



TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Valerie Pratt, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Cyndy Hillier, Councilor Christen Sacco, Councilor Octavio Gonzalez

ABSENT: Councilor Bridget Brooks

Mayor Bubinek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. *Private Property Impoundment Rates.*

Assistant City Manager and Finance Director Don Hudson and Management Analyst William Sullivan presented follow-up information regarding private property impoundment rates. Director Hudson noted that the rates have not been updated since 2013 and that the City received letters from Beaverton Towing and ProTow requesting a review. Analyst Sullivan provided an overview of private property impoundment and shared that eleven neighboring cities do not regulate private impoundment fees. He stated that Tualatin is one of four jurisdictions, along with Portland, Gresham, and Fairview, that do regulate rates and reviewed their comparable fee structures.

Council President Pratt asked about the rationale for regulating these rates when most cities do not. Analyst Sullivan stated that additional research would be needed but noted that several of the cities with regulations maintain dedicated parking divisions. Mayor Bubinek stated the original intent of adopting rate regulations was to protect residents from price gouging by towing companies.

Councilor Reyes asked whether towing companies are charged by the city to operate in Tualatin. Analyst Sullivan stated that towing companies pay the City's standard business license fee, but all towing fees collected go directly to the company.

Councilor Reyes asked if surrounding cities collect additional fees. Analyst Sullivan stated that the City of Portland charges a service fee to towing companies.

Council President Pratt asked whether an inflation adjustment could be incorporated into the rate structure. Director Hudson stated there is no mechanism in the current ordinance, but one could be added at Council direction.

Councilor Sacco asked how many towing companies operate in Tualatin. Analyst Sullivan stated there are ten.

Councilor Sacco stated she supports maintaining regulations to prevent price gouging and would be open to reviewing potential price adjustments.

Councilor Reyes stated she believes the current prices are still fair and expressed concern about protecting working families from increased costs.

Councilor Gonzalez stated the existing rates are reasonable and comparable to other regulated jurisdictions, and he is not supportive of increases.

Councilor Hillier stated she is not in favor of raising the rate for Class A vehicles.

Mayor Bubenik stated he does not support the requested increases, noting that the proposed rates would exceed those charged by the City of Portland. He stated the goal is to maintain fairness for both residents and towing companies.

Director Hudson stated that staff will follow up with Beaverton Towing and share the Council's feedback.

Council reached consensus that they are not interested in pursuing rate increases at this time.

2. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

City Manager Sherilyn Lombos presented the Manager's Report. She shared highlights from sessions she attended at the City Managers Conference. Manager Lombos announced that both the Library Levy and the Public Safety Levy passed in the recent election. She stated the city is in the final stages of hiring a Planning Manager. Manager Lombos noted that City offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day, the RiverPark CIO meeting will be held on Thursday, and the annual Yard Debris Drop-off event for Tualatin residents will take place this weekend at Grimm's.

Councilor Gonzalez stated he attended the Metro Mixer in West Linn, the Clackamas County State of the County event, and the Veterans Breakfast.

Councilor Sacco stated she attended the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilor Hillier stated she attended the League of Oregon Cities Fundamentals training, the Veterans Breakfast, and the Art in the Burbs event.

Council President Pratt stated she attended the Metro Regional Partners Workshop on garbage and recycling fees, the Metro Shared Future Forum, the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, the Commercial CIO meeting, the meeting with Central Cultural regarding ICE activity, the Veterans Breakfast, the C4 meeting, and the key leaders meeting with Tualatin Together.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the Metro Mayors Consortium meeting, the Veterans Breakfast, and the Communities That Care meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

/ Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

/ Frank Bubenik, Mayor