



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

PRESENT: 5 - Commissioner Mike Mitchell, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Adam Marl, Mayor Denyse McGriff

STAFFERS: 11 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, City Engineer Dayna Webb, Public Works Director John Lewis, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid, Finance Director Matt Zook, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, IT Director Mike Dobaj, Communications Manager Jarrod Lyman, Assistant City Attorney Carrie Richter, Police Captain Shaun Davis

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Betty Mumm, resident of Oregon City, suggested separating the discussion on the fees from the MOUs with community organizations. She thought the costs to sports groups should only be for items that were above the regular maintenance of the parks. She questioned whether the half time employee was needed for the Ermatinger House. She thought Neighborhood Associations should be able to use a park for free two times per year.

Mayor McGriff clarified they were not doing MOUs with the Neighborhood Associations and the associations could use the parks for free, but they did have to make reservations.

William Gifford, resident of Oregon City, hoped the Commission would be advocating for the Urban Renewal measure and Fire District levy on the May 16 ballot.

Rita Maynard, resident of unincorporated Oregon City and co-president of Hillendale Pickleball Club, discussed their pickleball community and all the work their volunteers had done. They were asking the Commission to see what an asset they were and that in exchange for all they provided that they not be charged a fee to play on the courts.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5a. Clackamas Fire District No. 1 Presentation for the Emergency Services Levy

Brian Stewart, Assistant Chief, and Brent Olson, Operations Assistance Battalion Chief with Clackamas Fire District No. 1, discussed the proposed emergency services levy on the May ballot. He explained what the levy would provide, reasons for the levy, and upcoming open houses.

There was discussion regarding additional firefighters in Oregon City, response to wildfires, employee shortage, existing facilities accommodating the increase in employees, looking at lateral employees, and training in-house.

5b. 2022 - 2023 Community Satisfaction Survey

Jarrod Lyman, Communications Manager, introduced Jason Morado, vice president and Director of Community Research with ETC Institute. Mr. Morado gave a background on ETC Institute and discussed the survey's purpose and methodology, location of respondents, what they learned, and major findings. He thought the city was moving in the right direction.

There was discussion regarding the good observations and areas for improvement, variety of respondents, public comments and things the city had no control over, limited City funding, mandates from the State, and kudos to staff for their work.

6. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Items 7a and 7e were pulled from the consent agenda. The agenda was adopted as amended.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Commissioner Marl, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to adopt the consent agenda except for Items 7a and 7e. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner O'Donnell, and Commissioner Smith

7a. Resolution No. 23-06, Adoption of Street Design Standards

Commissioner Smith discussed the different light styles in the city and areas the standards did not address. He asked if there was a phasing in of replacing the lights over time so the lights would eventually match.

John Lewis, Public Works Director, said in some cases ODOT supplied the wrong light and some were on private drives. The intention was to replace all the lights on a schedule staff and the budget could accommodate. They had to pick a different light for the new section of Molalla to follow the lighting standards for further spacing between lights due to the existing driveways. The past improvements on Molalla had a different spacing standard at the time.

Commissioner Smith would be voting no on this resolution because they were not following the design standards. They needed to be more specific about which lights went in which districts.

Mr. Lewis said staff could provide a more specific map.

There was consensus to bring this item back to the next meeting for consideration with an updated map.

7b. Personal Services Agreement with DeSantis Landscaping, Inc. for Landscaping Maintenance Services - Street Division (PS 20-013)

7c. MOXFIVE Contract for Network Restoration

Mike Dobaj, IT Director, explained the financial impact of the network restoration and what was coming back from insurance. This event was done, but there might be future costs for improving the system.

7d. Microsoft 3 Year Enterprise Agreement

7e. Removal of Heritage Tree Designation for Dead Austrian Pine Tree at Swimming Pool, 1211 Jackson Street

Kendall Reid, Parks and Recreation Director, clarified this had been reviewed by the Natural Resources Committee who made the recommendation to remove and replace the tree.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Donnell, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the removal of Heritage Tree Designation for dead Austrian Pine Tree at Swimming Pool, 1211 Jackson Street. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner O'Donnell, and Commissioner Smith

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9a. Resolution No. 23-07, Adopting New Parking Meter Fees in Downtown Zones

Shaun Davis, Police Captain, gave a background on the parking fees in downtown zones. New fees had to be approved by resolution, and he reviewed the current map of the parking zones.

Ryan Kersey, Code Enforcement Manager, discussed the impacts of the new fees, how many parking spaces would be affected, what other jurisdictions did, and kiosk replacements.

There was discussion regarding complaints, monitoring this going forward due to changes in the coming years, how the lot at 13th and Main should be signed as after-hours parking, how there would only be an increase in fees but no expanded hours or areas, encouraging businesses not to park on the streets on the weekends, and signage for after-hours parking on other City-owned properties.

Rolland Walsh, Oregon City business owner, discussed the daily complaints about the parking meters. They lost customers over it and it seemed like a tax on the daytime retail businesses. He suggested allowing the first half hour free.

Tom Geil, resident of Oregon City, said all the surrounding cities did not charge for parking. Retailers were reimbursing the parking fees to customers. He did not think there was a good reason to increase the rates for the retailers on the south side and suggested keeping the rates the same on the two blocks.

The Commission agreed to keep the fee consistent throughout downtown. It was suggested that businesses come up with a first hour free parking program.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, Seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 23-07, adopting new parking meter fees in downtown zones. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner O'Donnell, and Commissioner Smith

A five-minute break was taken from 8:41 to 8:46 PM.

9b. First Reading of Ordinance 23-1004, the 2022-23 Street Tree Minor Code Amendments

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 23-1004, the 2022-23 Street Tree Minor Code Amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, and Commissioner Smith

Abstain: Commissioner O'Donnell

9c. I-205 Toll Project Environmental Assessment Discussion

Mr. Lewis said they had been working with the County, legal counsel, and consultants to analyze the information in the environmental assessment. He suggested amending the letter provided before it was sent to reference the County's letter and to fix typos.

The Commission suggested small changes to the letter.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Marl, to approve the letter as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner O'Donnell, and Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Mitchell expressed concerns about tolling the Abernethy Bridge. He suggested filing suit with other City partners against ODOT to stop the tolling on that segment. There was consensus for staff to investigate the possibility, but no action would be taken yet.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

11. City Manager

Tony Konkol, City Manager, said the city-sponsored events process was advertised and they received four applications. He asked if the next meeting could begin earlier for the Commission to review the applications.

There was consensus to meet earlier as suggested.

12. Commissioners

None

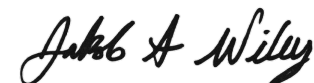
13. Mayor

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 9:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder