



CITY OF OREGON CITY CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING REVISED MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Denyse McGriff convened the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

PRESENT: 4 - Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Mike Mitchell, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Mayor Denyse McGriff

Excused: 1 Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

STAFFERS: 6 - City Manager Tony Konkol, Assistant City Manager Alex Rains, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Police Chief Shaun Davis, Communications Manager Jarrod Lyman, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director Thomas Kissinger

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS

3.a. Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

Mayor McGriff read the proclamation declaring September 15 to October 15, 2024, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

3.b. Atkinson Memorial Congregational Church Centennial Proclamation

Mayor McGriff read the proclamation declaring September 21, 2024, as Atkinson Memorial Congregational Church Centennial Day.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jackie Hammond-Williams, resident of Oregon City, requested that the City Commission create a separate retirement fund for retired K-9 units from the Police Department. Mayor McGriff asked to add this to a future Work Session agenda for further discussion.

Claire Met, resident of Oregon City, submitted a folder of petitions in support of the establishment of a retirement fund for K-9 units.

Bob La Salle, resident of Oregon City, introduced Linda Baysinger and noted he had helped write the letter she was about to read after Mrs. Hammond-Williams had presented to the Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) about the retirement fund for K-9 units.

Linda Baysinger, Chair of the CIC, read a letter of support for the K-9 retirement fund from the CIC.

Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, provided comments about homeless camps near the PGE substation. The camp was large and included a generator. He voiced concerns about how it affected the community and students in Oregon City.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5a. Oregon City School District Bond Proposal

Dr. Dayle Spitzer, School District Superintendent, and Katie Wilson, Chair of the School Board, shared information about the proposed school bond measure on the November 2024 ballot. They explained recent bond history for the high school and middle schools, current challenges with the elementary school buildings, and long-range capital planning. They showed a video highlighting the need for updates and repairs to the elementary schools. If the bond passed, the district would receive a \$6 million matching grant from the state. They then described what the proposed measure would fund and what it would cost taxpayers. They compared Oregon City taxes to other local districts, gave an overview of the schools, and talked about community support.

There was discussion regarding need for the improvements, having a City Commissioner should sit on the oversight committee, and tax comparison.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda except Item 7b. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell NO: None

7.a. Resolution No. 24-25 Accepting the Right-of-Way of a Portion of Forsythe Road

7.b. Personal Services Agreement with Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc for Cultural Resource Management Services during the Clackamette Park Boat Ramp Design Phase

The Commission asked about the area covered by this work, changing the location of the boat ramp, possibility of not having a boat ramp, vetting alternatives with the Marine Board, need to update the hydrology study, and risks if this was delayed.

Motion by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the archeological investigation contract and to direct staff to continue looking at options with the Marine Board for the boat ramp along with the potential of not having a boat ramp. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl

NO: Commissioner Mitchell

7.c. OLCC: Liquor License Application – New License Application, Retail On-Premises Sales and Consumption at this Location; Watershed Café & Bistro, LLC 812 Main Street, Oregon City

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. 2024 Community Survey

Jarrold Lyman, Communications Manager, said that city staff wanted Commission direction on wording of additional questions to be asked in the upcoming community survey. He said the city conducts a survey every two years to obtain resident feedback on the city's services. The questions remained the same for comparison data, although they had the opportunity to ask a limited number of questions to focus on a timely issue. Due to previous discussions on the need to update the pool, he suggested adding a question about support for additional funding to construct a new pool facility.

There was discussion about adding a question that asked if respondents supported the city spending for a new pool facility and a question that broke down the types of funding people would support. It was suggested to add a question about support for the End of the Oregon Trail Center and what the priority would be between the pool and End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (EOT).

There was consensus to add a question about support for additional funding such as taxes, fees, bond, or levy for the pool, EOT, both, or neither. The survey would go out in October and would be incorporated into the Commission Goal Setting for the new budget cycle.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager –

None.

Commissioners

Commissioner Marl said he and the Mayor met with the School Board Chair and Vice Chair and Superintendent on collaboration and reducing redundancies. He mentioned a Joint Committee on Transportation hearing on tolling on September 26.

Commissioner Mitchell reported on the C4 Metro meeting on regional flexible funds allocation for 2028-2030. Oregon City had some transit related projects on the list and design work for the McLoughlin Blvd pedestrian access project phase 3.

Mayor

Mayor McGriff said William Gifford expressed support for the school bond. She read from his list of things that happened in 1924. She had attended the League of Oregon Cities president's regional meeting where maintaining fiscal health and stable revenue sources was discussed. There was a Public Safety Forum on Saturday and Converse Day on Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder
Date Approved: June 18, 2025