



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Commission

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Work Session - REVISED

1. Convene Work Session and Roll Call

Commission President O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Present: 4 - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith, Commissioner Rocky Smith Jr. and Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Absent: 1 - Mayor Dan Holladay

Staffers: 8 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Kattie Riggs, Community Development Director Laura Terway, Community Services Director Phil Lewis, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Library Director Maureen Cole, Finance Director Wyatt Parno and Police Chief and Public Safety Director James Band

2. Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Denyse McGriff reminded the Commission they had wanted to discuss signage for parking to explain when parking is available at certain locations without free of towing, specifically referring to the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) parking lot along the Promenade. The Commission has wanted to discuss the Marijuana tax money received by the City. Commissioner McGriff would like to invite someone from the City of Milwaukie to see if they can provide a presentation on their climate action plan.

Commissioner Rocky Smith reminded the Commission that he would like to discuss Urban Renewal and how to move forward with it and still acknowledging the people's vote and update on where other cities are regarding annexation.

Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith would like to see a list of what staff already has in the queue for work session agenda items. She would like to collaborate more with Clackamas County for work session items and presentations. She would like a presentation on homelessness including someone from Clackamas County.

Commissioner Frank O'Donnell would like to see a more regional presentation on homelessness, what is happening in the region.

Commissioner McGriff would like to make sure when there is a homelessness presentation all sides are presented fair and evenly, such as the not so nice aspects of homelessness.

3. Discussion Items

3a. Update on Clackamas County Courthouse Progress

Judge Kathie Steele, Clackamas County Circuit Court Judge, introduced herself and Clackamas County Commissioner Ken Humberston. She continued with providing the history and background of the Clackamas County Courthouse. It had been built in 1936 when there were only about 50,000 residents in Clackamas County and now there are about 419,000 residents in the County. Clackamas County has out-grown this facility. A new courthouse would meet seismic standard requirements and provide a more effective and efficient facility.

Commissioner Humberston reminded the Commission his previous career was in law enforcement. He provided a scenario to explain how the current courthouse is not designed to protect crime victims, but instead has them both sitting outside the courtrooms directly across from each other. The facility not being safe for victims, attorneys, etc.

Judge Steele provided a list of the new amenities and opportunities that will be provided with the new courthouse. She explained this has been driven by a multi-year and multi-agency stakeholder partnership including the Oregon State Legislature, Judicial Department, Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners, District Attorney's office and local law enforcement.

Commissioner Humberston stated the new courthouse is already listed in the Master Plan which has already provided for necessary infrastructure providing a competitive advantage when moving forward with the state legislature. Clackamas County will need to come up with \$135 million to fund this project in addition to the expected \$95 million from the State of Oregon. Some of the funding options are to issue a bond at tentatively \$0.13 per 1,000, or a public-private partnership. The hope would be to use cross laminated timber, lumber from local forests, construction from local artisans, and cross laminated timber from plants in Clackamas County.

Commissioner McGriff agreed the courthouse was outdated and needed seismic upgrades. She also mentioned it was National Registry eligible to be designated. She would like to see the County emphasize the building as being beautiful, still usable for other purposes, and a staple of Oregon City's downtown area.

Commissioner Lyles Smith asked if there was a projection of when they would break-ground on the new courthouse.

They were unsure, but estimated at least two years out.

3b. Tri-City Good Neighbor Program

Tony Konkol, City Manager, presented background on staff level work and discussions with Clackamas County Water Environmental Services (WES) and the City of Gladstone regarding a Tri-City good neighbor agreement. The agreement or program could provide improvements along the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers that may include education regarding pollution control and how sewage is treated, bike/pedestrian access, habitat protection, enhancement restoration. A draft Intergovernmental Agreement has been created around four basic goals. This agreement would provide \$250,000 per year beginning July 1, 2019 for 10 years, which would be used for projects within the Tri-City Resource Recovery Area. The agreement will be reviewed every 5 years and could, at that time, be renewed for an additional 5

years if mutually agreed upon by all parties. The funds would be allocated to each jurisdiction based on the number of equivalent dwelling units (EDU) from each city, with the initial allocation being 80% (\$200,000) to Oregon City and 20% (\$50,000) to Gladstone. The cities have each come up with a proposed project list including capital and/or one-time expenses and maintenance and ongoing expenses within the Tri-City Resource Recovery Area. Mr. Konkol remind the Commission they would be meeting with Gladstone and Clackamas County WES on May 21, 2019 regarding this agreement.

Commissioner McGriff clarified this would not be a grant program that could be applied for such as the Enhancement Grant program the City offers and provide two suggestions for future projects to add to the list: secure restrooms at Clackamette park, less likely to be vandalized, lighting on the bridge between Gladstone and Oregon City, and re-locating the RV part of Clackamette Park.

4. City Manager's Report

Mr. Konkol informed the Commission the Ermatinger House would be closed May 10 - 11, 2019 for floor repair and maintenance. He also provided the Commission with an update regarding the Creed Street overlook closure and how some of the problems and issues have moved to the Old Canemah Park.

5. Commission Committee Reports

Commissioners each provided updates on the various boards and committees they attend as a representative of the Oregon City - City Commission.

- a. Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) - Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith**
- b. South Fork Water Board (SFWB) - Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioners Frank O'Donnell and Rocky Smith**
- c. Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) - Mayor Dan Holladay and Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith**
- d. Downtown Oregon City Association Board - Commissioner Denyse McGriff**
- e. Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition - Commissioner Denyse McGriff**
- f. Willamette Falls Legacy Project Liaisons - Mayor Dan Holladay and Commissioner Frank O'Donnell**
- g. Clackamas Heritage Partners - Commissioner Rocky Smith**
- h. Citizen Involvement Committee Liaison - Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith**
- i. Brownfield Grant Committee - Mayor Dan Holladay**

- j. **Oregon Governor's Willamette Falls Locks Commission - Mayor Dan Holladay**
- k. **Beavercreek Employment Area Blue Ribbon Committee - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell**
- 6. **Adjournment**

Commission President O'Donnell adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder