



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 08, 2021

Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Nancy Grimes, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Valerie Pratt, Councilor Cyndy Hillier, Councilor Christen Sacco

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Acknowledgement of Native Land & People.

Committee Chair Beth Dittman presented the Acknowledgment of Native Land and People. She recognized all the committee members for their work on the project. Chair Dittman stated the committee was formed by the Council on March 22, 2021 to provide the Council with a written statement, protocol for use, additional feedback and suggestions, and deepen relations with the Confederate Tribes of Grand Ronde. She stated the committee met six times to research and learn, collaborate, and hear community feedback. Chair Dittman spoke to the process and evolution of the work group. She shared key findings from the group that include: the job of the perceived majority to do this work, the statement must be accompanied by concrete actions, and inclusion of native voices that appropriately compensated for. Chair Dittman stated the pillars of their work was founded in the purpose statement, based in history and appropriate research, honest and direct, recognized native people, accompanied a list of actions, and included a mindset of community and gratitude. She shared the purpose statement for the acknowledgment, guidelines for use, and the acknowledgement statement.

Mayor Bubenik thanked the committee for their work and dedication to the assignment from the Council.

Councilor Pratt asked what next steps are. Chair Dittman stated the committee would like to see this be used in the way the guidelines outline.

Councilor Brooks stated she is in support of the city having a land acknowledgment. She stated she would like to see community conversations like this continue to happen in the newly forming Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee.

Councilor Hillier thanked the committee for providing a clear and honest acknowledgment. She would like to see this move forward.

Councilor Grimes joined the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Councilor Sacco thanked the committee for the detailed and comprehensive work on the acknowledgment. She stated she is in support of a land acknowledgment.

Mayor Bubenik stated this will be passed onto the new DEI Committee for them to provide recommendations to the Council and roll it out throughout the community.

2. Metro Update.

Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal presented an update from Metro. He presented information on the 2020 Supportive Housing Bill. Councilor Rosenthal stated all three county Local Implementation Plans have been approved and Metro is negotiating with the counties to complete and sign IGA's. He stated dozens of residents have accessed supportive housing services to date. Councilor Rosenthal stated in 2018 the Affordable Housing Bond was passed and the first building in Rockwood Village is now welcoming residents with the Mary Ann Residents coming on line in the fall. Councilor Rosenthal introduced Metro Staff Juan Carols Ocana-Chiu and Antonia Machado to speak to the Parks and Nature Bond. Metro Staff Ocana-Chiu stated the Chehalem Ridge Natural Area and the Newell Creek Canyon will be opening in the first half of 2022. He stated a new template for Local Share IGA's was approved by Metro Council that will make it easier for cities to move forward on priority projects. Metro Staff Ocana-Chiu stated Metro's Parks and Nature Levy has been approved twice since 2013 which enable habitat restoration, park maintenance, public access, nature education, and community grants and partnerships. He stated staff will be working on a levy renewal at the same tax rate that could go to voters in 2022. Councilor Rosenthal spoke to garbage and recycling in the area. He stated a total of five new RID crews are available now to respond to illegal dumping and reduce response times to 12 business days. Councilor Rosenthal spoke to the Construction Careers Pathways program that is working to upgrade Blue Lake Park. He stated the program works with people to offer them new skills that can help them move forward in their careers. Councilor Rosenthal spoke to the current redistricting discussions. He noted public hearings are currently happening now. Councilor Rosenthal stated some of the proposals would affect Tualatin and he would look to the council for guidance and feedback.

Councilor Pratt asked when the IGA will be signed with Clackamas County so the funds can be released for housing. Metro Councilor Rosenthal stated county staff is working on it but he doesn't have an exact time frame.

Councilor Pratt asked how the Supporting Housing Services will support homelessness. Metro Councilor Rosenthal stated the funding that will be available is a substantial amount and the details are still being worked out for each facility.

Councilor Pratt stated she would like to see local share funds used to rebuild the Stone Ridge Park. She would like to know specifically where the city can use bond funds. Metro Staff Ocana-Chiu stated they have spoken with city staff and explained the restraints that are in place that prohibit funding from being used for recreational uses such as those desired for Stone Ridge Park. Parks and Recreation Director Hoover stated the Stone Ridge Community was not interested in a nature area making Metro Local Share funding not an option.

Councilor Reyes stated when Metro does future bonds she wants to see family oriented areas for diverse groups be included for funding.

Councilor Brooks stated she would like to see a bond put in place with the same goals and also includes health and mobility as well.

Councilor Brooks asked what percentage of housing developments will have wrap around services. Metro Councilor Rosenthal stated each facility will be evaluated for wrap around services but noted he is unsure of the percentage.

Councilor Brooks asked about the prioritization of wetlands throughout Metro and what they are doing to protect them. Metro Councilor Rosenthal said they pay close attention to wetlands for new development. He stated in smaller developable areas they have more limited authority. Metro Staff Ocana-Chiu stated protecting and restoring land is the largest program area of the 2019 bond.

Mayor Bubenik stated he would like to not see Tualatin split during rezoning. He stated Rid-Well is operating illegally in all cities, he asked for a status on their Metro application. Metro Councilor Rosenthal stated they are waiting on the status of their DEQ permit.

Mayor Bubenik stated he would like to see more specifics on what the new Parks and Recreation Bond will contain as the current restrictions are a burden for the City. He stated he won't be able to support a bond that has criteria the city is not aware of.

Mayor Bubenik stated he heard Metro received \$12 million for transportation and the cities had no say in how the funds were distributed. Metro Councilor Rosenthal stated he is not aware of that funding but will look into it and follow-up.

Council President Grimes stated she wants Tualatin to remain as one during the redistricting process. She stated she wants to ensure a bond renewal has appropriate language so Tualatin can utilize the funds effectively.

3. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

Councilor Brooks stated she will forward the Basalt Creek report to all Councilors for review. She stated she attended the Hug-A-Street event with the Tualatin Sustainability Network.

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the Hug-A-Street event. She stated she attended the C4 meeting.

Councilor Reyes stated she would like to see the City pass a proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month moving forward.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the Smart ODOT Bus and Shoulder event, the Westside Economic Alliance, the Chamber of Commerce Key Leaders Breakfast, the Greater Portland Inc. Small Cities Consortium meeting, the Tualatin Together Fun Run, the River Park CIO meeting, the Washington County Coordinating prep meeting, and the Metro Mayors Consortium Retreat.

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

Nicole Morris / Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

Frank Bubenik / Frank Bubenik, Mayor

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Call to Order

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for those who have lost their lives to COVID-19

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion to adopt the consent agenda made by Council President Grimes, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Grimes, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Pratt, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5581-21** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Clackamas County Related to the Coalition of Communities of Color Racial Justice Project

Special Reports

1. Annual Report of the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee

Recreation Manager Julie Ludemann and Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee Chair Janet Carr presented their annual report. Chair Carr stated members meet monthly, represent Tualatin Arts to the Council and public, attend activities and events, encourage opportunities for art recognition, and stimulate private and public support for the arts. She stated 2020-21 accomplishments included signal box art wrap installations, a public mural at Community Park, provided financial support to art agencies, and provided support and feedback for the Parks and Recreation Equity Plan. Chair Carr stated 2021-22 goals include expansion of the traffic signal box art program, identifying future art programs and projects, and continued support of local arts programming through grants and awards.

Councilor Brooks thanked the committee members for their leadership in the community.

Councilor Reyes stated she loves the wrap art around the signal boxes in the community.

Councilor Pratt asked how people can make suggestions of where artwork could be located throughout the city. Manager Ludemann stated suggestions can be made directly to her.

Councilor Pratt stated the underpass under I-5 would be a great place for some art along the walking trail.

Mayor Bubenik thanked the committee for all their efforts throughout the year.

General Business

1. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5582-21** Referring to the Electors of the City of Tualatin the Question of Amending the City Charter to Modify Mayoral Term Limits in Certain Circumstances

City Attorney Sean Brady stated at the last work session Council requested staff return with a Resolution for the measure language, ballot title, summary, and explanatory statement. He stated the challenge period will be noticed if passed. Attorney Brady stated this would go on the May 17, 2022 ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilor Pratt stated she feels there is confusion about how ballot measures work for changing the city charter. She stated citizens can either collect signatures through the initiative process, the council can refer a vote to the ballot, or through citizen request of the council. Councilor Pratt stated the citizens requested this be placed on the ballot through the Council due to the pandemic. She stated all citizens will get to vote on the measure. Councilor Pratt stated the ability for a Mayor to serve an additional term offers many benefits to the city.

Councilor Sacco stated the Mayor has the opportunity to have more extensive reach and create relationships throughout the region and the ability to serve two consecutive terms as a Mayor is of benefit to the city.

Councilor Reyes is in favor of the ability for a Mayor to run an additional term as they are able to build relationships over an extended period of time.

Councilor Brooks stated she is appreciative of the community members who came forward and made this request and she is happy to put this forward with this method due to the pandemic. She stated she is in favor of the resolution as the experience and relationships of a multi-term Mayor are important to help with funding for the city.

Council President Grimes stated changes need to be made to the current term limit measure for the position of Mayor. She stated her concerns and lack of support are about how the measure is going forward. She would like this to be a grassroots effort where signatures need to be gathered.

Councilor Hillier stated she has received feedback from community members who too would like to see the signature gathering process take place. She stated she will be representing those community members tonight.

Mayor Bubenik stated the measure is for the betterment of the city as it would allow for experienced and stable leadership.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 5582-21 referring to the electors of the City of Tualatin the question of amending the City Charter to modify Mayoral term limits in certain circumstances made by Councilor Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.

Discussion on the Motion

Councilor Brooks reiterate that the process is in the charter and was requested by the voters.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Pratt, Councilor Sacco

Voting Nay: Council President Grimes, Councilor Hillier

MOTION PASSED

Council Communications

Councilor Brooks thanked Veteran's for their service and wished them a Happy Veteran's Day.

Councilor Pratt stated Meals on Wheels is now accepting donations to give meals to seniors for the holidays.

Councilor Reyes wished everyone a Happy Veteran's Day.

Mayor Bubenik wished everyone a Happy Veteran's Day.

Mayor Bubenik stated it is getting dark earlier and reminded citizens to be alert when driving and keep eyes open for pedestrians and bikes.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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