



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING - REVISED MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 7:13 PM.

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

STAFFERS: 12 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid, Economic Development Manager James Graham, Police Chief James Band, Finance Director Matt Zook, Library Director Greg Williams, Public Works Director John Lewis, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Assistant City Recorder Angelique Nomie, IT Director Michael Dobaj

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor McGriff read a history of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steve Enos, resident of Oregon City, discussed a noise issue with a neighbor. He thought the noise ordinance needed to be amended.

Bob LaSalle, resident of Oregon City, discussed concerns about the lack of minutes for various City committees.

Calvin Taylor, Boy Scout, was in attendance for an Eagle required badge.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5a. I-205 Toll Project Update from the Oregon Department of Transportation

Mandy Putney, ODOT, gave a presentation on the project. She discussed the Urban Mobility Strategy Map, construction underway at Abernethy Bridge, I-205 improvements project, I-205 toll project operational and safety analysis, I-205 toll project traffic findings, 2027 impact analysis results for Oregon City and Gladstone, Oregon City mitigation workshops, how they addressed the feedback, mitigation for OR 99E and I-205 on-ramps, low-income toll program, and tolling timeline.

There was discussion regarding Oregon City's opposition to tolling and the impact to the community, how no significant changes had been made to address the feedback, lack of transit infrastructure, diversion vs. tolling, timing of the segment in Oregon City being done first before the rest of the tolling to the detriment of downtown, safety issues with diversion onto local streets, affordability, need to contact legislators, second turn lane on 15th, and how there were other options besides tolling or doing nothing.

5b. Planning Commission Activities in Calendar Year 2022

Greg Stoll, Planning Commission Chair, and Dirk Schlagenhauser, Planning Commission Vice Chair, presented last year's Planning Commission activities and decisions.

There was discussion regarding Canemah wetlands, legal training, upcoming items, middle housing, traffic impact to neighborhoods, and RV parks.

5c. WES Good Neighbor Agreement Project Update

Denise Conrad, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, gave an update on the River Access Trail Project including an overview, schedule, financials, potential parallel parking addition, and before and after photos.

There was discussion regarding the cost coming in under budget and work still to be done.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

7a. OLCC: Liquor License Application – Full On-Premises, Adipose Corp. (dba McAnulty & Barry's), 820 Main Street, Ste. C & E, Oregon City

7b. 3-month Extension of Existing Polar IT Services Contract

7c. I-205: I-5 – OR 213, Phase 1 Acquisition of Right of Way Interests

7d. Minutes of the October 11, 2022 Special Meeting

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor McGriff said that at yesterday's joint work session with West Linn, the Commission discussed providing a letter of support for the request to the state legislature for mitigation costs for moving the water line under the Abernethy Bridge.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Donnell, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to provide a letter of support. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9a. Downtown Parking Strategy and Parking Study Results Discussion

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner, introduced the 2021 Downtown and Bluff Parking Study.

Pete Collins and Rick Williams, consultants, discussed the purpose of the strategy, public outreach and feedback, study zones, and a summary of data findings/results.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner summarized the near-term implementation recommendations.

Mr. Collins requested support to proceed with the following for the bluff: educate, promote, and expand a residential parking permit program, encourage on and off-street shared use options, and continue with enforcement efforts. He also requested support to proceed with the following for downtown: at metered stalls implement a phone app allowing an additional hour of parking, extend enforcement to the evening, transition current employee on-street permit parking into off-street shared parking sites, encourage off-street shared use options, change street parking fees to \$1.00 per hour, and create time limits for all north end commercial areas.

There was discussion regarding the recommendations and on-street permit parking.

There was consensus to proceed with the recommendations except for extending enforcement hours. Staff would come back with outreach to employees, businesses, and lot owners regarding off-street parking.

9b. City of Oregon City Ballot Measure and Explanatory Statement to Authorize the Dedication of a Portion of Park Place Park as a Street

Tony Konkol, City Manager, said there was a private property that was developable north of Park Place Park with the only access via an unimproved right-of-way that was platted through the middle of Park Place Park. Staff was directed to bring back a ballot measure for the May ballot that would implement the Park Place Park Master Plan for a new connection from Front Street over to the unimproved right-of-way along the northern boundary of the park. He asked for feedback from the Commission on the wording.

Stephen VanHaverbeke, Park Place Neighborhood Association Chair, said the neighborhood had been in discussions with staff about alternatives. He was concerned this new street ran right next to the playground equipment. However, it was what they could do.

There was discussion regarding moving the playground equipment and support of the Park Place neighborhood in the Voter's Pamphlet.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, Seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the ballot measure and explanatory statement to authorize the dedication of a portion of Park Place Park as a street. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9c. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 22-1010, Approving the 11th Amendment to the Downtown/North End Urban Renewal Plan

Motion made by Commissioner Marl, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 22-1010, approving the 11th amendment to the Downtown/North End Urban Renewal Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9d. Cost Sharing Agreement between City and Fore Development for a Roundabout on Maplelane Road at Walnut Grove Way

John Lewis, Public Works Director, discussed the development agreement to build a roundabout on Maplelane Road at Walnut Grove Way with the City contributing a portion of the cost. He described the existing conditions, north development, south development, agreement details, development obligation without a roundabout, and next steps.

There was discussion regarding the trip cap, percentage of contribution, and speed limits.

Commissioner Mitchell noted he lived nearby and often used this intersection.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Marl, to approve the cost sharing agreement between City and Fore Development for a roundabout on Maplelane Road at Walnut Grove Way. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9e. Downtown Public Restroom Site Selection and Authorization to Purchase Unit

Mr. Lewis gave a presentation on the downtown public restroom project including types of units, locations of units, and public outreach. Staff recommended purchasing the Portland Loo that would be located at the Elevator entrance tunnel. He explained the estimated cost of the project.

Liz Hannum, DOCA, supported the need for the restroom. They suggested purchasing a different unit, the Exeloo, due to comfort, cleanliness, and aesthetics. The proposed location would affect the aesthetics of the Elevator. They had staff at the Elevator and could check on the restroom periodically.

Mr. Lewis explained why staff had chosen this location and unit. Chief Band agreed the Portland Loo was the safer option.

There was discussion regarding sighting of the restroom in comparison to the Elevator, preserving the look of the Elevator, lights on bollards, ARPA funds, and a handwashing station.

Commissioner O'Donnell thought it was a minimalist approach and he was not excited about it.

Motion made by Commissioner Marl, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the Downtown Public Restroom Site Selection and Authorization to Purchase Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: Commissioner O'Donnell

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

This item was postponed.

9g. 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)

This item was postponed.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

11. City Manager

11a. Holcomb Boulevard Safe Routes to School Grant Award

Mr. Konkol said the city was awarded a grant for sidewalks, bike lanes, street lighting, a rapid flashing beacon, pedestrian crossing at Winston, stormwater concerns, and a flashing school zone sign for Park Place School continuing east to Winston Drive. He also introduced Mike Dobaj, the new IT Director.

12. Commissioners

None.

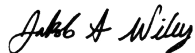
13. Mayor

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder