



# CITY OF OREGON CITY

## CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

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Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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#### 1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

*Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 7:02 PM.*

**PRESENT: 5 -** Commissioner Mike Mitchell, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Mayor Denyse McGriff

**STAFFERS: 11 -** City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Public Works Director John Lewis, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid, Finance Director Matt Zook, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, IT Director Mike Dobaj, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Communications Manager Jarrod Lyman, Police Captain David Edwins

#### 2. FLAG SALUTE

#### 3. CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS

##### 3a. Proclamation Declaring May 21-27, 2023, as National Public Works Week

*Mayor McGriff declared May 21-27, 2023 as National Public Works Week.*

##### 3b. Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation

*Mayor McGriff declared May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month.*

##### 3c. Ruth McBride Powers Preservation Award and Presentation

*Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner, announced Ruth McBride Powers Award recipients Linette Dobbins and her family for rehabilitation of the I.O.O.F building, home of "The Hive Social," on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. She showed before and after pictures of the project.*

*Mayor McGriff presented the award to Ms. Dobbins and her family. Ms. Dobbins explained the improvements that had been made.*

#### 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

*James Nicita, resident of Oregon City, discussed the Urban Renewal Plan that had been approved, but the framework for decision making was not included in the plan, which included the citizens' right to vote before issuing bonded indebtedness. He thought they needed to amend the plan to include the framework.*

*William Gifford, resident of Oregon City, thanked Mayor McGriff and Commissioners Marl and Mitchell for their letters to the editor and arguments in favor in the voter's pamphlet.*

*Ciara Scott, resident of Oregon City, discussed concerns about a homeless shelter being put on Main Street.*

*Mayor McGriff noted this was not a city project and explained where she could get more information.*

*Chris Scott, resident of Oregon City, also expressed concerns about the homeless shelter, especially safety and overwhelming the police and fire departments.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell agreed with these concerns and thanked them for standing up. It was a regional problem that needed a regional solution.*

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

## **6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*The agenda was adopted as presented.*

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to adopt the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea: Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner O'Donnell, Mayor McGriff**

- 7a. Public Improvement Contract with Blackline, Inc. for the 2023 Preventive Pavement Maintenance Type II Slurry Seal (CI 23-004)
- 7b. Personal Services Agreement with Bradley Warner, LLC for the Right-of-Way Attorney Services (PS 23-009)
- 7c. Public Improvement Contract with Aaken Corporation for the Beaver Creek Road ARTS Project (CI 21-006)
- 7d. Amendment No. 1 to the Personal Services Agreement with Wallis Engineering for the Main Street Waterline Improvements 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> (CI 21-007)
- 7e. Minutes of the September 7, 2022 City Commission Meeting
- 7f. Minutes of the January 10, 2023 City Commission Work Session
- 7g. Minutes of the January 18, 2023 City Commission Meeting

## **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 8a. Adoption of the Design Guidelines for New Construction- Middle Housing by Resolution

*Ms. Robertson-Gardiner gave a background on the 2006 design guidelines, purpose of the new middle housing addendum, and Historic Review Board approval.*

*Mayor McGriff suggested Queen Ann "Vernacular" styles would be allowed in McLoughlin for townhomes, not Queen Ann styles.*

*There was discussion regarding cottage clusters not fitting in McLoughlin or meeting the design standards, how middle housing was required in historic districts, enforcement of the guidelines and safe harbors, discretion of the HRB, and public involvement in the process.*

*Mayor McGriff opened the public hearing.*

*There was no public testimony.*

*Mayor McGriff closed the public hearing.*

**Motion made by Commissioner Marl, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to adopt the design guidelines for new construction- middle housing by resolution as amended to include the word "Vernacular." The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea: Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Marl, Mayor McGriff**

**Nay: Commissioner O'Donnell**

**8b. First Reading of Ordinance No. 23-1007, Designating the Ermatinger House as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X**

*Tony Konkol, City Manager, said the ordinance identified the lot block and tax map of the property as well as the area that would be designated as a charter park.*

*There was discussion regarding what was included in the designated area.*

*Mayor McGriff opened the public hearing.*

*There was no public testimony.*

*Mayor McGriff closed the public hearing.*

**Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Marl, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-1007, designating the Ermatinger House as a park under Oregon City Charter Chapter X. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea: Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner O'Donnell, Mayor McGriff**

**8c. First Reading of Ordinance No. 23-1006, Designating Dement Park as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X**

*Mr. Konkol discussed the background of the park and the area that would be designated as a charter park.*

*There was concern about giving charter park protection to such a small park and questions about the use of the park. Mr. Konkol read from Chapter X about the protections that would be given to the park.*

*Mayor McGriff opened the public hearing.*

*There was no public testimony.*

*Mayor McGriff closed the public hearing.*

**Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-1006, designating Dement Park as a park under Oregon City Charter Chapter X. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yea: Commissioner Smith and Mayor McGriff**

**Nay: Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Marl, and Commissioner O'Donnell**

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 9a. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 23-1002 Establishing Misuse of a Public Restroom as an Offense Against Public Peace and Decency

*Mr. Konkol said the scrivener's error identified at the last meeting had been corrected.*

**Motion made by Commissioner Marl, Seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 23-1002 establishing misuse of a public restroom as an offense against public peace and decency. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea: Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner O'Donnell, Mayor McGriff**

**Nay: Commissioner Smith**

- 9b. Approval of the 2023-2025 City Commission Goals

*Mr. Konkol gave a background on the goals and asked for approval. The commission pointed out typos in the document.*

**Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve the 2023-2025 City Commission Goals as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea: Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner O'Donnell, Mayor McGriff**

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **11. City Manager**

*Mr. Konkol said the city of Tualatin was preparing a grant application to the US Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant program to install charging stations in key public facilities and affordable housing locations. Other cities in the region were invited to join as partners in the grant proposal. He asked if there was any interest to join.*

**Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, to authorize the City Manager to move forward with being a partner in the grant funding. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea: Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner O'Donnell, Mayor McGriff**

### **12. Commissioners**

*Commissioner Mitchell discussed concerns with a neighborhood association meeting postcard which included a campaign website link that led to other links for this individual. The A-frame signs for the neighborhood association also included his name and campaign slogan. The commission might need to set guidelines for what was appropriate on neighborhood association cards.*

*The commission asked staff to find out if the card went through the approval process for sending out mail from the city. They also agreed there needed to be a discussion on the cost effectiveness of the mailings.*

**13. Mayor**

*Mayor McGriff reported on a letter being sent to the governor regarding the I-205 tolling. There had been substantial testimony against House Bill 3414. She took a green roof tour of Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES).*

**13a. Mayoral Appointment of Raymond Rendleman to the Transportation Advisory Committee**

*Mayor McGriff appointed Raymond Rendleman to the Transportation Advisory Committee.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder