



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

DRAFT MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM

CONVENE WORK SESSION AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith convened the meeting at 6:03 PM.

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

STAFFERS: 13 - City Manager Tony Konkol, Asst. City Attorney Carrie Richter, Community Development Director Laura Terway, Public Works Director John Lewis, Asst. City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Police Chief Jim Band, Public Works Director John Lewis, Finance Director Matt Zook, Library Director Greg Williams, Parks & Rec. Director Kendall Reid, Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardner, Economic Development Manager James Graham, and Municipal Court Manager Wanda Shell

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. List of Future Work Session Agenda Items

Tony Konkol, City Manager, discussed the future items planned for the City Commission and the schedule.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Clackamas Fire District #1 Wildfire/Park Place Update

Mr. Konkol introduced Shawn Olson, Clackamas Fire District Fire District No. 1 Fire Marshal. Mr. Konkol noted that some complaints about yard debris had been collecting in some private property around the City, creating a potential fire hazard. Mr. Olson discussed the authority of fire departments to mitigate fuel loads located on private property. Mr. Olson noted that the City may have a nuisance Code provision that could provide authority to abate the nuisance. Mr. Olson noted that the Oregon State Legislature is considering a bill to manage fire hazards in the urban-rural interface.

3. Oregon City/West Linn Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Concept Plan Update

Mayor Lyles Smith noted that the City had received three public comments for the record for this agenda item.

Marc Butorac, Kittelson Associates, introduced the recent updates on the public outreach process for a proposed bike-ped bridge between Oregon City and West Linn.

Stacy Thomas, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), discussed the results of the survey conducted as part of the open house.

Roy Watters, ODOT, discussed ODOT's consultation with tribal groups in the region. The process of consultation has focused on sharing concerns with cultural resources in the area between the Willamette

Falls and the I-205/Abernathy Bridge. There are archeological sites, petroglyphs, and other cultural resources in the area. The Siletz Tribe is not in favor of any crossings that touch Moores Island. Other tribes have expressed disfavor of any bridge alignment near the Willamette Falls.

Nick Gross, Kittelson Associates, presented a technical analysis of the expected demand and preferences for use of several bridge alignments. The downstream alignments appeared to be more favored than those near the Arch Bridge or Willamette Bridge. The highest ranked alignment reached from 10th Street across the Willamette River, but those near the Willamette Falls also ranked high due to their attraction for tourism.

Mr. Butorac discussed that the two primary corridors will be considered for adoption in the concept transportation system plan, which enables better access to funding. The two corridors that would be included in the plan would be the adjacent to the Willamette Falls extending to Moores Island and the other would be from near 10th Street across the Willamette River. The concept plan would come before the City Commission for adoption, rejection, or amendment in the future.

Commissioner Smith discussed his concerns with the public outreach project and how the outcomes appeared to be identified before the public provided input at the open house. He expressed concern that the tribal groups had not expressed a definitive position on the proposed bridge or alignments.

Commissioner O'Donnell noted that he had attended several presentations related to the concept bridge. He noted that the option not to proceed with the concept bridge was never included as an option. He expressed concern that the money might be better spent on some other infrastructure project, which was not included in the public process. Generally, he considered the public outreach and survey flawed.

Mr. Butorac discussed that the City may choose not to pursue funding the proposed bridge even if it were adopted into the City's transportation system plan.

Commissioner Marl asked about the public outreach to high school students. Ms. Thomas discussed that the track athletes used the Arch Bridge and that it was not liked as a route.

Commissioner McGriff thanked the staff for their work given the expedited timeline that may have contributed to the issues with the public outreach. She discussed that she favored the alignments that were not near the Willamette Falls. The routes further to the north would encourage pedestrian travel through downtown. Commissioner McGriff noted that a speed reduction on McLaughlin Boulevard would be helpful and reduce the issues with crossing for the proposed bridge.

Commissioner Smith discussed that he would prefer alignments between the Arch Bridge and the Willamette Falls to preserve the view of the Arch Bridge when entering the City.

4. House Bill 2001: More Housing Choices for Oregonians Presentation by Ethan Stuckmayer Senior Planner of Housing Programs at Department of Land Conservation and Development

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, introduced Ethan Stuckmayer, Department of Land Conservation and Development, to present on House Bill (HB) 2001 (2019) related to middle housing development. Mayor Lyles Smith noted that the upcoming presenter, Mr. Stuckmayer, was a colleague of hers. HB 2003 (2019) is related to this bill but was more focused on housing development and was not the focus of the discussion. Mr. Stuckmayer discussed that Oregon has a high level of people experiencing severe rent burdens. Housing in Oregon tends to focus on single-family residential and multi-family housing units. The City would need to adopt updates to its Zoning and Land use Codes to allow development of higher housing density in single-family residential zoned lands. HB 2001 provides three ways to comply with the new law. The updates must be completed by June 30, 2022.

Christina Robertson-Gardner, Senior Planner, provided some information about the process for the updates for Oregon City's Zoning and Development Code.

Commissioner McGriff commented that changes to the Zoning Code may not mean that the development occurs. She noted that construction costs and the current housing markets may not provide affordable housing, which is the intention of HB 2001.

Mayor Lyles Smith noted that implementing HB 2003 would be more focused on housing production rather than adding a variety of housing types, which was the purpose of HB 2001.

5. Municipal Court Judge Recruitment and Selection Process

Patrick Foiles, Human Resources Director, discussed the draft job announcement for the Municipal Judge position. The position of municipal judge is appointed by the City Commission under the City Charter. Mr. Foiles discussed the process outlined for interviews and public comments. Carrie Richter, Asst. City Attorney, clarified that public comment is required if the City considers the employment within an executive session. Mr. Foiles noted that public comment could be taken earlier in the process. The City Commission agreed that public comment should be taken prior to the interviews.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no City Manager's report.

Commissioner McGriff asked for some details about a police officer that had been injured by a bullet during an event over the weekend. Jim Band, Police Chief, discussed that the officer was shot from a moving vehicle attempting to deploy a spike strip. The officer is at home resting and may lose his vision in an eye.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

B. Brownfield Grant Committee - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

C. Citizen Involvement Committee Liaison - Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Commissioner McGriff noted that the last minute provided several updates on reforming the newer neighborhood associations.

D. Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) - Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith

Mayor Lyles Smith was unable to attend due to a conflict with the City's budget committee meeting but could attend a subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee is attempting to pursue funding for infrastructure projects planned for 2025.

E. Clackamas County I-205 Tolling Diversion Committee - Appointed: Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith Alternate: Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

Mayor Lyles Smith discussed that no meetings have occurred recently. Commissioner O'Donnell outlined that he has had several discussions with State officials, but the process appears to be stalled with negotiations in the legislature. Mayor Lyle Smith mentioned a letter drafted by the Metropolitan Mayor's Association on this subject.

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

Commissioner Smith did not have an update. Commissioner Smith attended the plaque ceremony for the 112th Anniversary of the McLoughlin Memorial Association and the restoration and relocation of the McLoughlin House.

G. Clackamas Water Environment Services Policy Committee -

Appointed: Commissioner Rocky Smith, Jr.

Alternate: Commissioner Denyse McGriff

H. Downtown Oregon City Association Board - Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Commissioner McGriff discussed a recent meeting and the hiring of a new elevator manager.

I. Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) - Appointed: Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith

Alternate: Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Mayor Lyles Smith noted that MPAC met on May 8, 2021 and changes to how mobility is measured to include all modes of transportation, including bikes and pedestrian travel.

J. OC 2040 Project Advisory Team - Appointed: Commissioners Denyse McGriff and Rocky Smith, Jr.

Commissioner McGriff discussed the last meeting on April 28, 2021 and working with Ms. Terway on the visioning document.

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

Mayor Lyles Smith discussed that a letter had been sent in support of the project for federal funding. HB 2564 could provide some funding for the project and was working its way through the legislature at the time.

L. Oregon City Tourism Stakeholder's Group - Appointed: Commissioners Denyse McGriff and Rocky Smith, Jr.

Commissioner Smith did not have an update. Commissioner McGriff discussed some conversations she has had recently with community members.

M. Oregon City/West Linn Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Concept Plan Project Advisory Committee - Appointed: Commissioner Denyse McGriff**N. South Fork Water Board (SFWB) - Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith, and Commissioners Frank O'Donnell and Rocky Smith, Jr.**

Commissioner Smith noted that the SFWB recently approved its budget. Commissioner O'Donnell discussed that the SFWB has a new backup system and is considering a third backup system for distributing water from the reservoir.

O. Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area - Commissioner Denyse McGriff

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

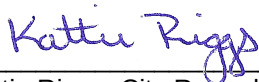
Mayor Lyles Smith participated in a tribal leadership meeting with those tribes involved in the project. She also met with the project manager for the project and commented that the project partnership is changing. Mayor Lyles Smith noted that the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will be presenting to the City Commission soon on the vision for the project.

Commissioner O'Donnell was concerned by the disagreements between tribal members and the stalls in the process. Commissioner O'Donnell suggested the City hold a round table meeting of all the tribal partners and the City Commission to assist in facilitating the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lyles Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kattie Riggs, City Recorder