



# City of Oregon City

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Commission

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Wednesday, September 18, 2019

7:15 PM

Commission Chambers

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#### 1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

*Mayor Holladay called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.*

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith, Commissioner Rocky Smith Jr. and Commissioner Denyse McGriff

**Staffers:** 9 - City Manager Tony Konkol, Assistant City Attorney Carrie Richter, Assistant City Recorder Claudia Cisneros, Police Chief and Public Safety Director James Band, Community Development Director Laura Terway, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Public Works Director John Lewis, Community Services Director Phil Lewis and Sr. Planner Pete Walter

#### 2. Flag Salute

#### 3. Ceremonies, Proclamations

#### 4. Citizen Comments

*William Gifford, resident of Oregon City, announced the Oregon City Business Alliance forum next Tuesday, September 24, 2019 on land use laws and homelessness. He also discussed the Car Show.*

*Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, discussed the issue of a fence that was built in the right-of-way in Canemah.*

#### 5. Adoption of the Agenda

*The agenda was adopted as presented.*

#### 6. Public Hearings

##### 6a. First Reading of Ordinance No.19-1016, Amending Oregon City Municipal Code Chapter 12.32 - Heritage Trees

*Mayor Holladay opened the public hearing.*

*Laura Terway, Community Development Director, said the Natural Resources Committee had proposed some revisions to the Heritage Tree Code.*

*Pete Walter, Senior Planner, explained the changes that were being proposed. These included removing the requirement for an arborist report, all of the nominations would*

*be submitted at the same time every year, owner consent would be required in all situations, a tree mitigation table was added that would indicate the number of replacement trees required if a heritage tree was removed, and native heritage trees must be replaced with a native tree species. There were some grammatical errors that would be corrected as well.*

*Dorothy Dahlsrud, resident of Oregon City, emphasized the importance of removing the requirement for the arborist report as it was a financial burden to applicants. She encouraged the Commission to increase the \$600 fine for removing a heritage tree.*

*Lisa Novak, resident of Oregon City, discussed the benefits of urban trees. She was in support of the changes proposed and increasing the fine.*

*Mayor Holladay closed the public hearing.*

*There was discussion regarding the number of tree replacements, fee in lieu instead of replacement trees, owner consent on City properties, planting a larger replacement tree, higher fine for tree removal, separating the definitions of hazardous trees and diseased trees, and making the code less punitive.*

*There was consensus for staff to bring back the changes discussed by the Commission which included separating the definitions of hazardous and diseased trees, no fee in lieu, but allowing the options of planting a larger tree or planting trees off-site, and keeping the fine for removal at \$600. The owner consent on City properties was still undecided.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner McGriff, to continue the first reading of Ordinance No.19-1016, amending Oregon City Municipal Code Chapter 12.32 - Heritage Trees to October 16, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith, Commissioner Rocky Smith Jr. and Commissioner Denyse McGriff

## **7. General Business**

## **8. Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Commissioner McGriff, seconded by Commissioner Lyles Smith, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith, Commissioner Rocky Smith Jr. and Commissioner Denyse McGriff

**8a.** Resolution No. 19-32, Support of a Technical Assistance Grant to Update the Comprehensive Plan

**8b.** Personal Services Agreement with RH2 Engineers for Design and Construction Administration Services for High Street Waterline Replacement and Storm System Improvements Project

- 8c. Public Improvement Design Services Contract with Wallis Engineering for the 2020 Oregon City Roadway Reconstruction Project
- 8d. Personal Services Contract with Emerick Construction for the Construction Manager/General Contractor Services for Oregon City Operations Complex Development
- 8e. Minutes of the July 3, 2019 Joint Work Session
- 8f. Minutes of the July 3, 2019 Regular Meeting

**9. Adjournment**

*Mayor Holladay adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



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*Katie Riggs, City Recorder*