



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 7:01 PM.

PRESENT: 4 - Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Mike Mitchell, Commissioner Adam Marl, Mayor Denyse McGriff

ABSENT: 1 - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell

STAFFERS: 12 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid, Economic Development Manager James Graham, Police Chief Shaun Davis, Finance Director Matt Zook, Library Director Greg Williams, Public Works Director John Lewis, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, IT Director Mike Dobaj, Communications Manager Jarrod Lyman

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS

3a. Oath of Office for New Oregon City Police Sergeant

Shaun Davis, Police Chief, introduced new Police Sergeant Jon Neece.

Mayor McGriff administered the oath of office to Sergeant Neece.

3b. 179th Anniversary Proclamation - Oregon City

Mayor McGriff read the proclamation declaring December 24, 2023, as the 179th anniversary of Oregon City. She read the oath of office from the first mayor of the City.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Casey Flesch, resident of Oregon City, asked that the Commission do what it could to prevent the homeless navigation center to be located downtown. He discussed the issues with Father's Heart and how there would be even more issues with this facility. He thought the center should be in a different county, one where the majority had voted in support of the homeless housing tax.

Mayor McGriff noted it was not a navigation center. It would be a resource center.

Alger Marsh, resident of Oregon City, had been asked to remove his friends from his driveway where they were living in their RV. He said homeless were allowed to live on private property per state statutes. He thought the City should update its codes to follow these state policies.

Linda Harrell, resident of Oregon City, said her husband was a disabled veteran and they chose to live in their RV in Mr. Marsh's driveway. Mr. Marsh's wife had recently passed away and they intended to care for Mr. Marsh in his older years.

Tony Konkol, City Manager, said staff would follow up on this matter.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Item 7b was pulled from the consent agenda and would be brought back to a future meeting. The agenda was adopted as amended.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the consent agenda except Item 7b. The motion carried by the following vote:

Voting Yea: Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Marl, and Commissioner Mitchell

- 7a. Resolution 23-31, Adoption of the City of Oregon City Investment Policy
- 7b. Public Improvement Contract for the 2024 Manhole Rehabilitation Project (CI 23-011)
- 7c. Minutes for September 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 8a. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 23-1011, A Legislative Zoning Code Text Amendment to the MUC - Mixed-Use Corridor Zone District (LEG 23-00001)

Mayor McGriff opened the public hearing.

There was no public testimony.

Mayor McGriff closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Marl, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 23-1011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Voting Yea: Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Marl, and Commissioner Mitchell

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9a. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives 2023-2025 Biennium

Patrick Foiles, Human Resources Director, provided an update on the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) project for the City. He noted what was accomplished in the last biennium and identified the initiatives from the strategic priorities that would be moving forward. They would be going out for an RFQ for a consultant to help accomplish the next stages of the program and he explained the scope of work.

There was discussion regarding reactivating the task force and contacting those members to participate again, moving forward with the proposed initiatives, and financial sustainability for the next biennium.

There was consensus for staff to move forward as proposed.

9b. City Manager Performance Evaluation, Salary Adjustment, and Merit Pay for Performance

Mr. Foiles said the City Manager's evaluation was conducted in Executive Session on December 6 and based on the review, the Commission could consider a salary adjustment and/or a merit payment. He discussed the options for Commission action.

There was discussion regarding giving the City Manager a salary increase and merit payment, especially due to the leadership he had shown in emergency situations over the last few years.

Motion made by Commissioner Marl, seconded by Mayor McGriff, to increase the City Manager's current salary by 2.5% and award a one-time merit payment of 2.5%. The motion carried by the following vote:

Voting Yea: Mayor McGriff, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Marl, and Commissioner Mitchell

10. COMMUNICATIONS

11. City Manager

Mr. Konkol thanked the Commission and noted his success was directly related to the excellent work of City staff.

Jakob Wiley, City Recorder, introduced Evan Lee, new Assistant City Recorder.

12. Commissioners

Commissioner Marl said the legislative subcommittee on tolling had scheduled a hearing on January 6 and he encouraged everyone to attend and testify. He thanked the Public Works and Police Departments for their service during the holidays.

Commissioner Mitchell said the Metro Council adopted the Regional Transportation Plan which included all the phases for tolling. He thought they needed to reach out to the School District for input on the Facilities Master Plan. The newspaper had referred to a tolling study by the city of West Linn with a possible contribution from Oregon City.

There was consensus to contribute up to \$10,000 to the study as long as it was proportional to what other cities were doing.

Commissioner Smith thanked everyone for a great year.

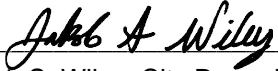
13. Mayor

Mayor McGriff thanked the Commission and City staff for their work this year.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 8:09.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder