



CITY OF OREGON CITY CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING - REVISED MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM

6:00 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session will begin at 6:00 PM pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i): To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

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

STAFFERS: 12 - City Manager Tony Konkol, Assistant City Manager Alex Rains, Assistant City Recorder Evan Lee, Police Chief Shaun Davis, Public Works Director Dayna Webb, Finance Director Matt Zook, Community Engagement Specialist Hannah Schmidt, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Water Quality Coordinator Marcos Kubow, Code Enforcement Officer Zach Knudson. Police Officer Jason Pohl

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS

a. Fallen Officers' Proclamation

Mayor McGriff read the proclamation extending condolences to the families of fallen officers Robert Libke and George Hanlon and led a moment of silence in their honor.

b. Extra Mile Day Proclamation

Mayor McGriff recognized Linda Orsen, Jackie Hammond-Williams, and Dorothy Dahlsrud for their service in the City. She read the proclamation declaring November 1, 2024, as Extra Mile Day.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Betty Mumm, resident of Oregon City, said she had run for City Commission and thanked the citizens for voting. She congratulated Commissioner Mitchell on his reelection and Scott Wilson on his election.

Andrew Worthington, resident of Canby, spoke about property he owned in the city. He was hoping to build a live-in business on the property. He was told by Public Works that he would have to pay to put in a water main across the frontage. This would be expensive, and he thought it was unnecessary. He asked if the Commission could help reduce this cost.

Mayor McGriff said this was an issue to work through with staff.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Metro Solid Waste Presentation

Dr. Marta McGuire, Metro's Waste Prevention and Environmental Services Director, and Rosalynn Greene, Strategic Initiatives Manager, shared a proposed investment strategy for redevelopment of the Metro South Station. They discussed the Regional Waste Plan that guided the work, history of the Metro South Station, Regional System Facilities Plan phases and engagement, draft plan outline, key investments, community drop-off depots, reuse and repair, commercial transfer stations, wet waste tonnage flow, private facility regulation, investment summary and costs, financing approach through revenue bonds, and draft plan review.

There was discussion regarding the recent Metro audit, management practices, addressing safety concerns, how the plan would be financed, how the local collection company would not incur additional costs, ability to locate multiple stations, models for the proposed types of facilities, next steps, and timeline.

b. Caring Place Presentation

Dan Fowler, Chair of the Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County, introduced the topic.

Chris Keane, architect for the project, spoke about the design process for the new facility and showed slides of the proposed site plan.

Trevor Weller, Precision Construction, reviewed the demolition process for the building on 15th and Main.

John Duke, Executive Director of the Homeless Solutions Coalition, spoke about the tenants that would be in the new building.

Mr. Fowler highlighted the benefits of the new facility. He hoped to be in partnership with the City on this project.

There was discussion regarding the Community Health Center relocation to this facility, parking, timeline, what would happen after hours, security measures, concern that the facility would bring more homeless to the City, and benefits of having all the homeless services together in one place.

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 Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the consent agenda except for item 7b. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NO: None

- a. Intergovernmental Agreement between Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) and the City of Oregon City for Construction and Operation of a New Transit Center
- b. Resolution No. 24-28, Authorizing the Nomination of the Oregon City OR99E (McLoughlin Boulevard) 10th Street to Tumwata Village: Shared-Use Path and Streetscape Enhancements Project Development for the Metro 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation - Step 2 Program

Dayna Webb, Public Works Director, said this was a request to support a grant for the McLoughlin Boulevard Enhancement Project.

Dave Green, resident of Oregon City, thought the project was a solution in search of a problem. He did not think there was enough bicycle and pedestrian traffic that used the corridor and it would not be worth the cost. It would be a significant visual impact on the riverfront area and would take pedestrians away from the downtown businesses.

Commissioner Smith said they wanted to build something attractive that would draw pedestrians and cyclists to the waterfront and connected each end of the City. He thought the grant would help them fine-tune the design.

Ms. Webb said the grant was for the design of the streetscape improvements and type, size, and location work on the bridge. The grant window was now for funds that would be dispersed in 2028-2030. Passing this resolution would not lock the city in to a design.

Motion by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve Resolution No. 24-28. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NO: None

- c. Personal Services Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the Sanitary Pump Station Generator Replacements Project (CI 24-007)
- d. Purchase of Public Works Fleet Division Replacement Vehicle: 2027 F-550 Aerial Bucket Truck
- e. Change Order #1 for the Barclay Hills Storm Improvements Project (CI 23-014)
- f. Equipment Purchase using DOJ DEA Asset Forfeiture and Equitable Sharing Funds
- g. Minutes of the June 5, 2024 City Commission Regular Meeting
- h. Minutes of the July 11, 2024 City Commission Special Meeting

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Washington Street Corridor Federal Earmark Funding Project Conceptual Design

Ms. Webb discussed the conceptual design for the Washington Street Corridor Project. She gave a background on the project funding and presented slides showing what the concept included. Federal funding would cover \$4 million, and the city's match would be \$500,000.

Motion by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to approve the Washington Street Corridor Federal Earmark Funding Project Conceptual Design. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NO: None

- b. Nonprofit Corporation Low-Income Housing Property Tax Exemption

Matt Zook, Finance Director, introduced the property tax exemption for non-profit corporations who provided low-income housing. The City recently received a request for an exemption. He gave a background on the exemption, key components of the program, how it would have to be adopted into Code, how it was an optional program, primary advantages and disadvantages, and impact to City revenue.

There was discussion regarding concerns about loss of revenue, new construction not paying for itself, additional police services needed, how there were other ways to fund the housing, and getting more information before making a decision.

Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to direct staff not to pursue the exemption, which will result in the normal taxation of nonprofit corporations with low income housing property. The motion passed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner O'Donnell, Commissioner Marl, and Commissioner Mitchell
NO: Mayor McGriff

c. Fireworks Draft Ordinance(s) Discussion

Shaun Davis, Police Chief, said the Commission had several discussions regarding banning illegal fireworks and directed staff to create an ordinance to allow enforcement under City Code. There were two ordinances for consideration, one for prohibiting illegal fireworks with full penalty and the other for temporary prohibition of fireworks during extreme fire danger. He asked for feedback on the ordinances.

Zach Knudson, Code Enforcement, and Jason Pohl, Police Officer, were representing the Oregon City Police Employees' Association. The OCPEA had voted unanimously in opposition to the ban. Main reasons included confusion with conflicting regulations, impact to community relations, shift issues with mandatory overtime, not being able to effectively enforce a ban, lack of storage space if large quantities of fireworks were confiscated, and Code Enforcement officers would not be able to assist with the effort.

There was discussion regarding other jurisdictions not actively issuing citations for their ordinance violations, getting feedback from the Police Association on the proposed ordinances, community concerns and livability, the risk of fires, and adding similar language to Happy Valley's ordinance.

The Police Association would look at the proposed ordinances and bring back a response.

d. First Reading of Ordinance No. 24-1011, Adopting Amendments to the Oregon City Stormwater Code for Allowable Non-stormwater Discharges

Marcos Kubow, Water Quality Coordinator, explained that the amendment would add a definition of allowable non-stormwater discharges. There would be no impact to operations.

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-1011, adopting amendments to the Oregon City Stormwater Code for allowable non-stormwater discharges. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner O'Donnell, Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, and Commissioner Mitchell
NO: None

e. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 24-1009; Amending OCMC 2.30.030 to Adjust Membership Requirements for the Citizen Involvement Committee

Motion by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 24-1009; amending OCMC 2.30.030 to adjust membership requirements for the Citizen Involvement Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner O'Donnell, Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, and Commissioner Mitchell
NO: None

f. Resolution No. 24-26, Amending Bylaws for the Citizen Involvement Committee

Motion by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to approve Resolution No. 24-26, amending bylaws for the Citizen Involvement Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NO: None

10. COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager –

None

Commissioners –

Commissioner O'Donnell reported on the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) Committee. He did not think the City should bear the entire financial burden for the organization and that each player should contribute. He was also concerned that the focus was on marketing to the exclusion of management. The different organizations would need to set aside their own interests for the success of the overall effort. He was also concerned about the formation of empowered committees.

Commissioner Marl said the measure temporarily banning psilocybin facilities in Oregon City had passed. He thought a lot more research needed to be done before it was brought to the community. He had been elected to the Board of Directors at the League of Oregon Cities Conference. The legislature had a survey out right now for water investment needs.

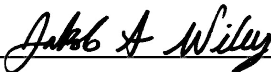
Mayor –

Mayor McGriff said she would not be able to attend the next Work Session and Commission President Marl would be participating virtually. Commissioner O'Donnell would chair that meeting. She thanked staff for their work. She and Commissioner Smith had participated in the trick or treat event downtown.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 10:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder

Date Approved: August 06, 2025