



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING - REVISED MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, February 01, 2023 at 7:00 PM

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Denyse McGriff convened the meeting at 7:13 PM.

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

STAFFERS: 14 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Police Chief James Band, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Communications Manager Jarrod Lyman, Finance Director Matt Zook, Public Works Director John Lewis, Information Technology Director Mike Dobaj, Assistant City Recorder Angelique Nomie, City Engineer Dayna Webb, Assistant Planner Jude Thaddaeus, Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS

3a. Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor McGriff read the proclamation declaring February 2023 as Black History Month.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments unrelated to agenda items.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5a. Natural Resources Committee Activities in Calendar Year 2022

Nancy Broshot, Natural Resources Committee Chair, and Samantha Wolf, Natural Resources Committee Vice Chair, presented the activities of the committee during 2022. There were three vacancies on the committee.

Mayor McGriff suggested getting information out about the invasiveness of the Tree of Heaven shrub. There was discussion regarding an Urban Forester position, an Arborist, and the Bee City USA program.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Item 7g was pulled from the consent agenda. The agenda was adopted as amended.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to adopt the consent agenda except 7g. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 7a. Oregon City Employees Local 350-2, Council 75 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025
- 7b. Public Works Water Division Property Acquisition Proposal
- 7c. Minutes of the July 12, 2022 City Commission Work Session with PRAC
- 7d. Minutes of the July 12, 2022 City Commission Work Session
- 7e. Minutes of the October 17, 2022 City Commission Special Meeting
- 7f. Minutes of the December 13, 2022 City Commission Special Meeting
- 7g. Parks and Cemetery Division Replacement Vehicle

Commissioner O'Donnell said this item was portrayed as a cost savings because they were not able to procure a mower replacement. He asked if a mower was still needed.

Kendall Reid, Parks and Recreation Director, said yes, but they would move forward with the mower in the next biennium.

Commissioner O'Donnell said it was not a cost savings, but unexpended funds. He asked about the employee who needed the vehicle. Mr. Reid said the new Parks Maintenance Specialist III.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, Seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the purchase of vehicle. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9a. Resolution No. 23-02, Calling for an Election on May 16, 2023 to Forward the Question of Authorizing the Dedication of a Portion of Park Place Park as a Street to the Electors of Oregon City

Tony Konkol, City Manager, said this item was discussed at the last meeting. He gave a background on the proposal to dedicate 40 feet on the north end of the park to provide access in order to alleviate the potential of a street being constructed in the middle of the park. Because this was a Charter Park, the decision had to go to the vote of the people. Staff requested placing the issue on the May 16, 2023 ballot.

There was discussion regarding vacating the current right-of-way and giving it back to the park, blocking the access so people could not drive on it, building a constrained street, and changing the wording of the measure summary to: "This new connection would allow removal of the vehicular access through the

middle of Park Place Park."

Dorothy Dahlsrud, resident of Oregon City, explained how this new access would affect heritage trees and the playground. She suggested not moving forward with the ballot measure but purchasing the lot instead.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Donnell, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to delay approval of the agenda item and direct staff to attempt to reestablish contact with the property owner to discuss the sale of the lot. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 9b. Resolution No. 23-03, Calling for an Election on May 16, 2023 to Forward the Question of Approving the Borrowing of Funds by the Urban Renewal Agency to the Electors of Oregon City

Motion made by Commissioner O'Donnell, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve Resolution No. 23-03, calling for an election on May 16, 2023 to forward the question of approving the borrowing of funds by the Urban Renewal Agency to the electors of Oregon City. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 9c. Presentation and Discussion of Potential Code Amendments to Previously Adopted Middle Housing Code (Package #2 of Legislative File: GLUA 22-0002/LEG-22-0001- HB 2001 Housing Choice Code Update- Technical Revisions.)

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner, presented package #2, technical revisions. She discussed HB 2001 implementation, middle housing setbacks in commercial districts, townhomes and middle housing land division, driveways, and middle housing modifications and variances.

There was discussion regarding commercially zoned land used for housing and compliance with minimum density in Municipal Utility Districts (MUD) but not Mixed Use Commercial (MUC) districts.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, to exempt MUC and MUD zones from the minimum density requirements. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Commissioner O'Donnell and Commissioner Mitchell

Nay: Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Smith, and Mayor McGriff

There was further discussion regarding additional driveways, courtyard design standards for cottage clusters, and garage door size in cottage clusters.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, Seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the potential code amendments to previously adopted middle housing code (Package #2 of Legislative File: GLUA 22-0002/LEG-22-0001- HB 2001 Housing Choice Code Update- Technical Revisions) as amended. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

9d. Presentation of the 2022-23 Street Tree Minor Code Amendment Project

Jude Thaddaeus, Assistant Planner, presented the 2022-23 Street Tree Minor Code Amendment Project. He discussed the direction for the project, proposed amendments, changes to draft code redlines, community feedback, committee and commission feedback, and options for moving forward.

There was discussion regarding planter strips for new development, sidewalks meandering around trees, allowing pollinator gardens, increasing the fee in lieu, certified/registered arborist definitions, tree removal approval, encouraging tree replacement and discouraging fee in lieu, and creating an exception for 3–4-foot planter strips.

Staff would bring back the suggested changes.

9e. Metro Regional Transportation Plan Call for Projects Discussion

Dayna Webb, City Engineer, presented the Metro Regional Transportation Plan and call for projects. She discussed the vision and goals, project criteria, map of projects, next steps, and direction from the Commission.

There was discussion regarding likely to be funded, financially constrained, and strategic projects, funding projections, timeframe for projects, Holly Lane bike and pedestrian improvements, and issues with some of the projects.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, Seconded by Commissioner Marl, to approve the project list as presented. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Mayor McGriff

10. COMMUNICATIONS**11. City Manager**

None

12. Commissioners

Commissioner Smith asked for Commission consensus on if a City-owned property had development potential, they would entertain offers, just like they would for Urban Renewal property.

There was consensus for that direction.

Commissioner Marl reported on City Day at the Capitol and Senate Bill 630.

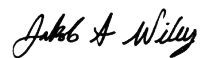
13. Mayor**13a. Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Committees**

Mayor McGriff made appointments to Boards and Committees.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jakob S. Wiley".

Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder