



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, May 03, 2023 at 5:30 PM

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 5:33 PM.

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

STAFFERS: 8 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Communications Manager Jarrod Lyman, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Economic Development Coordinator Ann Griffin, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Economic Development Manager James Graham, Assistant City Recorder Angelique Nomie

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

2a. City-Sponsored Public Event Program

James Graham, Economic Development Manager, introduced the City-Sponsored Public Event Program and asked Commissioners if they had any conflicts of interest to declare.

Commissioner O'Donnell had no conflicts of interest.

Commissioner Smith had volunteered at events but had no conflicts of interest.

Mayor McGriff said she represents the City of Oregon City on the Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA) board as a voting member but does not have a profitable interest in their operations. She also volunteers at events.

Commissioner Marl had no conflicts of interest.

Commissioner Mitchell served on the DOCA board but resigned after being appointed to the City Commission.

Marci Jory, event organizer for the DOCA First City Celebration, presented DOCA's application. She stated that the event loses money every year due to the number of staff hours required and that grant funds would help make the event more sustainable.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Marl, to approve \$15,750 for the First City Celebration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 5 – Commissioners O'Donnell, Marl, Smith, Mitchell, McGriff

Commissioner Marl expressed concern that a voting member of DOCA sat on the City Commission. Commissioners Marl, O'Donnell, and Mitchell requested that this concern be reviewed in the future.

Lynda Orzen, founding member of the Three Rivers Artist Guild, presented an application for the Oregon City Festival of the Arts.

Mayor McGriff requested that more Oregon City vendors be included in this event. Commissioner O'Donnell suggested that Economic Development work with the applicant to bring in more Oregon City vendors for this event.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Mayor McGriff, to approve \$6,875 for the Oregon City Festival of the Arts. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 5 – Commissioners O'Donnell, Marl, Smith, Mitchell, McGriff

Bryce Morrow with the Oregon City Brewing Company presented an application for Oregon Trail Brewfest. He discussed analytics regarding how this event brought in people from outside Oregon City.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked how grant funds would be used for this event. Mr. Morrow said they would be used for advertising, increased security, more bands, and additional staffing.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Marl, to approve \$19,873 for Oregon Trail Brewfest. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 4 – Commissioners Marl, Smith, Mitchell, McGriff

Abstain: 1 – Commissioner O'Donnell

Melissa Riley, Director of Development for Girl Scouts of Oregon and SW Washington, presented an application for Daisy Dash.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked when Oregon City would be involved in the event.

Shannon Evers, CEO of Girls Scouts of Oregon and SW Washington, said it was likely Oregon City would receive high numbers of participants on Saturday morning and that participants could compete in at least 100 specific, Oregon City-related challenges.

Commissioner Marl asked for clarification on how virtual event participation would benefit Oregon City. Ms. Riley replied that participants would receive more points for in-person challenges than for virtual challenges and added that virtual challenges could still garner interest in Oregon City.

Commissioner Mitchell shared concerns that the event does not occur solely within City limits and that it would be promoted primarily to Girl Scout members.

Commissioner Smith shared concerns that the program guidelines are for events that attract 1,000 – 5,000 participants but that the goal for this event, rather than the actual projected number, is 1,000 participants.

Mayor McGriff expressed concern that the event is not solely within Oregon City limits.

Commissioner Smith suggested using unused grant funds for smaller events and other organizations.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to decline \$22,075 for Daisy Dash. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 5 – Commissioners O'Donnell, Marl, Smith, Mitchell, McGriff

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder