTES

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Virtual Meeting  
Tuesday, June 08, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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#### CONVENE JOINT WORK SESSION

*Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith convened the meeting at 6:06 PM.*

#### ROLL CALL

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

**PLANNING: 4 -** Chair Dirk Schlagenhauer, Commissioner Greg Stoll, Commissioner Daphne Wuest, and Commissioner Mike Mitchell

**ABSENT: 2 -** Commissioner Chris Staggs and Commissioner Patti Gage

**STAFFERS: 8 -** City Manager Tony Konkol, Asst. City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Community Development Director Laura Terway, Sr. Planner Pete Walter, Finance Director Matt Zook, Public Works Director John Lewis, Library Director Greg Williams, and Police Chief Jim Band

#### DISCUSSION ITEM

##### 1. Comprehensive Plan Update: Review Draft OC2040 Vision Statement

*Pete Walter, Senior Planner, introduced the item. Steve Faust, 3J Consulting, presented an update on the OC2040 Comprehensive Planning process and outreach efforts. Mr. Faust discussed the community conversations conducted with eighteen local groups and organizations, and other outreach processes involving an online survey, paper mailer and interactive posters.*

*Mr. Faust discussed what participants love about Oregon City today from rarely mentioned to frequently mentioned. This including access to rural recreation, diversity, family friendly, small town with a rural feel, proximity to Portland and big city amenities, variety and support of local businesses.*

*The recap of Proposed Topic Areas (PAT) was reviewed and the four sections (healthy communities, resilient economy, connected infrastructure and protected environment) and the resulting section outlines make up the draft OC2040 Vision Statements for each of the topic areas.*

*Mayor Lyles Smith asked if the four topic areas comprised the draft statement and Mr. Walter indicated that was correct. Mayor Lyles Smith commented she would like to see the topic area of healthy communities changed to livable communities in the first section.*

*Commissioner Wuest wanted a comment added that the Oregon Trail pioneers were looking for opportunities and we have abundant opportunities now and perhaps an emphasis on health in the healthy communities section.*

*Chair Schlagenhauser agreed with the prior comments on health and also would like to see mention of the other tribes that have cultural roots in this area. Commissioner Mitchell would like to see more emphasis on “art” in the first section and “communities” changed to “community.” Commissioner Wuest would like to see an addition of tourism mentioned in the resilient economy section.*

*Commissioner McGriff mentioned additional verbiage regarding tourism was composed in an earlier PAT meeting and could be included. Commissioner Mitchell commented there should be verbiage added that emphasizes the historical and cultural aspects of Oregon City that can draw tourists here. Commissioner Smith felt there needed to be more emphasis on tourism in the section. Mayor Lyles felt the wording around the Willamette Falls project described as, “an economic engine in 2040” should be changed and that an emphasis on just tourism should be expanded. Commissioner O'Donnell agreed with Mayor Lyles Smith's comments.*

*Chair Schlagenhauser had suggestions to improve the language on public access and transit and emphasize the small-town feel. There was discussion about inclusion around communication infrastructure, broadband and responsible growth while maintaining the small-town feel.*

*Mayor Lyles Smith had suggestions for some of the verbiage in the protected environment section and that Willamette Falls does not inspire hiking and biking, since there are no bike or hike trails there. Mr. Faust provided an explanation as to how they go about composing the section language to purposely include local places and landmarks so it is not entirely generic. Commissioner Stoll commented that he agreed with the Mayor's prior comment and that the activities should include a reference to fishing. Chair Schlagenhauser suggested adding “visitors” to one sentence that only referenced residents.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell agreed with Chair Schlagenhauser's comment and that the section needs general editing to reflect the realities of the area. Mr. Walter reviewed the next steps in the process, with the second joint work session to be held on July 13, 2021.*

*Commissioner Mitchell provided an update on some editing and readability enhancements that was suggested at the last PAT session. Chair Schlagenhauser also provided some editing suggestions. Commissioner McGriff also provided some editing information based on the last PAT session.*

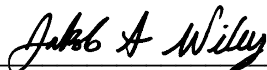
## **Communications**

*There were no communications.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor Lyles Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, Assistant City Recorder