CITY OF OREGON CITY
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
REVISED
MEETING MINUTES

Hanlon Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session will begin at 6:00 PM pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d): To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 7:01 P.M.

PRESENT: 3 -	Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Mike Mitchell, Mayor Denyse McGriff
EXCUSED: 2 -	Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Scott Wilson
STAFFERS: 9 -	City Manager Tony Konkol, Assistant City Manager Alex Rains, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Police Chief Shaun Davis, Finance Director Matt Zook, Assistant City Engineer Josh Wheeler

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS

a. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor McGriff read the proclamation declaring October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

April Everist, Program Services Coordinator for A Safe Place Family Justice Center, said the proclamation reflected the community's shared commitment to creating safe, inclusive spaces and to standing together to break the silence that surrounded domestic violence. She discussed the theme for the year, "With Survivors Always," and the activities planned for the month.

b. Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation

Mayor McGriff read the proclamation declaring October 13, 2025, as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seth Henderson, Level Development NW, gave an update on the County Courthouse. An executed disposition and development agreement had been recorded. He offered to return for more discussions with the Commission as the project progressed.

The Commission asked that he coordinate with staff to give a presentation of a roadmap for the project and come back periodically as milestones were reached or if the roadmap changed.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

a. Professional services agreement Amendment No. 2 with Christine Landers Law LLC to recognize additional compensation for additional court prosecution services in the newly established Caring Court.

b. Approval of Pro Tem Judges

c. Amendment No. 1 to Judge Lindgren Employment Contract

d. Minutes of the December 18, 2024 City Commission Regular Meeting

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 25-1012, Vacating Unimproved Right-of-Way Located Between 19530 South Central Point Road (Lot 1, *Filbert Orchard,* Recorded Plat No. 1744) and "Tract B," (*Ed's Orchard*, Recorded Plat No. 4503)

Josh Wheeler, Assistant City Engineer, said that the vacated land would all go to the property located at 19530 South Central Point Road. The property's septic system was in disrepair, and this vacation would allow them access to the sewer line.

Mayor McGriff opened the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

Mayor McGriff closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 25-1012, vacating unimproved right-of-way located between 19530 South Central Point Road (Lot 1, Filbert Orchard, Recorded Plat No. 1744) and "Tract B," (Ed's Orchard, Recorded Plat No. 4503). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Monthly Stormwater Fee Exemption Request for The Blue at Abernethy Creek

Tony Konkol, City Manager, said the Commission had requested more information regarding a site whose stormwater was being drained into Abernethy Creek. The City had already approved a reimbursement of the stormwater fee back to the date the exemption request was filed. The owners had asked the reimbursement go back to the date of purchase of the property.

The Commission had asked about the current process for utility billing to correct billing errors. Mr. Konkol said that utility billing would only look back six months maximum. The Commission had also asked for more information about the lookback given to Living Hope Church for their stormwater fees in 2022. Mr. Konkol said the Public Works Director had initially looked back to the first instance of the church requesting a review of their stormwater fees, which was 30 months prior. In that case, the Commission voted to refund the church back to 2008.

The Commission had also requested more history of the Abernethy Road property in question. Mr. Konkol said the property had been owned by the county dating back to at least the 1970s.

There was discussion about whether or not a billing dispute with a water bill could be directly compared to stormwater, where the onus is on the property owner to demonstrate to the City that their stormwater does not enter the City's system, and how to be consistent with the decision made in the church case.

There was further discussion regarding the options and how this decision would not bind the Commission when discussing future code amendments.

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the monthly stormwater fee exemption request for The Blue at Abernethy Creek back to the date of purchase. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Mitchell and Commissioner Smith
NO: Mayor McGriff

b. Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Permit Reimbursement Discussion

Mr. Konkol said the Commission had requested additional information on reimbursing those who had already paid the permit fee before the Commission waived the sidewalk right-of-way permits for six months and how far back they should go for reimbursement. Staff went back to the beginning of the sidewalk code enforcement complaints in the McLoughlin neighborhood, which was October of 2023. There were also contractors who paid the fee or those who came under a group permit. He asked for direction on a look back period for reimbursement.

There was discussion regarding only going back to the recent situation from May 23, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the sidewalk repair/replacement permit reimbursement back to May 23, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

10. COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager

a. Street Tree Replacement

Mr. Konkol said they had been doing sidewalk repair at the Ermatinger House and the trees were assessed. It was determined that the trees did not need to be removed. They also did some sidewalk repair and an assessment of the trees by the Fire Station on 7th. Those trees would need to be removed to be able to fix the sidewalk.

The Mayor asked for the largest replacements possible.

Mr. Konkol said the November Work Session was scheduled for November 11, which is Veterans Day. He asked if the Commission would prefer to cancel the meeting or hold it on Wednesday, November 12. The Commission preferred to hold the meeting on November 12.

Commissioners

None.

Mayor

Mayor McGriff read a statement from mayors of the Portland metro area on immigration laws.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder
Date Approved: June 03, 2026