

**CITY OF OREGON CITY
CITY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 20, 2005

Mayor Norris called the regular session of the City Commission to order at 6:59 p.m. on April 6, 2005 at City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road, Oregon City.

Roll Call: Commissioners Tom Lemons, Bob Bailey, and Trent Tidwell and Mayor Alice Norris.

Excused: Commissioner Damon Mabee

Staff Present: Larry Patterson, City Manager; Bill Kabeiseman, Assistant City Attorney; Gordon Huiras, Police Chief and Public Safety Director; Nancy Kraushaar, City Engineer and Public Works Director; Dan Drentlaw, Community Development Director; Scott Archer, Community Services Director; and Leilani Bronson-Crelly, City Recorder.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 **Mayor Norris** asked each member to introduce himself.

1.2 Flag Salute

1.3 Proclamation

Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness Week – April 18 – 25

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

3.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

- **Doug Neeley, resident.**

Mr. Neeley commented on consent agenda item 4.9. This was an area where the appropriate permitting process was not followed on land located within the water resource area. In the Planning Commission's review, he believed the body had created a great mitigation plan that actually extended the vegetated corridor into land that was on the Oregon City right-of-way. At this time it was unused, and asphalt was being removed by the streamside where the stream had functioned basically as a ditch although it was a perennial stream. The corridor was being established, and he thought the community would see the development of a real asset. The City has acquired areas where mitigation could occur within public property and areas owned by the City that did not currently have good vegetative corridors. He thought the planning staff did an excellent job in dealing with the mitigation issues. In this case it was a win-win situation. This would be a nice vegetated corridor along High School Creek.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Norris said consent agenda item 4.8 would be moved to the public hearing section of the agenda.

Commissioner Lemons requested that item 4.3 be removed for discussion.

Commissioners Bailey/Tidwell m/s to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items 4.3 and 4.8. A roll call was taken, and the motion passed with Commissioners Tidwell, Lemons, and Bailey and Mayor Norris voting ‘aye.’ 4:0

- 4.1 Approval of Study Session Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2005.
- 4.2 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2005.
- 4.4 Commission Report No. 05-044, Proposed Release of Public Utilities and Access Easement for 19478 Molalla Avenue to Allow Future Development.
- 4.5 Commission Report No. 05-045, Proposed Resolution 05-12, Vacation of a Portion of a Non-Vehicular Access Strip, Located at 14465 Ames Street.
- 4.6 Commission Report No. 05-048, Non-Remonstrance Acceptance for the Points Partition – City Planning File No. MP03-19.
- 4.7 Commission Report No. 05-049, Non-Remonstrance Acceptance for the Willamette Falls Community Hospital Emergency Room and Imaging Expansion – City Planning File No. SP03-19, CU03-03, and WR03-15.
- 4.9 Commission Report No. 05-050, Public Water Resource Area Vegetated Corridor Easement for the Abernethy Center Veil Garden (Gazebo).
- 4.10 Commission Report No. 05-051, Public Water Resource Area Vegetated Corridor Easement for Proposed New Single Family Residence at 16306 Oak Tree Terrace.
- 4.11 Commission Report No. 05-052, Deed of Dedication for Molalla Avenue and Holmes Lane for the Molalla Avenue Improvements Project.

Item Pulled from Consent Agenda for Discussion

- 4.3 Commission Report No. 05-041, Proposed Resolution 05-11, Dissolution of Oregon City Historic Trails Committee – Independence, Missouri.

Mayor Norris said John Salisbury had been a member of the Committee, but due to inactivity, he recommended that it be dissolved. Because it was created by resolution, it was being dissolved by resolution.

Commissioner Lemons said it was a very important Committee in the late 1980’s and early 1990’s when there was a strong Sister City program with the City of Independence. He felt it would continue whether this was a viable Committee or not. He believed the City Commission needed to look at all the standing committees that were not active and take a similar action to dissolve them.

Commissioners Bailey/Tidwell m/s for adoption of Consent Agenda item 4.3. A roll call was taken, and the motion passed with Commissioners Tidwell, Lemons, and Bailey and Mayor Norris voting ‘aye.’ 4:0

- 4.8 Commission Report No. 05-042, FY 2005 Justice Assistance Grant

Mayor Norris said this was a proposal that needed to be reviewed by an advisory group, the Chief’s Advisory Group, and be considered in a public hearing.

Chief Huiras reported approximately 3 weeks ago the department learned that it was eligible for a justice assistance grant from the federal government in the amount of \$10,345. The money was for the purchase of technology and equipment. No local match was required. The advisory committee reviewed the grant last night and approved it unanimously. Review by the governing body was also required after a public hearing.

The department proposed to replace some existing computer equipment and to purchase new laptops for the patrol cars.

There were no questions or comments from the City Commission.

Mayor Norris opened the hearing for public comment, and hearing none, she closed the hearing.

Commissioner Lemons asked if the laptops were the same as those being used in the cars.

Chief Huiras replied they would be used in the cars.

Commissioners Bailey/Tidwell m/s to approve the Consent Agenda 4.8, the federal justice assistance grant. A roll call was taken, and the motion passed with Commissioners Tidwell, Lemons, and Bailey and Mayor Norris voting ‘aye.’ 4:0

Chief Huiras said April was good for the department. It was also awarded a \$29,560 grant in Homeland Security money for communications technology essentially for radio purchases; \$37,000 Homeland Security Grant for which \$30,000 would go for an emergency generator for City Hall and Police and \$7,000 for an electronic control access system for the building; and \$2,600 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

Commissioner Tidwell asked if the building had lost power before.

Chief Huiras said the squad room had an emergency generator, and operations were moved to that room.

Commissioner Bailey asked if the laptops were wired remotely to the servers.

Chief Huiras said the laptops were wireless but wired into the emergency dispatch center for calls and access to national databases. All GIS maps were loaded on the laptops.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

6.0 COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 6.1 Commission Report No. 05-027, Proposed Ordinance No. 05-1003, Adoption of the Holcomb Boulevard Pedestrian Enhancement Concept Plan as an Ancillary Document to the Oregon City Transportation System Plan (Planning File L 05-01), Second Reading

Mayor Norris stated Ms. Kraushaar just provided minor word revisions.

Ms. Kraushaar said the minor re-wording came to staff's attention when looking at Section 8 in light of the fact that there were some subdivision applications that fronted this segment of Holcomb Boulevard. This was a pedestrian enhancement Plan. If there was a subdivision, the City wanted to make sure there was a sidewalk installed rather than an 8-foot shared bike and pedestrian shoulder. The Plan recognized the need to obtain more right-of-way. The City did not want to have to obtain that right-of-way and construct sidewalks later. Staff preferred to change the wording to say, as development occurred in the section it was recommended the City acquire additional right-of-way dedication and improvements consistent with the Transportation System Plan to accommodate modernization in this area.

Mayor Norris commented there was a public hearing, and the Plan was discussed extensively over 2 meetings.

Commissioner Lemons asked where the future road connecting Redland Road and Holcomb Boulevard was in the Plan.

Mr. Drentlaw replied the north/south connection between Holcomb Boulevard and Redland Road was in Segment 8. He had been working with Metro on future growth projections which showed a possible urban growth boundary expansion to the east in the next 25 years. A rural standard might work today, but in 20 years this would not be rural at all. This language added the flexibility to require more urban types of improvements in Segment 8.

Commissioners Lemons/Bailey m/s to approve adopt Ordinance No. 05-1003 adopting the Holcomb Boulevard Pedestrian Enhancement Concept Plan as an amendment to the Oregon City Transportation System Plan, Planning File L 05-01.

Mr. Kabeiseman read the Ordinance for the second time and read the section that was amended.

A roll call was taken, and the motion passed with Commissioners Tidwell, Lemons, and Bailey and Mayor Norris voting ‘aye.’ 4:0

6.2 Commission Report No. 05-047, Request for Continuance for Proposed Annexation AN 04-01 on Beutel Road

Mayor Norris announced the public hearing was scheduled for annexation of Beutel Road, and staff recommended that the hearing be continued to June 1, 2005.

Commissioners Lemons/Bailey m/s to continue the hearing on the annexation request to June 1, 2005. A roll call was taken, and the motion passed with Commissioners Tidwell, Lemons, and Bailey and Mayor Norris voting ‘aye.’ 4:0

Commissioner Lemons asked where the City got the funds for the right-of-way on Molalla and Homes.

Ms. Kraushaar said it was the money being spent on the Molalla Avenue Improvement Plan using predominantly transportation system development charge (SDC) monies. Expansion of this intersection was in the Transportation System Plan. She believed one of the utilities was also in that area.

7.0 COMMISSION/CITY MANAGER INFORMATION

7.1 City Manager’s Report – None.

7.2 Commissioner’s Communications

7.2.a **Commissioner Tidwell** announced he would move his Tuesday morning coffees to Elmer’s Restaurant. He would announce the location of the monthly Saturday coffee.

7.2.b **Mayor Norris** announced the Oregon City cleanup on Saturday April 23 at Clackamette Park. The City also received a grant from Metro to help offset the costs along with 10 vouchers for the landfill. She also recognized the work of the neighborhoods, PGE, and B&B Leasing.

- 7.2.c **Mayor Norris** gave a report to the Clackamas Tourism Development Council recently on the action plan development and granting processes. She noted the Oregon City Chamber had not chosen to work on tourism in the past, so the City took a more active role. She hoped after its transition that the Chamber would become more active. Mayor Norris discussed the grant application to extend the Vintage Trolley service. The grant funds also purchased 5 benches and several directional signs. In her report, she discussed the successes that included the dedication of the second trolley in June. The new transient dock would be dedicated on May 12. The challenges included redesigning and upgrading Hwy 99E, expanding visitor services, revitalizing the historic downtown, engaging the Chamber as a stronger partner, directing lodging tax grant funds to tourism projects, and addressing the Carnegie Center. She further suggested that Oregon City might need a tourism council.
- 7.2.d With the consent of the Commissioners, **Mayor Norris** appointed Jo Crenshaw to the Urban Renewal Commission as the Chamber of Commerce Representative with the term to expire on December 31, 2005.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norris adjourned the regular City Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leilani Bronson-Crelly, City Recorder