



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Tuesday, February 08, 2022 at 6:00 PM

CONVENE WORK SESSION AND ROLL CALL

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

STAFFERS: 12 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Interim Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Parks & Rec. Director Kendall Reid, Economic Development Director James Graham, Asst. to the City Manager Lisa Oreskovich, Police Chief James Band, Finance Director Matt Zook, Library Director Greg Williams, Public Works Director John Lewis, City Attorney Bill Kabeiseman, City Engineer Dayna Webb

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. List of Future Work Session Agenda Items

Mr. Konkol spoke about utilizing some of the time before meetings to discuss updates and discusses scheduling future meetings for work sessions.

Commissioner O'Donnell discussed an idea to improve economic development, tourism and use of the river assets to enhance tourism. As well as utilizing the private sector to have a stake in tourism. Mr. Konkol mentioned some possible pitfalls of using the John Storm dock for large vessels. Commissioner O'Donnell indicated he would like the city to at least perform an initial investigation into this issue. Commissioner McGriff continued the discussion regarding the dock and Marine Board regulations. She also supported the investigation to look further into this issue.

Commissioner McGriff noted that her recollection was that the dock at John Storm Park was not constructed to dock large vessels. Mayor Lyles Smith agreed and noted a past issue with the dock and capacity. Commissioner O'Donnell asked to contact the Marine Board and get the regulations for the John Storm Park. Commissioner Marl indicated support the investigation. Commissioner Smith also supported looking into the issue. He also expressed concern that the City tourism might not be ready for using the John Storm Park for tourism because of lack of infrastructure.

Mayor Lyles Smith asked if there are any other future agenda items. Commissioner McGriff stated she would like to add items regarding economic development. She also expressed concerns about the abandoned buildings and their state of disrepair. Mayor Lyles Smith indicated the abandoned building issues is already set for discussion during a future meeting.

Mayor Lyles Smith wanted to take another look at a list of future agenda items and prioritize them.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Oregon City – West Linn Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Concept Plan

John Lewis, Public Works Director, Spoke about the topic of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge. Marc Butorac, consultant with Kittelson & Associates, Inc., provided an update on the conceptual pedestrian

bridge. There was a review of options of the location of a bridge. He also pointed out the large gaps in the ability for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross the river.

Commissioner Smith asked if West Linn staff or if the Commission were talking about moving forward. Mayor Lyles Smith asked about estimated timelines as well as further details about the process of moving the project forward. Commissioner Smith expressed concern that putting this project on the list is not necessary a priority for the Commission.

Commissioner McGriff stated she supports the concept generally and would like to schedule a meeting with West Linn about the feasibility of moving forward. Commissioner Marl stated he is not opposed to getting discussions on the list and getting some questions answered.

Commissioner Smith recommended meeting with the City of West Linn to discuss the bridge. Commissioner McGriff said she feels like she would be making a recommendation in a vacuum and supported a joint conversation. Commissioner Smith said he doesn't think either city is ready to move forward.

Mr. Konkol said that he recalls this was to be brought back to the commissions to ask and answer questions. Mayor Lyles Smith told Mr. Botorac that she believes the goal formed from this meeting is that both cities need to have a joint meeting to further discuss this project. Commissioner McGriff discussed some of the constraints and concerns and further questions that need to be asked jointly with West Linn.

3. Water CIP Implementation – Post Election 2021

John Lewis introduced Patty Nelson, Project Engineer, goes over a presentation regarding water capital improvement plan (CIP) and the plan, funding and short-term water CIP. As well as ballot measures that were passed on the 2021 election.

Matt Zook, Finance Director, asked about when interest starts to accrue on certain Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loans. He also talked about different funding sources. Commissioner O'Donnell asked if there is some contracting with Clackamas River Water, does that jeopardize the City's water rights in any way. Mr. Lewis gave his opinion about whether the WIFIA loan should be pursued. Commissioner O'Donnell stated he believes being able to provide critical services including water is necessary for development. Mr. Lewis stated what Commissioner McGriff is correct on that point.

Mr. Lewis and Commissioner McGriff continued to discuss water rights and exchanging water with Clackamas River Water. Bill Kabeiseman, City Attorney, stated that this is a complex issue with things in motion. He also talked about plans with South Fork Water District and Clackamas River Water.

Commissioner McGriff indicated she supported the WIFIA loan and expressed concerns that there is a push from developers to get to places where the City isn't ready to serve yet. Mr. Lewis clarified that Clackamas River Water is currently serving the area the City is moving toward today. He also said the areas leading to the newly annexed areas would benefit from City water being pushed out. He also said some of the water infrastructure in the Fairway Downs area are outdated. Ms. Nelson said that some of these projects were already planned for before the City annexed the new areas.

Mr. Kabeiseman said there are already laws that allow the City to take over areas that Clackamas River water serves, but the City would have to pay for the current infrastructure. An intergovernmental agreement (IGA) allows the City and Clackamas River Water to make sure everyone agrees to the future plans.

Commissioner Marl stated he would like to see more accurate information on what the WIFIA loan would cover. He also stated his support for moving forward.

Commissioner Smith said he is concerned about the relationship between South Fork Water District and Clackamas River Water. Commissioner O'Donnell also expressed concerns about the relationship

between the City, South Fork Water District, and Clackamas River Water. Ms. Nelson stated she prioritized the projects to try to ensure all of the City gets the appropriate amount of service. She also said she is actively working on discussions with Clackamas River Water.

Mayor Lyles Smith Stated that she thinks the idea of drafting an IGA with Clackamas River Water is a way to mitigate some of the risk of possibly losing water rights. She also said there is a consensus that moving forward with the WIFIA loan is supported. Also, that it is in the City's best interests to move forward with an IGA with Clackamas River Water. There was discussion as to who will communicate between all of the involved parties.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. **Beavercreek Employment Area Blue Ribbon Committee** - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell No update

5. **Citizen Involvement Committee Liaison** - Commissioner Adam Marl

Commissioner Marl mentioned that Bob LaSalle was elected as the chair of CIC and there was a presentation from a representative of the Grand Ronde tribe about the mill site

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

Mayor Lyles Smith discussed two items. The first was I-205 tolling and the Abernethy bridge project ODOT responded to the C4 letter not OTC. There will be another letter drafted to the Oregon Transportation Commission. The second item was housing, and IGA has been signed between stakeholders.

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

Commissioner Marl said they have been meeting monthly.

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

Commissioner Smith did not have an update.

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

There have been no meetings.

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

Commissioner McGriff had a board meeting and adopted an annual budget. They have adopted an action plan regarding the elevator.

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

Mayor Lyles Smith Attended a meeting at the end of January. The only thing that came up was the tolling of I-205.

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

Commissioner Marl said there were some folks concerned with some of the words like “equitable and diversity.”

13. Oregon Governor's Willamette Falls Locks Commission – Appointed: Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith

Mayor Lyles Smith said she has hard time attending meetings due to scheduling conflicts.

Commissioner McGriff said she was able to attend a meeting where she learned they are trying to sunset the commission.

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

There have been no meetings.

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

There have been no meetings.

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

Commissioner Smith they talked about the Ace Water Conference in June 2021 and the Chemical feed building. Commissioner McGriff suggested requesting a short presentation from South Fork Water. There was consensus not to request a presentation.

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

Commissioner McGriff mentioned the organization has entered into a review of policies, procedures, and programs.

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

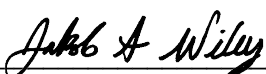
There are no meeting updates from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Mr. Konkol gave an update from meetings with the partners' staff. Commissioner McGriff Added that she went to a listening session. She was the only one who showed up and was asked a large number of questions. Mr. Konkol said he also attended a different but similar meeting as Commissioner McGriff.

Commissioner Marl gave an update on a different committee about a childcare task force.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lyles Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder