

# **City of Oregon City**

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### **Meeting Minutes - Final**

# **City Commission**

Dan Holladay, Mayor Renate Mengelberg, Commission President Brian Shaw, Nancy Ide, Frank O'Donnell

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

5:30 PM

**Commission Chambers** 

### Joint Work Session with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

#### 1. Convene Joint Work Session

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

Commissioner Renate Mengelberg, Member Troy Bolinger, Member Karin Morey, Member Lisa Novak, Member Mike Mitchell, Member Christopher Cook, Member Doug Neeley, Member Roger Fowler-Thias and Member

Shawn Dachtler

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell and Member Bill Daniels

Staffers: 10 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Kattie Riggs, Police Chief and

Present: 12 - Commissioner Brian Shaw, Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Nancy Ide,

Public Safety Director James Band, Finance Director Wyatt Parno, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Community Services Director Phil Lewis,

Economic Development Manager Eric Underwood, Community

Communications Coordinator Kristin Brown, Assistant to the City Manager Lisa Oreskovich and Community Development Director Laura Terway

#### 2. Introductions

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

### 3. Discussion Item

#### **3a.** Parks Deferred Maintenance and Funding Discussion

Phil Lewis, Community Services Director, provided a background about the Parks & Recreation Department along with the Cemetery. He explained the industry standards for how many staff Oregon City had compared to what the industry standard would require with the amount of property the City owned and maintained. He then discussed the need for ongoing funding for parks and recreation operations and capital reinvestment for deferred maintenance. There was about \$27.4 million needed to take care of the parks and facilities deferred maintenance backlog. Mr. Lewis listed the funding options for the operations and capital needs. Staff recommended the City Commission approve a \$0.25 permanent tax rate adjustment to be used for park and facility operations. The result would be to hire five park maintenance positions and one facility maintenance position to more closely align with needs. Staff also recommended the Commission approve sending a \$27.4 million capital local option levy to a vote of the people. The ten-year levy would be used to address park and facility deferred

maintenance.

There was discussion regarding the funding options, deferred maintenance, Park Utility Fee versus a Capital Local Option Levy, possibly going out for more money, and citizen input and education.

There was consensus that whatever the option chosen, it would go out to a vote.

Staff would come back in November with more information on this topic.

## 4. Adjournment

Mayor Holladay adjourned the meeting at 6:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder