



CITY OF OREGON CITY CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MEETING MINUTES

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

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

STAFFERS: 9 - City Manager Tony Konkol, Assistant City Manager Alex Rains, Assistant City Recorder Evan Lee, Police Chief Shaun Davis, Public Works Director Dayna Webb, Economic Development Manager James Graham, Communications Manager Jarrod Lyman, Finance Director Matt Zook, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Project Engineer Kenneth Cannady-Shultz

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS

a. Oath of Office for New Oregon City K-9 Officer

Chief Davis introduced new canine officer, Alfie. Mayor McGriff administered the Oath of Office to Alfie.

b. Oath of Office for New Oregon City Police Officer

Chief Davis introduced new police officer Jesse Olivares. Mayor McGriff administered the oath of office to Officer Olivares.

c. Preservation Month

Mayor McGriff read the proclamation declaring May 2025 as National Historic Preservation Month.

d. Frontline Worker Appreciation Month

Commissioner Wilson read the proclamation declaring May 2025 as Frontline Worker Appreciation Month.

e. National Public Works Week Proclamation

Commissioner Marl read the proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2025, as National Public Works Week.

Mayor McGriff announced the City received an excellence award from the League of Oregon Cities for their Inflow & Infiltration reduction project.

f. Police Week & Peace Officers Memorial Day

Commissioner Smith read the proclamation declaring May 11-17, 2025, as Police Week and May 15, 2025, as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cyrus Zamani, resident of Oregon City, discussed his experiences with the Economic Development Department. He said he had applied for a grant, but funds had already been allocated before the application deadline and before all applicants had been considered. He had requested specific insurance language and staff responded with incorrect information, further delaying the event. He thought Economic Development Manager James Graham's conduct and statements should be investigated, fair and transparent grant procedures should be established, small business applicants should be treated equitably, and the city should clarify what counts as successful completion regarding the City-sponsored public event program

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Community DEI Task Force Update

Darcy Southall, Heidi Blackwell, and Linda Smith, members of the DEI Task Force, discussed the membership and efforts of the Task Force. They noted that engagement dropped from meeting to meeting. There was no clear vision or goal for the Task Force. They said that the remaining members did express a desire to continue the Task Force.

The Task Force recommended permanent status of the Task Force as a Community DEI Advisory Group with an official staff liaison for collaboration. The Advisory Group would create a multicultural and heritage calendar build community partnerships, and engage the community through events, programs, and listening sessions.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Smith, 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. Public Improvement Contract with S-2 Contractors, Inc. for the 2025 Oregon City Roadway Reconstruction Project (PMUF) (CI 24-006)**
- b. Amendment No. 1 to the Personal Services Agreement with Harper Houf Peterson Righellis, Inc. for the 2025 Roadway Reconstruction Project (PMUF) (CI 24-006)**
- c. Resolution 25-08, Vacating a Portion of Public Utility Easement on 654 Warner Parrott Road**
- d. Personal Services Agreement with Wallis Engineering for the Main Street 10th to 15th Streetscape Improvements Project (CI 25-002)**
- e. Public Improvement Contract with Valley Slurry Seal International for the 2025 Preventative Pavement Maintenance Type II Slurry Seal (CI 25-001)**
- f. Intergovernmental Agreement with Clackamas County for Supportive Services Community Court Grant**

Commissioner Mitchell suggested bringing some of the engineering services for recurring projects in-

house instead of paying consultants every year. Dayna Webb, Public Works Director, said they had done in-house design for two smaller projects. They typically outsourced projects to keep staffing consistent.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor McGriff added an item onto the agenda for a request from Doug Neeley.

Doug Neeley, resident of Oregon City, discussed a funding request from the Oregon City Heritage Coordinating Committee for a banner and bus at the Grand Floral Parade on June 7, 2025. The banner recognized the 200th anniversary of Fort Vancouver, and flowers and signs of historic sites in Oregon City would be placed on a bus. He asked for \$900 to pay for the associated costs.

Mayor McGriff said that the Committee had also appeared before the City Commission at the last minute asking for money last year. She had told them then that it was inappropriate because it set a bad precedent. Commissioner Marl said that because this is an annual request, it should be brought up during a budget meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the request for \$900 to come from the Transient Lodging Tax, contingent on the Oregon City logo being added to the banner and the script promote Oregon City and its connection to Fort Vancouver. The motion carried by the following vote:

Commissioner Smith said that the city needed a larger discussion about a process to deal with events and tourism. Commissioner Marl added that this application was lacking many of the things that the Commission would require of anyone else requesting funds, like a detailed budget. He also questioned if the link between Fort Vancouver and Oregon City was well-known enough to make this a worthwhile investment.

YES: Commissioner Smith, Mayor McGriff, and Commissioner Mitchell

NO: Commissioner Marl and Commissioner Wilson

a. Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Rehabilitation within City Charter Parks

Mrs. Webb said this was a request for the Commission to provide direction on how to proceed with sanitary sewer Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Program work within the City's charter parks. She showed a summary of which charter parks were anticipated to be impacted and the potential methods that could be used.

Carrie Richter, City Attorney, explained that the City Charter required voter approval to take certain actions in charter parks. In this case, the issue was whether the replacement of the existing lines would require voter approval. She did not think voter approval was required, as these were existing lines that should be allowed to continue to function for park purposes and nothing new was being constructed. She mentioned that there was a related question of whether things below the surface, like pipes, were structures, but the Commission did not need to decide that at this meeting.

There was discussion about the work being routine and ordinary maintenance and making sure the tree removal process was followed if any trees were to be impacted by this work.

Motion by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to conclude there was no vote of the public required to allow for the I&I work to occur in the charter parks and to follow the tree removal process. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NO: None

10. COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager –

Mrs. Richter said Bill Kabeiseman was retiring and his last meeting would be May 21, 2025.

Commissioners –

Commissioner Marl reported on the League of Oregon Cities Board of Directors meeting where the Oregon Government Ethics Commission's (OGEC) advice on serial meetings was discussed. OGEC advised that City Commissioners not discuss issues with each other, city staff, or constituents. OGEC also advised that any City Commissioner who receives payment or reimbursement from their city should recuse themselves from city budget discussions.

Mayor –

Mayor McGriff would be visiting schools to talk about the Youth Advisory Commission. A student from Oregon City won 2nd place in the statewide If I Were Mayor contest.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder
Date Approved: March 04, 2026