



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, March 09, 2021 at 6:00 PM

CONVENE WORK SESSION AND ROLL CALL

Commission President Rocky Smith called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

PRESENT: 4 - Commissioner Denyse McGriff, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith, and Commissioner Rocky Smith, Jr.

STAFFERS: 12 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Attorney William Kabeiseman, City Recorder Kattie Riggs, Public Works Director John Lewis, Community Development Director Laura Terway, Economic Development Manager James Graham, Chief of Police Jim Band, Library Director Greg Williams, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid, Finance Director Matt Zook, and Tourism Coordinator Matthew Weintraub

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. List of Future Work Session Agenda Items

Commissioner O'Donnell thought the Code amendments related to annexations should be moved up in the priority.

Commissioner McGriff thought they should have Land Use 201 training instead of 101 training that would cover some advanced topics.

Commissioner Lyles Smith asked if the annual police report would include an update on homelessness. Jim Band, Police Chief, suggested that be a separate discussion as the annual report provided information on what the Police Department did day to day.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) Annual Report

Greg Geist, Director of Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES), provided the 2020 Annual Report. He discussed the WES service area, upgrades at the Kellogg Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility, upgrades at the Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility, Tri-City outfall project, Oregon City Good Neighbor Agreement, building resiliency, February winter storm, maintaining vital infrastructure, and Inflow and Infiltration.

Chris Storey, Assistant Director of WES, explained the monthly rate and services provided, commitment to reasonable and predictable rates, and proposed tiered residential Equivalent Dwelling Unit assignment.

Mr. Geist discussed surface water management, cleanup events with SOLVE (Sustaining Oregon's Legacy by Volunteering to improve the Environment), and advisory committee. He shared a video on their programs for preparing the future workforce.

There was discussion about the projects and how the costs were shared among the rate payers, WES assisting with Inflow and Infiltration reduction projects, emergency response plans after the recent ice storm, school programs, tiered system approach for SDCs (System Development Charges), stormwater rates, process for the Inflow and Infiltration grant program and equity for Oregon City, advisory committee members and governance, one agreement with all the cities focusing on projects that made a material impact on reduction of Inflow and Infiltration, and making it equitable among the cities.

3. City Code Amendments to Chapters 16.12 and 17.04; Define Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and Including Exemptions from Land Use Process

John Lewis, Public Works Director, provided an overview of the changes coming to the City Commission in the Public Works Code Amendments Package #2. He provided a background and purpose for the changes and summarized the proposed revisions, including definitions of capital improvement project and development and land use exemptions. He would bring an ordinance implementing these changes to the April 7, 2021 City Commission meeting.

There was discussion regarding the definitions and exemptions for overlay zones. There was consensus for staff to move forward as proposed.

4. Annexation Code Amendments

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, provided an update regarding the annexation code revisions requested by the City Commission. These included adding that the proposed annexation was "timely, orderly, and efficient" in 14.04.060.(7), adding language that required infrastructure analysis for annexation applications to be based on the "reasonable worst-case scenario" in 14.04.050.7.(h), adding language to clarify that properties had forest/farm deferral or assessment status were exempt in 14.04.060.A.12, and modifying factor #12 to make it a positive rather than a negative determination in 14.04.060.A.12. She explained the next steps in the process.

The Commission made suggested changes to better clarify the language and agreed the website should be changed to let citizens know they were in the process of making amendments to the annexation code.

5. Update on the Implementation of Oregon City's Tourism Strategic Plan

James Graham, Economic Development Manager, introduced the agenda item.

Matthew Weintraub, Tourism Coordinator, gave the Tourism Strategic Plan update including the concierge institute, attraction and expansion of tourist facing businesses, community showcase, arts treasure trove, Oregon City tourism network, business support, and additional/upcoming projects.

There was discussion regarding the programs, sharing information with the Tourism Stakeholder Table and community, launching the new website in May 2021, preparing Oregon City as a destination when COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were lifted, and implementing the plan as soon as possible.

Mr. Graham discussed the next steps and Welcome to Oregon's Hometown slogan.

6. Oregon City Original Art Mural Code

Mr. Weintraub discussed the art mural code adoption process, including the project background, what was already completed, the next steps, and feedback received. He explained the differences between the proposed code changes from 2015 and the proposed code changes from 2021.

There was discussion regarding taking down a mural after five years unless it was renewed, reinstituting the Arts Commission, when murals were allowed on historic designated structures, mural approval

process, funding for murals, interactive map of the murals, encouraging murals that honored the history of Oregon City, appeal fee, and making murals vandalism resistant.

There was consensus for staff to move forward with the proposed mural code.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no City Manager's report. Mr. Konkol congratulated Commissioner Lyles Smith on winning the Mayoral election.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

B. Brownfield Grant Committee - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

Commissioner O'Donnell said there was an ongoing discussion between City staff and Restore Cap regarding mitigation.

C. Citizen Involvement Committee Liaison – Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Commissioner McGriff reported on the March 2021 meeting, during which the committee discussed the mitigation bank, Charter Review Committee, ice storm and the City's response, and reactivation of the Hazel Grove Neighborhood Association.

D. Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) – Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith

Commissioner Lyles Smith reported on the last C4 meeting, during which the committee discussed the Climate Action Plan and Vehicle Registration Fee.

E. Clackamas County I-205 Tolling Diversion Committee – Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith

Commissioner Lyles Smith had a conversation with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding concerns about tolling.

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

G. Clackamas Water Environment Services Policy Committee –
Appointed: Commissioner Rocky Smith, Jr. Alternate: Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Commissioner Smith was waiting to hear more details about the Inflow and Infiltration grant program.

H. Downtown Oregon City Association Board – Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Commissioner McGriff reported there was a new Board member. The Board received a presentation on ODOT's Comprehensive Congestion Management Program and discussed tolling and downtown events/activities. She suggested the Commission get a briefing from the State Historic Preservation Office on the state of the Oregon Main Street Program.

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

Commissioner Lyles Smith said the Committee received a presentation on the Economic Recovery Strategy and Regional Emergency Transportation Routes Project.

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

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

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

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

Commissioner McGriff had a meeting with the West Linn representatives who also had concerns about the impacts of this project.

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

Commissioner Smith said the South Fork Water Board was still managing the fallout from the February 2021 ice storm and would soon be going into the budget cycle.

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

Commissioner McGriff said this group would be meeting on Monday. The Executive Director would be stepping down due to health issues. They were moving forward with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in their programming.

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

Commissioner O'Donnell discussed the delays due to the access agreement. Mr. Konkol mentioned that some tribal groups have voiced concerns about not being included in the discussion.

Commissioner McGriff discussed the League of Oregon Cities' Councilors of Color Coalition group.

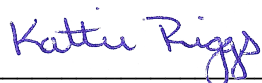
Commissioner Smith congratulated Commissioner Lyles Smith for being elected as the new Mayor.

Commissioner Lyles Smith discussed Clackamas County's ability to help the City with a preparedness fair/town hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission President Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kattie Riggs, City Recorder