



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION - REVISED MINUTES

VIRTUAL ONLY VIA ZOOM
Tuesday, February 07, 2023 at 6:00 PM

CONVENE WORK SESSION AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 6:33 PM.

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

STAFFERS: 14 - City Manager Tony Konkol, Police Chief James Band, Project Engineer Kenneth Cannady-Shultz, Communications Manager Jarrod Lyman, Public Works Director John Lewis, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Assistant City Recorder Angelique Nomie, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid, Police Captain Shaun Davis, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Library Director Greg Williams, Code Enforcement Manager Ryan Kersey, Information Technology Director Michael Dobaj, Finance Director Matt Zook

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. List of Future Work Session Agenda Items

Future work session agenda items included a Budget 101 meeting on February 23, 2023, and the Commission Goal Setting Retreat on March 3, 2023, and March 4, 2023. The March 7, 2023 work session will include a joint work session with the Planning Commission along with a review of community survey results and street design standards, and a discussion of City-designated speed limits and Loder Road.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation from Nate Kaplan, Oregon State Director for GoRail

Nate Kaplan, State Director of GoRail, discussed his organization's role as a liaison between the freight rail industry and cities, counties, and departments of transportation across the country. He asked that any railroad issues the City does not know how to deal with be brought to GoRail so they can assist in cutting through red tape and providing answers in a reasonable amount of time.

Mr. Kaplan asked for feedback on the City's previous interactions with railroads in the area. John Lewis, Public Works Director, said the City is partnered with railroad providers and that the relationship could be stronger. He reviewed the federally funded quiet zone project which is to make vehicle and pedestrian crossing safer and quieter.

Mr. Kaplan reviewed the Grade Crossing Elimination Program which dedicates 6 billion dollars in funds over five years to railroad crossing improvements. GoRail can help jurisdictions determine if they qualify for the funding, which will be released in early spring or summer of this year, and has not been available since the Roosevelt administration.

Mayor McGriff asked about improving rail stations. Mr. Kaplan reviewed other types of funding under the

1.2 trillion-dollar Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Mr. Kaplan also reviewed 2021 freight rail data for Oregon and the free AskRail app used by first responders in the event of derailment. Shaun Davis, Police Captain, said he would investigate the app which seemed to be a good resource.

3. Presentation on Code Enforcement Complaint Process

Ryan Kersey, Code Enforcement Manager, gave a presentation of the City's code enforcement complaint process, including staffing, workload, and department goals. Mr. Kersey emphasized that the City's code enforcement process was collaborative and not punitive and clarified the process of assigning complaints to different departments.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked about proactively addressing solid waste and vegetation violations. He also asked about night and weekend coverage for parking and noise violations. Mr. Kersey said approximately 10 percent of solid waste and vegetation violations were addressed proactively due to staffing limitations. James Band, Police Chief, emphasized that the department's priority was to address existing complaints since residents complain about the length of time it takes to close complaints. Commissioner O'Donnell asked if gross violations could be addressed proactively and expedited.

Mayor McGriff discussed a specific property with ongoing grass length concerns and suggested that this be a proactive item for code enforcement.

Commissioner Marl asked for updates on the vacant property registry. Mr. Kersey said a registry is being added to the City's website and a list of vacant properties has been compiled. Ordinance violations and vacant property registration code violations (such as graffiti) are being addressed, in addition to trespassing prevention.

Mr. Kersey said they are awaiting parking study results to determine night and weekend coverage for parking enforcement. He said current staffing would make it difficult to provide coverage other than perhaps adjusted hours in the evening. Commissioner O'Donnell said he would like to know what to budget for in the upcoming budget cycle to address parking violations.

Commissioner O'Donnell suggested the use of decimal readers for noise complaints, specifically noise complaints that are difficult to resolve.

Mayor McGriff asked if Community Development had been able to route complaints to Code Enforcement. Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Community Development Director, and Mr. Kersey, confirmed that they had.

Commissioner O'Donnell brought forth a disconnect between Clackamas County services and Oregon City Code Enforcement and suggested educating people at dispatch about where to route calls. Chief Band agreed but stated that dispatch comes from multiple agencies.

Commissioner Mitchell asked about Community Service Officers. Captain Davis gave a definition of this service and said Oregon City is deciding if this is something they want to implement.

4. Memorandums of Understanding, Sport Field Fees, and Neighborhood Associations

Commissioner O'Donnell asked that this item be moved to a future work session. Commission consensus was reached.

5. Oregon City Inflow & Infiltration Program Service Lateral Improvement Program (CI 21-015)

John Lewis introduced Kenny Cannady-Schultz, Project Engineer, and Robert Lee of Leeway Engineering Services.

Mr. Lewis gave a review of the City's inflow and infiltration (I & I) concerns. He discussed Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES), a potential revenue source for funding I & I repairs.

Mr. Lee reviewed the projected results of various I & I improvements and discussed funding options for repairs, including City-funded repairs, homeowner-funded repairs, and cost-sharing repairs between the City and homeowners.

Commissioners Mitchell, Marl, and O'Donnell supported the City-funded improvements option.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Tony Konkol, City Manager, discussed a request from Summit Development Group for City assistance in applying for grant funds to cover infrastructure costs on the Rossman Landfill. Consensus was reached that the City would submit the grant application for Summit as part of the grant requirement. Consensus was also reached that similar requests in the future would be brought before the Commission prior to authorization.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Commissioner O'Donnell

- South Fork Water Board

Tomorrow's South Fork Water Board (SFWB) meeting will discuss West Linn's waterline replacement. A chemical feed building project is upcoming in March or April. Maintenance work was performed on the Clackamas River.

7. Commissioner Smith

- Clackamas Heritage Partners
- Oregon City Tourism Stakeholder's Group
- South Fork Water Board

Commissioner Smith had no updates to provide.

8. Commissioner Marl

- Citizen Involvement Committee Liaison
- Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4)
- Clackamas County I-205 Tolling Diversion Committee

Last night's Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) included a presentation and Q & A with Summit Development Group. Commissioner Marl thanked Library and Parks and Recreation staff for providing after hours meeting space for the CIC.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) projects approved by the City Commission will go to C4 Metro for an advisory vote then return to C4 for approval.

An I-205 tolling presentation was given, and the environmental assessment is upcoming.

Commissioner Mitchell attended the I-205 Tolling Diversion Committee in Commissioner Marl's stead.

9. Commissioner Mitchell

- Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) – Metro Subcommittee
- Clackamas County I-205 Tolling Diversion Committee (alternate)
- Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) (alternate)

No answers were provided for diversion concerns on the Arch Bridge and Main Street as a result of I-205 tolling.

The current RTP projects list is long and funding concerns exist.

10. Mayor McGriff

- Clackamas Water Environment Services Policy Committee
- Clackamas Heritage Partners (alternate)
- Downtown Oregon City Association Board
- Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)
- Oregon City Tourism Stakeholder's Group
- South Fork Water Board
- Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area
- Willamette Falls Legacy Project Liaisons

Mayor McGriff reported ample support for Oregon City's position on I-205 tolling. She discussed an economic analysis performed by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) detailing the effects of I-205 tolling on downtown Oregon City and will route the report to the City Manager.

WES has engaged in capital improvement plan discussions.

Two downtown Oregon City business owners were added to the Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA) board.

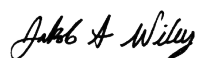
Mayor McGriff said the RTP does not address transit concerns for outlying communities. A commercial waste facility as part of the Regional Solid Waste Plan will not be placed on Jennifer Street due to environmental concerns.

Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area continues to pursue a National Heritage Area designation. They are discussing expanding the area and expanding board representation. Mayor McGriff asked for Oregon City representation on the Locks Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder