



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2024

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

Absent: Councilor Bridget Brooks

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### **7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Announcements**

##### 1. Employee of the Year

City Manager Sherilyn Lombos recognized Employee of the Year, Charlie Rollins.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Council President Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Sacco.

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

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of Approval of the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8 and January 22, 2024
2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5752-24** Awarding a Contract for Cured In Place Plastic (CIPP) Pipe Relining Services to Insituform Technologies, LLC

#### **Special Reports**

##### 1. Tualatin Park Advisory Committee Annual Report

Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee (TPARC) Chair Emma Gray and member Beth Dittman presented the annual report, highlighting the committee's accomplishments over the past year. They reported attending 23 meetings, participating in 11 activities, and volunteering a total of 357 hours. The committee's focus was on stewardship and enhancement of community parks.

They provided an overview of the current committee members and discussed various subjects covered throughout the year, including the Parks Bond, diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, sustainability and climate action efforts, and collaboration with other committees. For 2024 TPARC outlined their goals, which include furthering sustainability initiatives, supporting parks and bond utility fee projects, and continuing to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the community.

Councilor Sacco expressed gratitude for the committee's efforts, noting how Tualatin's designations as a Tree City and Bee City align with the City's Climate Action Plan.

Council President Pratt thanked the committee for their work and sought clarification on the completion timeline for Little Wood Rose Park. Parks and Planning Manager Rich Mueller explained the project is currently in the construction design phase, with construction expected to follow in the upcoming budget cycle.

Council President Pratt asked for clarification on the utility fees assessment. Chair Gray explained the City owns various types of buildings, and an audit will help gain a better understanding of how these facilities can be utilized to achieve the goals outlined in the Parks Master Plan moving forward.

## 2. Outside Agency Grant Awardee- Family Justice Center

Family Justice Center Director Rachel Schulze and Board Member Judy Willey discussed how grant funding received from the City was utilized to provide services. They highlighted their collaborative approach, involving twenty other organizations to offer support to domestic and sexual violence victims and their children. They expressed plans to extend services to child abuse victims as well. In 2023, they noted a 25% increase in survivors served and a 20% increase in services provided, surpassing the 10,000 mark. Their collaboration with various organizations streamlines access to services for survivors, consolidating support into one location instead of requiring them to visit multiple places. However, residents in unincorporated/rural areas have limited access to resources. To address this, Family Justice Center has partnered with Ride Connection to assist these individuals in reaching their facility.

It was noted residents in Tualatin received 105 services, despite it being one of the farther away locations. To enhance accessibility, Family Justice Center will expand in October. They have acquired a property in an area with better access to public transit, in the Tanasbourne/Amber Glen/Walker Road area near Hillsboro. The new center, named Family P Center, will offer child abuse support and a forensic clinic.

Council President Pratt asked if transportation is provided if someone from Tualatin needs services. Director Schulze confirmed that transportation assistance is provided when someone from Tualatin calls for help. She stated they utilize services like Ride Connection or Uber/Lyft to ensure survivors can access the support they need.

## **Council Communications**

Council President Pratt proposed forming a subcommittee to address acceptable behaviors within the Council and review the rules. Councilor Sacco, Councilor Reyes, and Councilor Hillier expressed support. Councilor Sacco emphasized the importance of collaboration and creating a safe space for everyone to be heard. Councilor Reyes agreed, suggesting it should also be a brave space where individuals feel empowered to speak up. Councilor Hillier expressed support and

willingness to participate in the committee. Mayor Bubenik suggested waiting until Councilor Brooks returns to finalize the committee's composition.

Councilor Hillier congratulated the Tualatin Robotics Team and Dance Teams for their recent victories.

Mayor Bubenik stated the City of Wilsonville is seeking Tualatin's support for SB1572, which aims to extend the Westside Express Service (WES) to Wilsonville and Salem, and to bring attention to this issue in the State Legislature. Council consensus was reached to add Tualatin's support to the letter advocating for this extension.

Mayor Bubenik highlighted the funding challenges facing the Washington County justice system. He stated the strain on the system has prompted a request for city support in the form of a letter to be shared at the upcoming short legislative session. Council consensus was reached to direct City Manager Lombos to draft a letter addressing the funding crisis.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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