



# CITY OF OREGON CITY

## CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

### MINUTES

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Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City  
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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#### CONVENE WORK SESSION AND ROLL CALL

*Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 6:07 PM.*

**PRESENT: 4 -** Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Mayor Denyse McGriff

**EXCUSED: 1 -** Commissioner Mike Mitchell

**STAFFERS: 8 -** City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid, Chief of Police Shaun Davis, Library Director Greg Williams, IT Director Mike Dobaj, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, and HR Director Patrick Foiles

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Damon Mabee, resident of Oregon City and Co-Chair of the Oregon City Parks Foundation, remarked that the Parks Foundation is pleased that a master plan is in place, and said that he felt it was important to maintain an RV dump site. He also suggested that future RV parking ought to be located at the site currently dedicated to boat trailer parking, and that the boat ramp ought to be abandoned.*

*Brian Shaw, resident of Oregon City, suggested that RV park at Clackamette Park ought to be moved to a proposed location behind the McDonald's.*

*Kent Ziegler, resident of Oregon City, expressed appreciation for the Commission's work to improve Clackamette Park and emphasized the importance of relocating the RV park. He also suggested that the Commission consider the possibility of mitigation credits.*

*Jerry Hermann, resident of Oregon City, suggested using permeable pavers at Clackamette Park, and emphasized the importance of mitigating water quality at the Park.*

*William Gifford, resident of Oregon City, spoke in general favor of moving from decision-making to taking action.*

*Steve Williams, resident of Oregon City, expressed support for moving the RV park at Clackamette Park and for keeping the RV dump facility. He suggested securing funding in order to mitigate environmental factors limiting the use of the current boat ramp.*

*At the invitation of Mayor McGriff, Hunter O'Shea of Boy Scout Troop Pack 470, who was present with a contingent of Boy Scouts, discussed the badge project that he and his fellow Scouts were pursuing by their presence at this meeting. The Commissioners introduced themselves individually to the assembled Scouts and briefly discussed their work on the Commission.*

*Bob LaSalle, resident of Oregon City, suggested that the RV dump site will become unnecessary if the new RV site is a full hookup facility. He suggested that the current boat ramp could be replaced with a*

beach style launch site, saying that nonmotorized boats do not require a ramp. Finally, Mr. LaSalle observed that something ought to be done to mitigate the problem of goose feces at the Park.

Carla Laws, resident of Oregon City, observed that all of Oregon City's parks have historic value and emphasized the importance of making decisions that would be sustainable for the long term.

Commissioner O'Donnell offered summary observations from a recent walking tour of the Clackamette Park site undertaken by several Commissioners and City staff. He reported that the topographical maps furnished by the Parks Director revealed that relocating the RV park to the U river section would not improve the flooding potential. He suggested that the upstream area was a possible RV park location but that it held value in its current state, and that though an RV dump site has value it could be relocated. He observed that nearby municipalities are struggling to sell mitigation credits. He also suggested that a concrete boat ramp is valuable to nonmotorized vehicles when they are on wheels, and that there might be financial consequences from the State if Oregon City did not have a boat ramp available at Clackamette Park. He observed that the Commission is working on improving the water quality in the Cove, and that there might be flexibility in the plan to move the boat ramp.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 1. Clackamette Park Master Plan

Kendall Reid, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced Kurt Lango of the Lango Hansen firm. Mr. Hansen was present to discuss two details of the Clackamette Park Master Plan: the park's ability to host events and an exploration of alternative locations for the RV park. Mr. Hansen's presentation also displayed flood plain information relevant to the relocation of the RV park.

There was discussion about flood line levels displayed on the Master Plan elevation drawings. Additionally, there was discussion about the fact that though the master plan had already been adopted, there was work to be done to refine it, including gathering more information about improving plans for the boat launch and RV park.

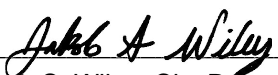
Mayor McGriff noted that proximity to views like the river at Clackamette Park was not the only benefit an RV park at Clackamette Park offered: its central geographical location was also important for travelers. She also suggested that the general public and persons using the RV facility ought to have equal access to the river. She also reiterated that City would charge a fair rate for use of the improved facilities in order to recoup the City's investment in the improvements.

Commissioner Marl emphasized the importance of respecting the will of the people as reflected in the Master Plan, and providing the amenities that the majority of Oregon City residents desire, rather than becoming too concerned about the boat launch, which was useful to a minority of wealthier people. He also expressed the importance of taking facilities off the one year flood plain and restoring native habitat.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 6:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder