

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 2:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Rick Scholl Council President Jessica Chilton Councilor Mark Gundersen Councilor Russell Hubbard Councilor Brandon Sundeen

LOCATION & CONTACT:

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AGENDA

CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

PRESENTATION FROM AFSCME UNION MEMBER(S)

VISITOR COMMENTS - Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker

DISCUSSION TOPICS - The Council will take a break around 4:00PM

- 2:30PM Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Audit Report from City Auditor Conor Delaney from Pauly, Rogers, & Co., PC
- 2. 2:50PM Municipal Court Semi-Annual Report *Municipal Judge Amy Lindgren and City Prosecutor Sam Erskine*
- 3:10PM Police Service Fee Discussion
- 4. 3:30PM Report from City Administrator John Walsh

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following the conclusion of the Council Work Session, an Executive Session is scheduled to take place to discuss:

- Hear Complaints or Charges brought Against a Public Official, under ORS 192.660(2)(b)
- Real Property Transactions, under ORS 192.660(2)(e); and
- Consult with Counsel/Potential Litigation, under ORS 192.660(2)(h).

Representatives of the news media, staff and other persons as approved, shall be allowed to attend the Executive Session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the Council Chambers.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, City Offices Closed
- January 17, 2:00PM, Council Work Session, Council Chambers/Zoom
- January 17, 5:30PM, Council Special Session, Council Chambers/Zoom
- January 17, 7:00PM, Council Regular Session, Council Chambers/Zoom

Future Public Hearing(s)/Forum(s):

None scheduled at this time.

VIRTUAL MEETING DETAILS

Join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83380955169?pwd=UklHTEJxdGZqN1UwQU0xOTNzMUxEdz09

Passcode: 106616 Dial: 669-444-9171

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to City Hall at 503-397-6272.

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January 10, 2024

To the City Council City of St. Helens, Oregon

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of St. Helens for the year ended June 30, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with the information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Purpose of the Audit

Our audit was conducted using sampling, inquiries and analytical procedures to opine on the fair presentation of the financial statements and compliance with:

- generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards
- the Oregon Municipal Audit Law and the related administrative rules
- federal, state and other agency rules and regulations related to expenditures of federal awards

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance

As stated in our engagement letter, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. Our engagement letter details our nonaudit services we provide; these services do not constitute an audit under Government Auditing Standards.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. We also considered internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of the basic financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions is not an objective of our audit. Also in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, we examined, on a test basis, evidence about compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB's Compliance Supplement applicable to each of the major federal programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance with those requirements. While our audit provided a reasonable basis for our opinion, it does not provide a legal determination on compliance with those requirements.

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Our responsibility for the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit involved judgment about the number of transactions examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. We also communicated any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

Results of Audit

- 1. Audit opinion letter an unmodified opinion on the City's financial statements has been issued. This means we have given a "clean" opinion with no reservations.
- 2. State minimum standards for audits We noted instances where actual expenditures exceeded appropriations, as described in the budget section of the financial statement note disclosures.
- 3. Federal Awards We found <u>no</u> issues of non-compliance and <u>no</u> questioned costs. We have responsibility to review these programs and give our opinion on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and tests of the internal control system, compliance with laws and regulations, and general and specific requirements mandated by the various awards.
- 4. Management letter No separate management letter was issued.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used are described in the notes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, except for the implementation of GASB 96 Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were Management's estimate of Accounts Receivable, the Net Pension Asset, OPEB's and Capital Asset Depreciation, which are based on estimated collectability of receivables and useful lives of assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

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Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements or determined that their effects are immaterial. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. There were uncorrected misstatements noted during the audit which were discussed with management.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the City's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the City's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Required Supplementary Information

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the required supplementary information and do notGov express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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Supplementary Information within Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

With respect to the other information accompanying the financial statements, we read the information to identify if any material inconsistencies or misstatement of facts existed with the audited financial statements. Our results noted no material inconsistencies or misstatement of facts.

The financial affairs have been professionally conducted. The accounting records were in good condition and we commend the staff for their assistance and support during the audit.

Other Matters – Future Accounting and Auditing Issues

In order to keep you aware of new auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and accounting statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), we have prepared the following summary of the more significant upcoming issues:

GASB 99 – OMNIBUS 2022

The requirements of this Statement that are effective as follows:

- The requirements related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement 53 and Statement 63 are effective upon issuance.
- The requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter.
- The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees.

GASB 100 – ACCOUNTING CHANGES AND ERROR CORRECTIONS – an amendment of GASB 62

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

This Statement defines accounting changes as changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and changes to or within the financial reporting entity and describes the transactions or other events that constitute those changes. As part of those descriptions, for (1) certain changes in accounting principles and

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(2) certain changes in accounting estimates that result from a change in measurement methodology, a new principle or methodology should be justified on the basis that it is preferable to the principle or methodology used before the change. That preferability should be based on the qualitative characteristics of financial reporting—understandability, reliability, relevance, timeliness, consistency, and comparability. This Statement also addresses corrections of errors in previously issued financial statements.

This Statement prescribes the accounting and financial reporting for (1) each type of accounting change and (2) error corrections. This Statement requires that (a) changes in accounting principles and error corrections be reported retroactively by restating prior periods, (b) changes to or within the financial reporting entity be reported by adjusting beginning balances of the current period, and (c) changes in accounting estimates be reported prospectively by recognizing the change in the current period. The requirements of this Statement for changes in accounting principles apply to the implementation of a new pronouncement in absence of specific transition provisions in the new pronouncement. This Statement also requires that the aggregate amount of adjustments to and restatements of beginning net position, fund balance, or fund net position, as applicable, be displayed by reporting unit in the financial statements.

This Statement requires disclosure in notes to financial statements of descriptive information about accounting changes and error corrections, such as their nature. In addition, information about the quantitative effects on beginning balances of each accounting change and error correction should be disclosed by reporting unit in a tabular format to reconcile beginning balances as previously reported to beginning balances as restated.

Furthermore, this Statement addresses how information that is affected by a change in accounting principle or error correction should be presented in required supplementary information (RSI) and supplementary information (SI). For periods that are earlier than those included in the basic financial statements, information presented in RSI or SI should be restated for error corrections, if practicable, but not for changes in accounting principles.

GASB 101 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures.

This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. Leave is attributable to services already rendered when an employee has performed the services required to earn the leave. Leave that accumulates is carried forward from the reporting period in which it is earned to a future reporting period during which it may be used for time off or otherwise paid or settled. In estimating the leave that is more likely than not to be used or otherwise paid or settled, a government should consider relevant factors such as employment policies related to compensated absences and historical information about the use or payment of compensated absences. However, leave that is more likely than not to be settled through conversion to defined benefit postemployment benefits should not be included in a liability for compensated absences.

This Statement requires that a liability for certain types of compensated absences—including parental leave, military leave, and jury duty leave—not be recognized until the leave commences. This Statement also requires that a liability for specific types of compensated absences not be recognized until the leave is used.

This Statement also establishes guidance for measuring a liability for leave that has not been used, generally

using an employee's pay rate as of the date of the financial statements. A liability for leave that has been used but not yet paid or settled should be measured at the amount of the cash payment or noncash settlement to be made. Certain salary-related payments that are directly and incrementally associated with payments for leave also should be included in the measurement of the liabilities.

With respect to financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus, this Statement requires that expenditures be recognized for the amount that normally would be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

This Statement amends the existing requirement to disclose the gross increases and decreases in a liability for compensated absences to allow governments to disclose only the net change in the liability (as long as they identify it as a net change). In addition, governments are no longer required to disclose which governmental funds typically have been used to liquidate the liability for compensated absences.

This information is intended solely for the use of the City Council and management of the City of St. Helens and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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January 10, 2024

ST. HELENS MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

GOVERNOR TINA KOTEK SECOND REMISSION ORDER

Governor Tina Kotek issued yet another Remission Order in December 2023 following Former Governor Brown's Remission Order in December of 2022. This second order adds additional cases ordering circuit courts, justice courts and municipal courts to forgive all outstanding fines listed in a spreadsheet attached to the order. I will have the total potential loss to the municipal court by the council meeting.

I remain committed to my previously stated goal to assist as many people as feasible to obtain their driver's licenses. When people inquire, I spend time helping defendants determine what courts have holds on their licenses, provide instructions on how to contact the other courts, and also offer fine reduction programs to allow people to pay off their debt to the St. Helens Municipal Court. I will continue to do so for those individuals not listed in the latest Remission Order.

2. CASE NUMBERS FOR 2023

Attached are reports for the number of cases filed in 2023 for both criminal and traffic violations as well as the revenue for 2023. In 2022, the court processed 273 crimes and 639 traffic violations. In 2023, the court processed 247 crimes and 483 traffic violations.

3. TRAFFIC SAFETY

With the new apartments being constructed on Gable Road, it is inevitable that both pedestrian and vehicular traffic will increase significantly. With that increase comes an obvious danger of increased traffic incidents along Gable Road and at the intersection of Gable Road and S. Columbia River Highway. Traffic safety is also a concern in light of the high school on the other side of Gable Road. An idea to address any rise in unsafe traffic incidents is to install traffic cameras at the intersection to monitor speed and failures to abide the traffic lights. Installation of the traffic cameras would provide proactive way to ensure the roadways and sidewalks are safe. Both Tigard and Tualatin installed a number of similar cameras with huge success. I have attached a powerpoint presentation explaining the program with the City of Tigard.



Municipal Court 1/10/2024 10:21:01 AM

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
201201-033.045 CONTEMPT OF COURT				1			1						2
201201-162.145 Escape III										2			2
201201-162.235 Obstructing Governmental or Judicial Administration				1									1
201201-162.315 Resisting Arrest	1		1				1			2	1		6
201201-162.385 False Information to Police for Citation												2	2
201201-163.160 Assault IV	1		1									1	3
201201-163.160A Attempted Assault IV									1				1
201201-163.160D\Assault IV - Domestic Violence									2	1		2	5
201201-163.190 Menacing			1										1
201201-163.190D\Menacing - Domestic Violence			1						2				3
201201-163.195 Reckless Endangering	5	4		1	2			1		3			16
201201-164.043 Theft III			2	2					2	4	3	2	15
201201-164.045 Theft II			1	1	1		1	1	2	3	2		12
201201-164.135 Attempted Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle			1										1
201201-164.245 Criminal Trespass II			3			1		4		1		1	10
201201-164.255 Criminal Trespass I	1							1	1	2			5
201201-164.354 Criminal Mischief II	1		1	1			2	2		1			8
201201-164.805 Offensive Littering							1						1
201201-165.572 Interfering with Making a Report										1			1
201201-166.025 Disorderly Conduct II			1		1	1	1		3	1			8
201201-166.065 Harassment	1	4	1	2	1		1	1	1	1		1	14
201201-166.065A Harassment - A Misdemeanor				1			1						2
201201-166.065D\Harassment - Domestic Violence									3			2	5
201201-166.240 Carrying a Concealed Weapon									1				1
201201-166.250 Unlawful Possession of a Firearm										1			1
201201-166.270 Felon in Possession of a Restricted Weapon									2				2
201201-471.410M Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor or Intoxicated Person				1									1
201201-807.620 False Information to Police										2			2



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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
201201-811.140 Reckless Driving	3	2	1	6	1		3	1	1	9	4	3	34
201201-811.182 DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED - MISD	4	2	1	1		1	1	1	4	2	1	3	21
201201-811.540 Fleeing or Attempting to Elude							1						1
201201-811.700 Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver		1						1					2
201201-813.010 Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	9	4	2	11	4		5	1	4	10	5	3	58

Report Totals: 2	17	18	29	10	3	19	14	29	46	16	20	247



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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
201201-471.430 Minor in Possession of Alcohol	1									2			3
201201-475C.377 Using Marijuana in a Public Place								1		1			2
201201-6.04.020(1Unlicensed Dog										2			2
201201-6.04.040(2Dog at Large									1	1			2
201201-6.04.040(3Dog as a Public Nuisance												1	1
201201-6.04.060(1Aggressive Dog					1		1	1					3
201201-6.04.060(1Aggressive Dog at Large								1					1
201201-6.04.080 Animal Facility Licensing	1												1
201201-8.12.050(2Debris on Private Property										1			1
201201-8.12.050(6Nuisance Violation - Odor					1								1
201201-8.12.150(2Keeping of Junk					1		1						2
201201-803.300 Fail to Register Vehicle		1	2			1	1		2	1			8
201201-803.455 Fail to Renew Vehicle Registration			1					1		3	1	1	7
201201-803.540 Fail to Display Plates								1					1
201201-803.550 Illegal/Alt Display of Plates		1										1	2
201201-803.560 Improper Display of Validating Stickers	1											1	2
201201-806.010 Driving Uninsured	9	15	15	7	7	24	11	10	15	13	14	12	152
201201-806.012 Fail to Carry Proof of Insurance			3			2		1	2	4	1	1	14
201201-806.055V False Information about Liability Ins Violation									1				1
201201-807.010 No Operator's License	1	3	1	1		2	3	1		3	4	5	24
201201-807.420 Fail to Change Address										1			1
201201-811.100 Violation of the Basic Rule					1				1		1		3
201201-811.111 Violation of Speed Limit	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	2	2	4	3	1	23
201201-811.125 Speed Racing											1		1
201201-811.135 Careless Driving		1			1					1	1		4
201201-811.135A Careless Driving - Class A			2	1							3		6
201201-811.145 Fail to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	1						1					1	3
201201-811.175 Driving While Suspended - Violation	7	13	16	3	10	27	4	12	14	10	11	8	135



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		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
201201-811.210	Fail to Use Safety Belt			1										1
201201-811.255	Permit Unlawful Operation of Vehicle								1			1		2
201201-811.265	Fail to Obey a Traffic Control Device	1		3	1	1	2		3	1	1			13
201201-811.275	Fail to Yield R-O-W at Uncontrolled Intersection						1							1
201201-811.335	Unlawful or Unsignaled Turn			1										1
201201-811.370	Fail to Drive within Lane											1		1
201201-811.410	Unsafe Passing on Left				1									1
201201-811.505	Fail to Stop When Emerging From Driveway					1								1
201201-811.700V	Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver - Reduced to Violation				1									1
201201-813.095	Refusal to Submit to Breath Test		1	1			2			1		1	1	7
201201-813.602(2	2)Failure to Install Ignition Interlock Device	2	1							1		1		5
201201-814.020	Pedestrian Fail Obey Traffic Control Device						1							1
201201-818.300	Operating with Sifting or Leaking Load								1					1
201201-821.190	Unlawful Operation of ATV on Highway										1			1
201201OT	Parking Violation - Overtime		1	15		8								24
201201P100	Parking Violation \$100	1						1			2			4
201201P25	Parking Violation \$25			1	3				1					5
201201P250	Parking Violation \$250										1			1
201201P50	Parking Violation \$50			1		1			3					5
202102-475C.317	MIP Marijuana												1	1

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Revenue By Offense Type

St. Helens Municipal Court 1/10/2024 10:27:59 AM

Original Offense Type

Transaction Totals For Transaction Date From 01/01/2023 To 12/31/2023

Transaction Description Trans Code Count **Amount** Non cash Disbursement Total NON-TRAFFIC MISD 20 \$0.00 \$1,873.02 \$0.00 Adjustment of remaining balance Adjustment \$1,873.02 32 Applied Bond \$4,211.25 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$4,211.25 Disbursement 16 \$0.00 \$0.00 (\$2,157.64)(\$2,157.64) Forfeited Bond 3 \$1,125.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$1,125.00 Payment Transfer 1 \$125.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$125.00 Р Payments 581 \$32,508.56 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$32,508.56 Work Crew WC 1 \$0.00 \$172.00 \$0.00 \$172.00 NON-TRAFFIC MISD 654 \$37,969.81 \$2,045.02 (\$2,157.64)\$37,857.19 TRAFFIC-MISD 5 Adjustment of remaining balance Adjustment \$0.00 \$602.95 \$0.00 \$602.95 28 \$0.00 Applied Bond \$7,610.00 \$0.00 \$7,610.00 Disbursement 4 \$0.00 \$0.00 (\$28,842.48)(\$28,842.48) 2 Forfeited Bond \$3,000.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$3,000.00 NSF/Hot Check NSF 2 (\$250.00)\$0.00 \$0.00 (\$250.00) Ρ 696 **Payments** \$99.107.86 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$99,107.86 Refund of overage payment - manual check Manual Refund 1 (\$35.00)\$0.00 \$0.00 (\$35.00)9 Work Crew WC \$0.00 \$1,805.00 \$0.00 \$1,805.00 TRAFFIC-MISD 747 \$109,432.86 \$2,407.95 (\$28,842.48) \$82,998.33

		Report Totals:	1401	\$147,402.67	\$4,452.97	(\$31,000.12)	\$120,855.52
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Revenue By Offense Type

St. Helens Municipal Court 1/10/2024 10:29:34 AM Item #2.

Original Offense Type

Transaction Totals For Transaction Date From 01/01/2023 To 12/31/2023

Transaction Description	Trans Code	Count	Amount	Non cash	Disbursement	Total
NON-TRAFFIC VIOL						
Adjustment of remaining balance	Adjustment	1	\$0.00	\$11.64	\$0.00	\$11.64
Payments	Р	37	\$674.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$674.68
	NON-TRAFFIC VIOL	38	\$674.68	\$11.64	\$0.00	\$686.32
ORDINANCE						
Adjustment of remaining balance	Adjustment	4	\$0.00	\$68.78	\$0.00	\$68.78
Payments	Р	24	\$1,524.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,524.97
	ORDINANCE	28	\$1,524.97	\$68.78	\$0.00	\$1,593.75
PARKING						
Adjustment of remaining balance	Adjustment	2	\$0.00	\$83.90	\$0.00	\$83.90
Payments	Р	34	\$1,455.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,455.60
	PARKING	36	\$1,455.60	\$83.90	\$0.00	\$1,539.50
TRAFFIC						
Adjustment of remaining balance	Adjustment	78	\$0.00	\$3,542.75	\$0.00	\$3,542.75
Applied Bond		36	\$1,765.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,765.00
Distribution Adjustment		4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Payment Transfer		8	(\$125.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$125.00)
Payments	Р	2144	\$72,733.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,733.13
Work Crew	WC	16	\$0.00	\$773.25	\$0.00	\$773.25
	TRAFFIC	2286	\$74,373.13	\$4,316.00	\$0.00	\$78,689.13

Report Totals:	2388	\$78,028.38	\$4,480.32	\$0.00	\$82,508.70

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Photo Traffic Enforcement Program Review and Update

October 24th, 2023

Agenda

- What is Photo Traffic Enforcement?
- Tigard Photo Traffic Enforcement History
 - Council Review and Program Implementation
 - Alignment with Council Goals, Strategic Vision, and Transportation Safety
- Current Operations
 - Current System Locations
 - How Enforcement Occurs
 - Tigard Specific Program Information
 - System Maintenance and Service
 - Example of Violation Event Data
- Program Statistics
- Citation Packet
- Public Awareness
 - Prior to citations being issued
 - Continuing Efforts
- Data Driven Decisions for Future Planning
- Municipal Court Update
- Finance Department Update

What is Photo Traffic Enforcement? Red Light & Intersection Speed

Photo Enforcement uses automated cameras and other sensors to capture evidence, for both red light violations and violations of speed, and then using that evidence to issue citations and prosecute in the appropriate court venue. The purpose is to enhance traffic safety through technology in ways we are unable to do with boots on the ground.

- Participating agencies will submit a biennial report
- All citations must be reviewed and signed by a trained and authorized
 Police Department Employee
- For speed, must be at least 11mph over the posted limit
- For both speed and red light, must have advisory signs posted
- Requires a Public Information Campaign prior to enforcement
- ODOT locations require ODOT permission and adherence

Tigard Photo Traffic Enforcement History Council Review and Program Implementation

- August, 2010 Police Department provide information briefing at Council's direction.
- June, 2015 to August, 2016 Councils directs Police Department to conduct studies on feasibility of implementing Photo Traffic Enforcement; results of studies are presented to Council.
- January, 2017 to May, 2017 Community survey taken and completed showing 62% of community approves of Photo Traffic Enforcement in Tigard.
- February, 2018 to August, 2018 Full Request for Proposal (RFP) process initiated and identified top vendor Conduent for system implementation
- October, 2018 to January, 2020 Permitting and approval process with Oregon Department of Transportation; Installation of system begins
- March, 2020 Photo Redlight begins enforcement
- July, 2020 Using Photo Redlight systems to enforce speed limit violations begin

Tigard Photo Traffic Enforcement History

Alignment with Council Goals, Strategic Vision, and Transportation System Plan

Enhance Community Safety and Accessibility

- Mitigate frequency and severity of crashes at and near intersection
- Improve pedestrian safety

Tigard: an equitable community that is walkable, healthy, and accessible for everyone.

Transportation System Plan

• Goal 1 – Providing a safe, comfortable, and connected transportation system for all users, especially pedestrians and other vulnerable users.

Tigard Photo Traffic Enforcement History Current System Locations

Based on the information collected leading up to implementation, we determined these three intersection were the best locations of the initial installation:

SW Pacific HWY (a) Hall BLVD North/South on Pacific Hwy

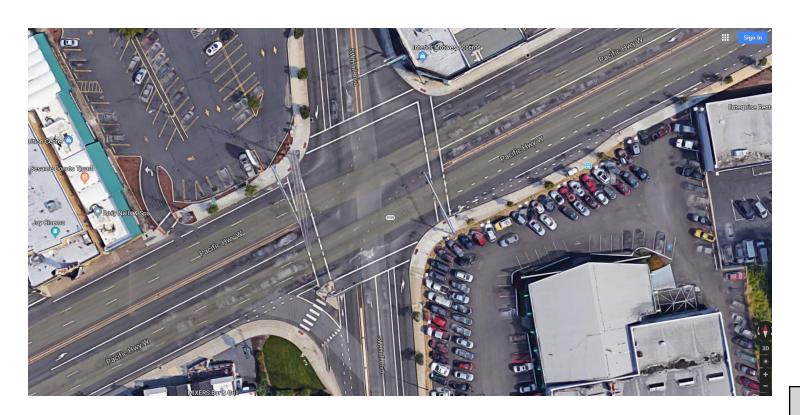
and North on Hall Blvd

SW Pacific HWY @ Durham Rd North/South on Pacific Hwy

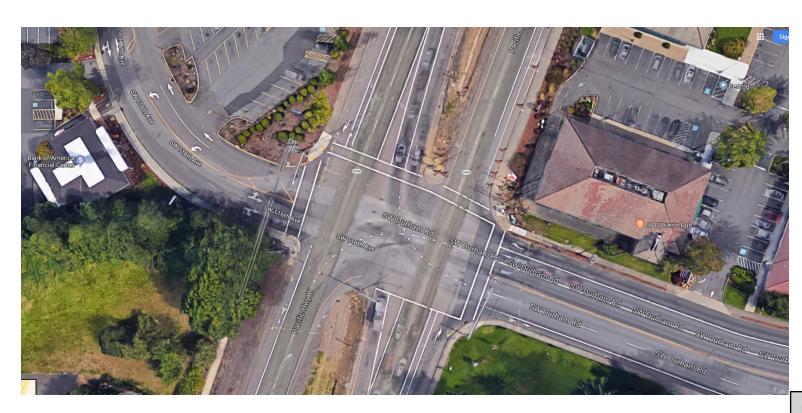
SW Pacific HWY @ 72nd Ave

North/South on Pacific Hwy

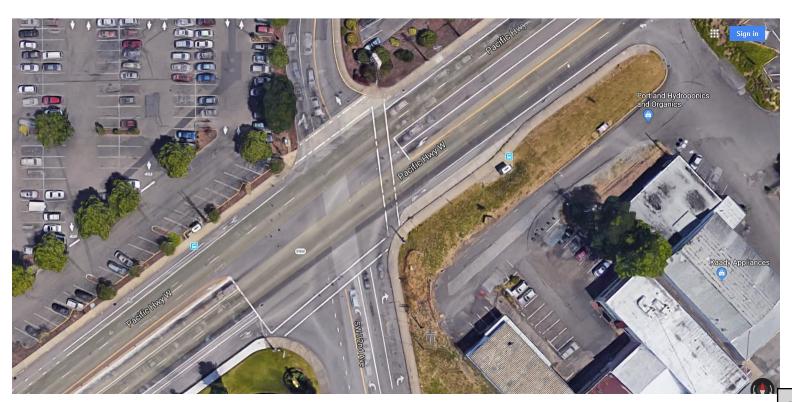
SW Pacific HWY @ Hall BLVD



SW Pacific HWY @ Durham Rd



SW Pacific HWY @ 72nd Ave



Current Operations

How Enforcement Occurs

- Violation Detection (applying rules set by ORS and PD users)
- Data (photos and brief video clip) sent securely to vendor
- Double verification of DMV information and image clarity
- Forwarded to PD (event portal) for sworn officer review
- Vendor prints and mails approved citations with customer link
- Certificate of Innocence and Non-Liability forms are included
- Vendor forwards adjudication package to municipal court

Current Operations

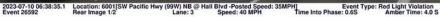
Tigard Specific Program Information

- Vendor contract is housed within the Police Department Operations Budget
- Revenues fund two positions within the Police Department
 - Traffic Safety Sergeant
 - Evening Traffic Safety Officer
- Approved for Part-Time Photo Traffic Enforcement Specialist
- Currently utilizing Traffic Safety Officers and Officers on modified duty status to review PTE Events

System Maintenance and Service

- Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS)
- CMMS self reports any anomalies and pages out technicians
- Daily Real-Time system support
- System performance test and proper firing of all subsystems
- Onsite preventative maintenance support
- Annual system calibration and certification
- Maintenance hotline and local service contact
- Customer care hotline for the public
- Local office with Field Service Technicians









2023-07-10 06:38:35.8 Location: 6001[SW Pacific Hwy (99W) NB @ Hall Blvd -Posted Speed: 35MPH] Event Type: Red Light Violation Rear Image 2/2 [+0.6S] Lane: 3 Speed: 40 MPH Time Into Phase: 1.2S Amber Time: 4.0 S



Example of Current System Operation



Program Statistics – Red Light March, 2020 to July, 2023

		2023 YTD	2022	2021	2020	Total
Durham Rd	Total	205	373	378	145	
	Issued	128	297	316	114	855
Hall Blvd	Total	2,073	4,056	3,550	1,677	
	Issued	1,700	3,497	3,169	1,483	9,849
72 nd Ave	Total	923	1,337	1,491	1,108	
	Issued	682	1,112	1203	898	3,895

Program Statistics – Intersection Speed July, 2020 to July, 2023

		2023 YTD	2022	2021	2020	Total
Hall Blvd	Total	1,055	3,149	2,172	1,828	
	Issued	863	2,694	1,969	1,634	7,160
72 nd Ave	Total	4,763	10,203	15,301	10,824	
	Issued	3,954	8,907	13,761	9,670	36,292

Citation Packet



TIGARD POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Mail Date: INVINCEIZE



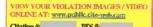
The Oregon Legislature has enacted legislation (Oregon Revised Statute 810.436) authorizing the City of Tigard to use an automated red light traffic enforcement camera system to issue citations for violating ORS 811.265 by failing to obey a traffic control device. The City of Tigard utilizes photo enforcement in an effort to reduce the number of crashes, associated injuries and deaths due to red light violations. This program uses automated cumeras and sensor devices to record photographs of the violator, vehicle, and surroundings when a red light violation overus. —Red Means Stop

A vehicle registered to you was photographed in violation of Oregon's traffic control laws, specifically ORS \$11.265. The photographs shown on the right note the date, time and location of the violation. A surmarry of the violation is listed below and details are on the enclosed Uniform Traffic Citation.

Issued Hy: Kyle Spitter Budge Number 50340	Symune	2
	09/20/2023 2:00PM	\$265.00
Litation Number	Circret Dute/Time	Fine
	OR	TOYT
License Plate	State	Make
08/06/2023 5:42:33 PM	SW Pacific Hwy (99W) SR(g) Hall Blvd	6K:18/2HZ
Date/Time of Violation	Location	Thate Issued

If you were the driver of the vehicle, please read the instructions on the back of this letter which describe the options you have for addressing the violation. If you were not driving the vehicle at the time of the violation, please read the enclosed instructions in submitting a Certificate of Innocence form.

PLEASE NOTE: You must respond by choosing one of the procedures lister in the back of the Uniform Traffic Citation prior to the court date indicated above and on the citation. If you do not respond to this citation, a judgment of gully may be entered, a fine may be assessed, and ultimately your driver's license may be suspended.









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Help make Tigard streets safe for everyone

INSTRUCTIONS

ONLINE PAYMENT: To enter a plea of no contest and pay your fine online with a credit card, go to www.tigard-or.gov/ticket (Visa/MC/Discover accepted). This action will enter your plea, pay your fine, and close your case.

PAYMENT BY MAIL: To plead no contest and pay by mail, sign the appropriate location on the back of the citation (Option 1 or Option 2 depending on your intent of closing your case OR submitting a letter of explanation to the judge) and mail the citation to Tigard Municipal Court, 13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, OR 97223, in the enclosed envelope prior to the court date listed on the front of your citation. Make checks or money orders payable to: City of Tigard. Write your citation number and license plate number on your check or money order to ensure proper credit.

PAYMENT BY PHONE: The court does not accept payments over the telephone.

<u>APFEAR IN PERSON</u>: To review your options, you may appear in person at the Tigard Municipal Court counter, 13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, OR 97223. Methods of payment accepted are cash, check, money order or credit card (Visa/MC/Discover). Please bring identification.

APPEAR FOR ARRAIGNMENT: You may appear for arraignment on the date listed on the front of your citation.

CONTEST THE CITATION AND REQUEST A TRIAL: Before entering a plea of not guilty, please view the video at www.public.cite.web.com. To plead not guilty and request a trial, sign the appropriate option located on the back of the citation and mail the citation to Tigard Municipal Court, 13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, OR 97223, prior to the court date listed on the front of your citation. If you have questions, please call (503) 718-2478.

IF YOU WERE NOT THE DRIVER: If you were not the driver of the vehicle at the time and location described on the citation, you may fill out the enclosed Certificate of Innocence form and return it along with a legible photocopy of the <u>front</u> and <u>back</u> of your driver's license. If your form and attachments are properly submitted, your citation will be dismissed. If your form and attachments are not properly submitted, information is omitted, or you do not include a photocopy of the front and back of your driver's license, the citation will not be dismissed and the incomplete form will be returned to you.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions or wish to inquire about payment options or opportunities to participate in a traffic safety program, please contact the Tigard Municipal Court prior to making any payment at (503) 718-2478. Court hours are Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

FOR CITATIONS ISSUED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON NOT DRIVING THE VEHICLE

CITY OF TIGARD

Citation No.

<Insert Citation Number

CERTIFICATE OF INNOCENCE FORM

Instructions

If you were not the driver of the vehicle at the time and location described in the citation, you may fill out the Certificate of Innocence form below and return it along with a legible photocopy of your driver's license. If your form and attachments are properly submitted, your citation will be dismissed.

- Read and fill out this form.
- Photocopy your driver's license (front and back). Attach the photocopies to this form.
- 3. Mail the completed form and photocopies to:

Tigard Municipal Court 13125 SW Hall Blvd. Tigard, OR 97223

4. If you have any questions about this form or your citation, please call (503) 718-2478.

Important Note

A police officer may verify your Certificate of Innocence by comparing the violation photograph(s) with your driver's license photograph. If the officer believes the vehicle's registered owner was the driver at the time of the violation, a citation will be reissued. If you receive a reissued citation, a registered owner may not submit a Certificate of Innocence in response to the reissued citation.

Certificate of Innocence

I truly swear or affirm under the penalty of law that I was not the driver of the vehicle when it was detected in violation as detailed below:

DATE & TIME OF VIOLATION	LOCATION OF VIOLATION	LICENSE PLATE
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DECLARATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT

Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	Issued By: Insert Issuing Officer's Name

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION OREGON UNIFORM CITATION AND COMPLAINT Ill Not Be Filed/ ORS 153.045 or 133.069 Traffic Other Wildlife Boating Commercial Fishing CRIME(S) STATE OF OREGO ☐ Justice CITY/OTHER PUBLIC BODY Citation No. < Citation# Tigard Juvenile ☐ Circuit COUNTY Washington THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES AND SAYS THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON ID Type: Def. is Passenger Employed to drive ğ AT THE FOLLOWING TIME AND PLACE IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED STATE AND COUNTY: fouth Day Year Time AM Highway M> ODD YYYY > HHMM> PM Premises Open To Public Offense Date on or about: INVOLVING THE FOLLOWING egis/VIN/ID No Injury Endanger Others Property Damage Model: <in Color:< Driver Not Reg Owner Commercial Vehicle Haz Material Com'l Pass DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE(S): 1. Violated (Cite ORS/ ORD/Rule) <0RS 811 ☐ Radar Pace Laser ☐ Intentional ☐ Knowing ☐ Reckless ☐ Crim Neg ☐ No culpable mental state Safety Corridor Pstd Sch Zn Hwy Wk Zn sumptive Fine: :Insert RL fine> I certify under ORS 153.045 and 153.990 and under other applicable law and under penalties for false swearing, do swear/affirm that I have sufficient grounds to and do believe that the above-mentioned defendant/person committed the above offense(s) and I have served the defendant/person with this 1²⁷ Officer ID No DATE ISSUED 1³¹ OFFICER SIGNATURE Print 1st Officer Name: <in MONTH/DAY/YEAR TIME: LOCATION <insert court date Insert time Tigard Municipal Court 13125 SW Hall Blvd. Tigard, OR 97223 www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/court.php Previous Citation #: <inser First Issue Date: cinsert issue date of ORIGINAL cita VIEW YOUR VIOLATION IMAGES / VIDEO ONLINE AT: www.public.cite-web.com

Citation #: xxxxxxxx PIN #: xxxxxxxx

< INSERT CITATION #>

A COMPLAINT WILL BE FILED AGAINST YOU IN THE COURT SHOWN ON THE FRONT OF THIS CITATION.

READ CAREFULLY

If the front of this citation shows you are charged with a VIOLATION, you must select one option listed below:

OPTION 1	Enter a plea of no contest and pay the court the court accepts your plea, the court may not impos		
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	Sign/date here:	(signature),	(date)
PTION 2	Enter a plea of no contest and send a letter of	explanation Von must do all of the following	hefore the date and time this
	citation requires you to appear in court. If you re appear.		
Sign/date	here:	(signature),	(date); AND
	ke to the court this citation and the full amount of	the presumptive fine; AND	
Attach a w	ritten statement explaining the circumstances of th	e violation(s) charged.	
PORTANT:	If you choose this option, you will make a written	appearance and waive your right to a trial. The	court may consider your
	nt when establishing the amount of the fine. The o		
	guilty, the court may keep all or part of the money	you pay. The court will not fine you more with	nout giving you notice to come
the court for	a hearing.		
PTION 3	Enter a plea of not guilty and request a trial	by doing one of the following:	
GO TO T	HE COURT on or before the date and time writte	n on the front of this citation to plead not guilty	and request a trial.
	A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A TRIAL by do		this citation requires you to
appear in	court. If you respond by mail, the mail must arrive	at the court before you are required to appear.	
Sign/date	here: _ ke to the court this citation by itself or with a writt	(signature),	(date); AND
Send or ta	ke to the court this citation by itself or with a writt	en request for a trial.	
MPORTANT:	You have a right to a trial. The court will give you	notice of the time and place when you MUST	appear in person and may
	es if you do not appear. The court may require you		
	s in the past. If the court finds at trial that you are g		than the minimum fine
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PTION 4		he date and time this complaint/summons requir	
		trial will be based upon sworn, written statemen	
	may not be necessary. If you do not qualify or options listed above.	the court does not offer this option, you must o	omply with one of the other
		NOTICE	
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- 3. For traffic offenses, this record will be sent to the licensing authority of the state where you are licensed to drive to decide if a license suspension is appropriate.
- For violations, you must notify the court and the prosecuting attorney's office before you are required to appear in court if you are going to have an attorney represent you.

 For violations, if you do not pay the full presumptive fine amount in advance and do not appear, the court may enter
- a conviction and a judgment against you for more than the presumptive fine and up to the maximum penalty allowed by law for the charged offense(s) including the maximum fines / fees, restitution, and collections.

Make checks payable to City of Tigard. Mail correspondence to:

TIGARD MUNICIPAL COURT 13125 SW Hall Blvd. TIGARD, OR 97223

Traffic School / Good Driver Incentive: You may qualify for Tigard's Traffic Safety Program which could result in dismissal of the ticket. You may also be eligible for a reduction of the fine. For information about the Traffic Safety Program, please visit: www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/court.php

Public Awareness

Prior to March, 2020 implementation we engaged in numerous public awareness efforts:

- Over 40 community events attended
- Nearly 30 social media posts
- Advertised on a billboard on SW Pacific Hwy near SW 72nd Ave
- Advertisements in local newspapers and magazines
- Several radio and television news interviews in English and Spanish
- Kiosk in the lobbies of Bridgeport Cinemas, City Hall, and Police Department

Public Awareness

These efforts are a continuous part of the program:

- Violation data included on the Chief's Dashboard information presented to Council monthly
- Documented in the Police Department's Annual Report
- Program information conveyed to 3 session of the Community Academy
- Given a forum at the 2021 Let's Talk Transportation Meeting
- Local television news feature in November 2022
- Continuously updated webpage that can be mirrored in a variety of languages
- Social media posts, including videos of near collisions captured

Example of near collision



Tigard Photo Traffic Enforcement National and International Studies and Data

U.S. Department of Transportation

• 54% reduction in all crash types and 48% reduction in injury crashes

National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA)

- Red light cameras do not cause crashes
- Research showed reduction (20% to 25%) in dangerous crashes such as near head-on and t-bone type crashes against a potential for an increase (15%) in lower impact rear-end collisions

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS)

• Research showed 13% to 29% reduction in all types of crash and 24% reduction in injury t-bone type crashes

Data Driven Decisions for Future Planning Crash Statistics Reported by ODOT

Street 1	Street 2	2016 - 2019	2020 - 2022
Pacific HWY	Gaarde St	56 (14)	9 (3)
Pacific HWY	Hall Blvd	90 (22.5)	29 (9.67)
Pacific HWY	Greenburg Rd	40 (10)	9 (3)
Pacific HWY	Walnut St	32 (8)	7 (2.33)
Pacific HWY	Bull Mountain Rd	1 36 (9)	10 (3.33)
Pacific HWY	72 nd Ave	41 (10.25)	13 (4.33)
Pacific HWY	68 th PKWY	37 (9.25)	9 (3)
Pacific HWY	Durham Rd	27 (6.75) (Yearly Average	16 (5.33)

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Data Driven Decisions for Future Planning

Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

- Future applications of Photo Enforcement Systems in coordination with the Transportation Safety Plan
- SS4A will help determine how, when, and where Photo Enforcement Systems can be used to address safety issues
- Task force and technical advisory committee approach

For more information:

https://www.tigard-or.gov/your-government/departments/community-development/transportation

Municipal Court 2023 Photo Enforcement Update

- Providing education to our community
- 2,000 to 20,000 cases per year
- 3.5 FTE to 9.65 FTE
- Doubled the time court is in session
- Exploring community service option

For more information:

https://www.tigard-or.gov/your-government/departments/municipal-court

Finance Department 2023 Photo Enforcement Update

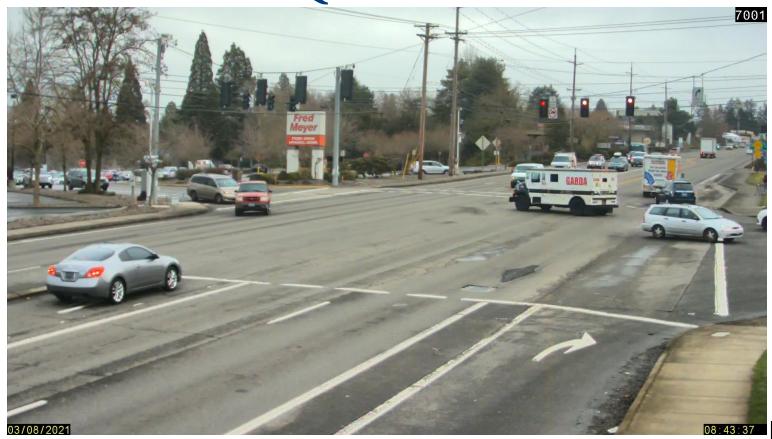
Tigard Photo Enforcement Program							
As of June, 2023	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023		
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual*		
Program Revenue	-	32,588	1,071,327	1,565,281	1,525,921		
Program Expenditures	413,715 364,0		909,225	1,230,856	1,472,347		
Annual Program Results	(413,715)	(331,428)	162,102	334,425	53,574		
Ending Program Balance	(413,715)	(745,143)	(583,041)	(248,616)	(195,042)		

^{*} Unaudited actuals through June 2023 (year is not officially closed)

Next Steps

- Current contract is set to expire at the end of October, 2024
 - Originally expired in October, 2023 but was extended to allow more time to consider path forward
- Staff will return with a recommendation in a month for Council's consideration of the options
 - To continue with program as is
 - To discontinue using Photo Enforcement
 - To continue with modifications

Questions?



January 10, 2024

Semi-Annual Report for July 27, 2023 – January 10, 2024

City Prosecutor - Samuel Erskine

To: Mayor Scholl and Council Members

Introductory statistics:

As with previous reports, I will begin this memorandum with a brief snapshot of prosecution statistics that I have kept since beginning in my position as city prosecutor:

	2019	<u>2020</u>	2021	2022	2023
Police reports received/processed	380	411	341	341	374
Total cases referred	242	290	232	250	262
Total cases charged	184	190	195	175	154*
Jury trials held	8	0	0	341 374 250 262	

^{*}Includes cases still pending further review/awaiting additional evidence

Once remaining case filings are completed for 2023, I anticipate that the ultimate number of cases charged to be very close to the figures from previous years. With five full years of data, it is encouraging to see that the numbers have been generally consistent throughout the years, as this seems to be a strong indicator of stability for both the court and police department.

Looking ahead:

In the depth of January it is somewhat difficult to look forward to the summer months ahead, but I thought it useful to take a moment in this report to highlight a few of the prospective items that I plan to engage with the police department and city staff about. First among those items is to revisit some of the ideas I proposed for increasing the police department's enforcement capabilities as they relate to the Thirteen Nights event. To that end, I plan to revisit the information I gathered prior to my last report and to work with Jose Castilleja – who currently serves as a police department liaison with my office and the court – to develop some concrete proposals for changes that could be made. The second item I hope to revisit is the enforcement surrounding derelict vessels in St. Helens waterways. My hope is that, if improvements need to be made to either of these issues, I can assist the city well in advance of the summer season when those issues become most prominent.

Closing:

Overall, the court and police department continue to reflect a trend of stability and professionalism. I am grateful for the continued opportunity to serve as prosecutor and am always happy to assist in whatever way I can to improve the functioning of city services and events.

Thank you,

Sam Erskine

City Prosecutor for the City of St. Helens