



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 21, 2025, at 7:30 PM

Wilsonville City Hall & Remote Video Conferencing

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance

A regular meeting of the Wilsonville City Council was held at the Wilsonville City Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Mayor O'Neil
Council President Berry
Councilor Dunwell
Councilor Shevlin
Councilor Cunningham

STAFF PRESENT

Amanda Guile-Hinman, City Attorney
Bryan Cosgrove, City Manager
Bill Evans, Communications & Marketing Manager
Chris Neamtzu, Community Development Director
Dan Pauly, Planning Manager
Jeanna Troha, Assistant City Manager
Kimberly Rybold, Senior Planner
Zach Weigel, City Engineer
Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager

3. Motion to approve the following order of the agenda.

Motion: Moved to approve the following order of agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Berry Seconded by Councilor Shevlin.

Voting Yea:

Mayor O'Neil, Council President Berry, Councilor Dunwell, Councilor Shevlin, Councilor Cunningham

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS**4. Upcoming Meetings**

The Mayor wished everyone who observed a happy Easter Monday and highlighted the beautiful weekend for the celebration, mentioning the annual Wilsonville Egg Hunt at Memorial Park that occurred the previous Saturday.

The Mayor honored the late State Senator Aaron Woods, who passed away in Colorado. He highlighted Woods' 27-year residency in Wilsonville, his career at Xerox, and his contributions to the community and state, particularly in veterans' affairs, education, and broadband access. The Mayor emphasized Senator Woods' legacy of service, integrity, and compassion, sharing remarks from Governor Tina Kotek and other colleagues about his dedication to public service.

Councilors joined the Mayor to celebrate Senator Woods' legacy, sharing personal stories and expressing their deep admiration for the late Senator.

The slides commemorating the late State Senator Aaron Woods, which were presented during the meeting, have been included in the official record.

The Mayor then proceeded to issue several proclamations:

- Vietnamese American Remembrance Day (April 30, 2025)
 - The Mayor and Council presented the proclamation to Thao Duc Tu, the President of the Vietnamese Community of Oregon, which was then followed by a group photo.
- Mental Health Awareness Month (May 2025)
- Building Safety Month (May 2025)

The Mayor then summarized several meetings he had attended over the past two weeks, including:

- Meeting with Clackamas County Board Chair Craig Roberts
- Washington County Coordinating Committee meeting on April 14, 2025
- Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Metro Subcommittee meeting
- Meeting with Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce Executive and the City Manager
- Rotary Heart of Gold event on April 18, 2025
 - Congratulated Heart of the City Director Whelchel for receiving the First Citizen award.
- Boards/Commissions Interviews
- Legislative Testimony

The Mayor concluded by announcing the next City Council meeting and State of the City Address was scheduled for May 5, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue State of the District

Fire Chief Deric Weiss delivered the State of the District report for Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R). The PowerPoint presentation, which has been added to the official record, addressed the following topics:

- Wildfire Deployments
- 2024 Response Snapshot
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- 2024 Local Option Levy
- Recruitment
- Bond & Capital Projects

The presentation concluded with a mention of TVF&R's 2024 Year in Review video and an expression of gratitude for the community's support.

The Council's comments and inquiries followed the presentation.

6. Urban & Community Forestry Organization Presidents Award Recipient Chris Neamtzu

Jim Gersbach, President of Oregon Community Trees, presented the President's Award to Chris Neamtzu, Community Development Director recognizing his outstanding contributions to urban forestry in Wilsonville over his 30-year career. President Gersbach highlighted Director Neamtzu's many accomplishments. It was noted that, Director Neamtzu's impact extended beyond Wilsonville, as he served as President of Oregon Community Trees, guest lectured at Oregon State University and participated in various urban forestry conferences and leadership programs.

Following the award ceremony, the City Manager delivered a presentation that was added to the record, recognizing Director Neamtzu's impressive 30-year tenure with the City of Wilsonville. The presentation showcased Director Neamtzu's journey from an entry-level planner to the position of Community Development Director. The City Manager elaborated on Director Neamtzu's significant contributions to various City projects, which encompassed residential subdivisions, parks, trails, open spaces, and facilities.

Chris Neamtzu, Community Development Director, then addressed the Council, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to work in Wilsonville and reflecting on his career. He emphasized his pride in the City's accomplishments and his intention to continue supporting Wilsonville's progress during retirement.

The Mayor added personalized comments, praising Chris Neamtzu's patience and professionalism, particularly during the Mayor's time on the Development Review Board (DRB).

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is an opportunity for visitors to address the City Council on any matter concerning City's Business or any matter over which the Council has control. It is also the time to address items not on the agenda. It is also the time to address items that are on the agenda but not scheduled for a public hearing. Staff and the City Council will make every effort to respond to questions raised during citizen input before tonight's meeting ends or as quickly as possible thereafter. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

The following individuals provided public comment:

Roger Fontes Stephanie Tharp Susan Reep

COUNCILOR COMMENTS, LIAISON REPORTS AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. Council President Berry

Council President Berry provided a detailed report on the following items:

- Repair Fair on April 26, 2025
- Many Cultures, One Heart: Opening Reception & Art Unveiling on April 30, 2025
- Volunteer Appreciation Event on May 1, 2025
- First Friday Films on May 2, 2025
- Mental Health Fair on May 3, 2025

Slides for the "Many Cultures, One Heart: Opening Reception & Art Unveiling" were shared and added to the record. The Councilor President also intended to submit a list of the meetings she attended for the record.

8. Councilor Dunwell

Councilor Dunwell highlighted the April 18, 2025, Rotary Heart of Gold event, congratulating Lynn Whelchel director of Heart of the City for receiving the First Citizen award, praising her contributions to the Wilsonville community. The Councilor acknowledged Heart of the City's impactful collaboration with Wilsonville Community Sharing in providing essential services to those in need. Councilor Dunwell shared a sentiment from community member Garet Prior, who praised Lynn Whelchel and former Mayor Julie Fitzgerald for connecting the faith community and government, creating a strong support network. Councilor Dunwell emphasized the importance of partnerships and collaboration in addressing local challenges, especially homelessness.

9. Councilor Cunningham

Councilor Cunningham provided a detailed report on the following items:

- Washington County Coordinating Committee meeting on April 14, 2025
- Chamber of Commerce Spark event celebrating 30 years of Boston's Pub & Grill on April 16, 2025
- Rotary Heart of Gold event on April 18, 2025
 - Congratulated Heart of the City Director Whelchel for receiving the First Citizen award.
- USC MIND ice bucket challenge to raise awareness and funds for mental health.
 - Encouraged Council to participate in the campaign.

10. Councilor Shevlin

Councilor Shevlin provided a detailed report on the following items:

- Expressed condolences for Senator Aaron Woods.
- Spoke about the importance of Mental Health Awareness Month.
- Announced the opening of the new business Elka Bee's Coffee Haus.
- French Prairie Forum on April 16, 2025
- Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee on April 17, 2025
- Rotary Heart of Gold event on April 18, 2025
 - Congratulated Heart of the City Director Whelchel for receiving the First Citizen award.

Councilor Shevlin submitted a written report which had been added to the record.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Attorney read the title of the Consent Agenda item into the record.

11. Minutes of the April 7, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Motion: Moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Berry Seconded by Councilor Cunningham.

Voting Yea:

Mayor O'Neil, Council President Berry, Councilor Dunwell, Councilor Shevlin, Councilor Cunningham

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none.

CITY MANAGER’S BUSINESS

City Manager Bryan Cosgrove expressed his condolences to Senator Aaron Woods' family, praising him as a true gentleman and great advocate for the City of Wilsonville.

LEGAL BUSINESS

12. Public Contracting Quarterly Report

Amanda Guile-Hinman, City Attorney, announced that the Public Contracts Quarterly Report has been included in the packet for the Council's review.

ADJOURN

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder

ATTEST:

Shawn O’Neil, Mayor