



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

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

PRESENT: 5 - Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Mike Mitchell, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Scott Wilson, Mayor Denyse McGriff

STAFFERS: 6 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Police Chief Shaun Davis, Public Works Director Dayna Webb, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Economic Development Manager James Graham

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS

a. Black History Month

Mayor McGriff read the proclamation declaring February 2025 as Black History Month.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Nicita, resident of Oregon City, spoke about the State's actions making citizens feel powerless. He thought the City Commission and some staff were doing the same thing in Oregon City regarding citizens' right to vote on Urban Renewal. He asked the Commission not to go down that path.

Jane Nitchke, resident of Oregon City, discussed the Icon development in the Park Place area and the added cars from the development. The current infrastructure was not able to handle all the cars during the fire evacuation in 2020 and with more cars, the situation would get worse. This issue needed to be addressed.

Marianne Lee, resident of Oregon City, spoke about the recent fires in Los Angeles and how it reminded her of the 2020 fire evacuation in Oregon City. It had taken her over an hour to get out of the Park Place area. No improvements had been made to the evacuation routes since that time and additional development was being considered. Development would further complicate the issue. She had been told funding was the reason the improvements had not been made even though they were in the Park Place Concept Plan. These improvements needed to be done before any more developments were approved.

Dorothy Dahlsrud, resident of Oregon City, discussed the recent interactive talk held by the Oregon City Parks Foundation. She thanked staff for helping organize the event. She also discussed the right to vote on Urban Renewal and how they needed to direct their attention to other issues, such as the Park Place neighborhood evacuation routes.

Tom Geil, resident of Oregon City, was representing the Trail View Heights neighborhood in Park Place. The recent fires in Los Angeles had brought up the fears many of them had regarding fires and not being able to evacuate. In 2020, the roads were blocked with people trying to evacuate and many gave up and just went back home. There needed to be a moratorium on development until this issue was resolved. He said the citizens would hold Oregon City leadership accountable for any future fire evacuation catastrophes.

Mayor McGriff read a letter from the Clackamas Fire District regarding the Blue Heron site fire.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Natural Resources Committee Presentation

Samantha Wolf, Natural Resources Committee Chair, presented recommendations on the City's urban forestry efforts. The City needed a comprehensive tree inventory, to create an Urban Forest Management Plan, add code protections for mature trees, prioritize preservation of large, mature trees, modify fee structures to incentivize preservation and use the funds for tree planting and maintenance, make essential updates to the tree code to include best practices, and hire a City Forester. There were state grants that could help fund these efforts and volunteer time could be used to help.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, and Commissioner Wilson

NO: None

a. Change Order No. 2, for the Holcomb Boulevard Safe Routes to School Project (CI 22-011)

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. First Reading of Ordinance No. 24-1013, Vacating Sections of Public Rights-of-Way within Clackamas County Housing Authority Property named "Clackamas Heights" legally addressed as 13900 Gain Street

Mayor McGriff opened the public hearing. There was no public comment. Mayor McGriff closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-1013, vacating sections of public rights-of-way within Clackamas County Housing Authority property named "Clackamas Heights" legally addressed as 13900 Gain Street. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, and Commissioner Wilson

NO: None

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 25-04 - A Resolution in Support of Banning the Sale of Flavored Tobacco and Synthetic Nicotine Products and Protecting Youth from a Lifetime of Nicotine Addiction

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist, introduced Youth Advisory Commissioners Jack and Cole Selari, who expressed their support for the resolution.

Commissioner Mitchell noted a typo.

Motion by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve Resolution No. 25-04, a resolution in support of banning the sale of flavored tobacco and synthetic nicotine products and protecting youth from a lifetime of nicotine addiction. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, and Commissioner Wilson

NO: None

b. Oregon City Antique Fire Trucks Donation

Tony Konkol, City Manager, said this was a request to donate three Oregon City antique fire trucks to the Oregon Fire Service Museum for incorporation and display at the museum. He explained the terms that were included in the agreement, including options for reclaiming the fire trucks and use of the trucks.

Kenneth Lauderback, Oregon Fire Service Museum, said they would love to have the vehicles in the museum where they would be indoors and protected. They would be on display for the public and available for any Oregon City event.

There was discussion regarding how the trucks would be transported, how this was a good partnership, and membership dues for insurance purposes.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the Oregon City antique fire trucks donation. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, and Commissioner Wilson

NO: None

c. Adaptive Re-Use Building Rehabilitation Program 2.0

James Graham, Economic Development Manager, said the Urban Renewal Commission had reviewed this program and recommended approval by the City Commission.

Seth Henderson, Downtown Oregon City Association, said they had worked with Main Street grants for a number of downtown projects. This program would allow them to couple City and State funds to move those projects forward. He explained the types of projects that would be supported by the program including seismic upgrades, façade improvements/replacements, and new roofs.

There was discussion regarding the timeline for starting the program, issue with using the General Fund for the program and using Urban Renewal funds instead, how staff was comfortable that the funds were available for the last four months of the biennium and the Budget Committee would discuss how it would fit in the next biennium, and degree of urgency with the Courthouse leaving downtown.

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the Adaptive Re-Use Building Rehabilitation Program 2.0. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NO: Commissioner Wilson

d. 2025 State Transportation Funding Joint Values and Outcomes Document from C-4

Mr. Konkol said this was a request to use the City's logo on the Joint Values and Outcomes document. The document was the same as the 2024 version but with the election in November, the County was asking for reaffirmation of approval. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the use of the Oregon City

logo on the 2025 State Transportation Funding Joint Values and Outcomes Document. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, and Commissioner Wilson

NO: None

- e. Update and discussion on the process by Clackamas County to sell the Courthouse located on Main Street.

Mr. Konkol said the County created a Main Street Courthouse Committee to recommend a course of action for the disposition of the Courthouse building. The Committee recommended to sell or transfer the building to an entity that could fully contribute to the economic vitality of downtown. County staff was directed to create a request for expression of interest (RFEI) process. Concerns were raised about continuing public access to Liberty Plaza.

Mayor McGriff said the County Commission wanted to collaborate with the City Commission about this topic as well as other issues.

There was discussion regarding the RFEI process and long term decision for what happened with the building as well as how the building would be vacant for some time and needed to be secured as well as power continued to be provided to Liberty Plaza for events.

There was consensus for staff to get in touch with the County regarding the use of Liberty Plaza and security of the building, to reach out to the Downtown Oregon City Association, and to work on scheduling a meeting with the County.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager

- a. Update on Planning Commission Applications and Interview Process Discussion

Mr. Konkol said they were looking for dates for interviewing the DMMO and Planning Commission applications.

There was consensus to meet on February 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. to interview Planning Commission candidates. The Commission went through the list of applicants and decided to interview four: Victoria Meinig, Lane Elmer, Robert Green, and Clay Edwards.

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Marl, to reappoint Bob La Salle to the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Mitchell, and Commissioner Wilson

NO: None

There was consensus for staff to send out dates for the DMMO interviews and find one where all five City Commissioners could attend.

Commissioners

Commissioner Marl reported on City Day at the Capitol and highlighted House Bill 3136.

Commissioner Smith said Clackamas Heritage Partners was having a retreat this weekend.

Commissioner Mitchell thanked volunteers for the new design of the Neighborhood Association postcard.

Mayor –

Mayor McGriff reported on the If I Were Mayor contest.

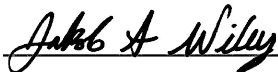
a. Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Committees

Mayor McGriff made appointments to city Boards and Committees and noted the current vacancies.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at .8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jakob S. Wiley", is written over a horizontal line.

Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder

Date Approved: October 15, 2025