



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR JANUARY 25, 2021

Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Nancy Grimes, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Valerie Pratt, Councilor Cyndy Hillier, Councilor Christen Sacco

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### Call to Order

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Moment of silence for those who have lost their lives to COVID-19

### Public Comment

None.

### Consent Agenda

Motion to adopt the consent agenda made by Council President Grimes, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Grimes, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Pratt, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of Approval of the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021
2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5337-21** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Murraysmith, Inc for the Tualatin Moving Forward Bond Program
3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5339-21** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Cellular Communications Site Lease with Spectrasite Communications, LLC.

### Special Reports

1. Community Conversations on Police Use of Force Policies Report

Mayor Bubenik introduced the Community Conversations on Police Use of Force Policies. Mayor Bubenik explained the conversation was started to help the community understand the city's policy on police use of force. He reviewed the Reimagining the Policing Pledge the city took. Deputy City Manager Megan George stated the city is in the third part of the pledge which is to present the report to the community. She stated three community conversations were held with their own agendas including topics covering current operations, law enforcement authority, legal aspects on use of force, training, and use of force data. Manager George spoke to the virtual engagement that was gathered via social media. Police Chief Bill Steele spoke to key takeaways including:

- Collaboration with regional partners to improve response to individuals experiencing mental health crises.
- Ensuring use of force policies include a focus on using the least amount of force reasonable.
- Ensuring use of force policies include a focus on using de-escalation techniques when reasonable.
- Increased training on recognizing when someone is in distress.
- Increased training on cultural awareness and racial bias.
- Regular updates to the City Council and the community- particularly on stop data, use of force data, and officer misconduct.

Councilor Brooks asked how the city can work to reduce taking people in for non-violent crimes. Chief Steele explained there are lots of different factors that go into booking people. He noted the failure to appear rate is higher when people are not booked or cited appropriately. Chief Steele stated he is open to new ways of handling these types of situations as they become available.

Council President Grimes asked if calls related to mental health are on the rise and asked if officers receive special training to handle these types of calls. She asked how the Council can help the department with alleviating some of the strains to provide this type of training. Chief Steele stated the need for additional training has grown through the years so officers know how to handle different situations. He would like to see other emergency services in places that can help with these types of crisis. Council President Grimes pledged her support for the department.

Councilor Reyes thanked the Police Department for all they do.

Councilor Sacco asked if Chief Steele thought those who participated in the conversations have a better view on the police department now and if the outreach can be continued to those who weren't able to participate. Chief Steele stated they were able to mitigate concerns from the conversations and talk about how the department works. He stated due to the pandemic they have missed the opportunities they would normally have for community outreach and look forward to getting back in the community after the pandemic.

Councilor Hillier stated she heard great feedback from the community about these conversations. She requested data for calls for service and types of calls be included in upcoming reports.

Councilor Pratt requested to see an update from the police department either twice a year or quarterly.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Noack stated she feels safe in the city and has had several positive interactions with the police force.

Mayor Bubenik requested staff come back with an action plan and timeline to fulfill the community requests.

Motion to accept the Community Conversations on Police Use of Force Report and have staff bring back an action plan made by Councilor Brooks, Seconded by Councilor Hillier.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Grimes, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Pratt, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco  
MOTION PASSED

2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5338-21** Awarding the Contract for Construction of the Tualatin Public Library Makerspace Project, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract

Library Director Jerianne Thompson presented an update on the Tualatin Makerspace. She stated STEAM programming has become an integral part of the library even during the pandemic. Director Thompson stated the library now has the opportunity to re-create a space in the library for a Makerspace that is 735 square feet and will accommodate 20-30 people. She stated the project cost is \$425,000 with funding sources being a combination of the Library Foundation and city funds. The project timeline includes construction starting in late February with completion in May.

Councilor Brooks thanked staff for their work on the project. She looks forward to seeing this in the library.

Council President Grimes asked how instructors are found for the space and how it will be funded. Director Thompson stated a STEAM Librarian will be hired to conduct programming along with volunteers.

Councilor Pratt stated she is excited to see this move forward.

Mayor Bubenik asked what will happen to the makerspace trailer. Director Thompson stated the trailer will still be used for outreach.

Councilor Reyes asked about the funding sources for the project. Director Thompson stated it is a contribution from the Library Foundation and city funding. She stated staff will seek additional funding through grants.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 5338-21 awarding the contract for construction of the Tualatin Public Library Makerspace Project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract made by Councilor Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Grimes, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Pratt, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco  
MOTION PASSED

## **Council Communications**

Mayor Bubenik presented a requested resolution from the US Conference of Mayors to declare March 2, 2021 as COVID Victim's and Survivor's Day. Council consensus was reached to bring the request back as a proclamation.

Mayor Bubenik presented a suggested letter to Governor Brown regarding small business reopening.

Councilor Pratt asked if the letter is asking the state to change their guidelines. Mayor Bubenik stated it is asking for leverage for small businesses to be able to open in some capacity.

Councilor Hillier stated she is in support of the letter.

Councilor Brooks stated she is in favor of the second part of the letter but not the first part. She expressed her concerns with the new strain of the virus and the ability to control spread if we loosen the restrictions that are currently in place.

Council President Grimes would like to look at alternate options that would help to accommodate smaller businesses so they can survive the pandemic. She would like to see the letter include a request for funding to help businesses meet the more stringent standards.

Councilor Sacco spoke in support of the letter and would like to see a safe reopening of small businesses in the community.

Councilor Reyes spoke in support of the letter and reopening small businesses.

Motion to approve the proposed letter to Governor Brown with line item one removed by Councilor Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Grimes, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Pratt, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco

MOTION PASSED

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the C4 Metro sub-committee, the Core Area Parking District Board meeting, and the Metro Waste Committee.

Councilor Brooks stated she attended the Chamber Key Leaders Breakfast, the Washington County Public Advisory Board meeting, the National League of Cities vaccine rollout discussion, the League of Oregon Cities vaccine discussion, the Awareness and Action event, the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee meeting, the Metro Regional Waste Advisory Committee, the Resilience Advantage webinar, and the Metro LIP meeting.

Councilor Sacco stated she attended the Tualatin Together meeting and the Chamber Key Leaders Breakfast.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the following meetings and events: the Chamber Key Leaders Breakfast, the Greater Portland Economic Development District Board meeting, the Westside Economic Alliance meeting, the Washington County Mayors meeting, the Greater Portland Inc. Board meeting, the Clackamas County Chair and Mayors meeting, the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, and the Washington County Chair and Mayors meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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