



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Final City Commission

Dan Holladay, Mayor
Carol Pauli, Commission President
Brian Shaw, Rocky Smith, Jr., Daphne Wuest

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

5:30 PM

Commission Chambers

Work Session

1. Convene Work Session and Roll Call

Mayor Holladay called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Present: 5 - Commissioner Brian Shaw, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Carol Pauli, Commissioner Daphne Wuest and Mayor Dan Holladay

Staffers: 13 - City Manager David Frasher, Public Works Director John Lewis, Community Development Director Tony Konkol, Library Director Maureen Cole, Economic Development Manager Eric Underwood, Human Resources Director Jim Loeffler, Community Services Director Scott Archer, Finance Director Wyatt Parno, Planner Laura Terway, Captain Greg Fryett, City Recorder Kattie Riggs, Police Chief and Public Safety Director James Band and City Attorney Jennifer Bragar

2. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

3. Discussion Items:

3a. Oregon City Sign Code Update (Legislative Planning File: L 14-01)

Tony Konkol, Community Development Director, said the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Sign Code. He said Ms. Terway would be giving the presentation on the Sign Code that night.

Laura Terway, Planner, discussed the project goals.

Jennifer Bragar, City Attorney, reviewed the key items to remember when regulating signs especially in regard to free speech.

Ms. Terway explained the community engagement process and gave an overview of the draft Code. She discussed the signage types allowed in the residential, commercial, mixed use, and industrial zones and gave examples. She then discussed signs in the right-of-way and number of signs allowed in the right-of-way in non-residential areas. The City was the only one to install or remove signs in the right-of-way and she explained what other jurisdictions did. The recommendation from the Planning Commission was one A-frame sign in the public right-of-way per property frontage. She then discussed public murals which would be allowed in the Code and would be reviewed by the Arts Commission. The Planning Commission would act as the Arts Commission until one was established. Electronic signs could

change messages three times a day. She listed the signs that were prohibited and discussed sign maintenance and grandfathered non-conforming signs.

There was discussion regarding the restrictions on A-frames in the right-of-way, enforcement of the Sign Code, signs on street lights, sign materials, and mural content.

The Sign Code would be discussed again at the next Commission Work Session.

3b.**Review Noise Ordinance**

Jim Band, Police Chief, said a citizen brought the issue to the City that the noise ordinance needed to be more usable. Greg Fryett, Police Captain, had researched the models of other cities and the Department had come up with the version based on a reasonable standard that fit the community. He asked for more direction on the quiet hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Mayor Holladay thought a section should be added about construction. He thought all noises associated with construction should not happen before 7 a.m.

Commissioner Wuest thought the hours should be later than 7 a.m. on the weekends, such as 8 a.m.

Captain Fryett explained how the noise ordinance worked currently and how it should be changed to something simpler and easily enforced. He had talked with the Municipal Judge, City prosecutor, citizens, police officers, members of the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association, and other cities and came up with the current proposal.

Jesse Buss, resident of Oregon City, said there was a consensus of citizen support for longer quiet hours, from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. on all days. He thought it should be 10 minutes per hour for noisy animals instead of 15 minutes. Happy Valley had a similar ordinance to the one proposed and it was working very well. Happy Valley had a maximum penalty of \$500 instead of the \$300 proposed, and he supported changing it to the \$500. He also thought they should allow citizen witnesses and not require the officer to observe it to give a citation. He thanked City staff and the community for their work on this.

Captain Fryett agreed the citizen witness was helpful because when an officer got there, the problem was no longer occurring or once the officer left it would happen again. He explained what would happen for the first, second, and subsequent offenses. The person reporting the violation could issue a citation with the police officer. He thought the current ordinance was too vague and did not address animals, which was a common complaint.

Commissioner Smith wondered if for events the 10 p.m. could be extended, especially during the summer weekends. He also questioned whether they should be more specific for what events would be exempt, such as permitted events.

Chief Band said he and staff would be watching how this was applied and if it worked the way they thought it would.

There was no objection to changing it to ten minutes for animal noise, keeping the hours on weekends at 7 a.m., and changing some of the exemptions.

4. City Manager's Report

David Frasher, City Manager, distributed the 2015-2017 Commission goals.

Chief Band reported on the public outreach on the funding for the new Police Department building.

John Lewis, Public Works Director, discussed the rock slide at Singer Hill. There were still unstable rocks and he was looking into options for further protections.

Mr. Frasher would be meeting with State legislators and lobbyists regarding the Willamette Falls Legacy Project funding. He would be looking at regulations for lighting on bicycles as requested by Mayor Holladay. The Oregonian was interviewing some staff members about HB 2800.

Mayor Holladay would be holding conference calls with Representative Barton and City of Portland Commissioner Nick Fish regarding the Willamette Falls Legacy Project.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Holladay adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder