



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR MARCH 22, 2021

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

Absent: Councilor Maria Reyes

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Mayor Bubenik called the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

### ***1. Supportive Housing Services Local Implementation Plan Review.***

Alley Jamieson and Jes Larson, Supportive Housing Services Manager's for Washington County, presented on the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) measure. Ms. Jamieson presented background on the measure noting it was approved by voters in May 2020 and is scaled to end chronic homelessness regionally through partnerships with Clackamas and Multnomah counties. She stated the program is funded by a 1% tax on taxable income and 1% tax on profits from businesses with gross receipts of more than \$5 million. The tax is estimated to generate more than \$200 million per year. Ms. Jamieson explained the distribution of funds by county, noting Washington County is set to receive 33.33% of funds. The measure has set accountability measures in place including: local advisory bodies, local implementation plans, a regional oversight committee, and a tri-county advisory structure. Ms. Jamieson stated priorities have been broken into two categories: Priority Population A- people with disabilities experiencing, or at risk of, prolonged homelessness, and with extremely low incomes and Priority Population B- people experiencing episodic homelessness or at risk of homelessness. She added the measure is designed to lead with race as the BIPOC communities are disproportionately impacted by homelessness. Ms. Jamieson presented homelessness statics including comparisons on renter cost burden and race and homelessness and race. She stated SHS focuses on housing and support services with a goal to have 5000 supportive housing placements with 1665 of those being in Washington County. Ms. Larson spoke to the implementation timeline stating staff is currently working on finalizing the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) and engaging stakeholders. Ms. Jamieson reviewed the LIP that was developed in partnerships with stakeholders and the community. She stated the LIP includes an analysis of current system unmet needs, an analysis of racial disparities and strategies to advance equity, regional commitments to priorities and coordination, and planned programmatic investments and outcome goals. Ms. Jamieson stated planned investment categories included shelter and transitional housing, outreach and navigation services, housing barrier costs and short-term rent assistance, regional long-term rent assistance, supportive services, and a system of care capacity building. She stated year one outcome goals include 500 supportive housing placements, 500 additional households to achieve housing stability, 100 year-around shelter beds added to the current capacity, and to have further capacity building underway for a culturally specific network. Ms. Larson stated program implementation is set to begin July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilor Brooks thanked Metro staff for their work on the program as this is a much needed service. She highlighted that the Native American community ranks high in homelessness as well and that should be considered during tonight's discussion on land acknowledgements.

Mayor Bubenik wants to make sure there is county services available in our area as in the past they have not been available in SE Washington County. He stated the City is working on partnerships in our community for services in our area and wants to see the county add to those.

Councilor Pratt agreed more service are needed in our area. She asked if there are concerns about enough housing being. Ms. Larson stated they are still identifying housing and will be using a tenant and project based housing approach.

Councilor Sacco asked what the prioritization of student housing is. Ms. Larson stated they don't distinguish on demographics but on the priority population type (i.e. homelessness risk). She added youth homelessness is a significant concern and will be heavily addresses in their programs in many ways with different service providers.

Councilor Hillier asked if wrap around services will be trauma informed and how they will recruit providers. Ms. Larson stated it will be a trauma informed program that uses housing first.

Mayor Bubenik asked how success will be measured. Ms. Larson stated there are required regional outcomes around housing placement for measuring success.

## ***2. Land Acknowledgement Discussion.***

Deputy City Manager Megan George presented information on a land acknowledgment statement. She stated Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee Chair Beth Dittman requested Council consider a land acknowledgement. Manager George presented on Tualatin's indigenous peoples, noting information provided is from the Oregon Historical Society and Washington County. She stated a land acknowledgment is a formal statement that recognizes the unique and enduring relationships that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories. Manager George stated other cities have done land acknowledgements to offer recognition and respect, create broader public awareness of the history, support larger truth-telling and reconciliation efforts, and inspire ongoing action and relationships. She explained the three step process for a land acknowledgment includes identifying, articulating, and delivery of the statement. Manager George provided examples of other land acknowledgments. She shared how Tualatin has acknowledged tribes in the past through the city logo and street naming.

Mayor Bubenik suggested bringing in the Tualatin Historical Society and Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee to do research and begin working on step one of the process.

Councilor Brooks stated she reached out to a local Native American leader who works on land acknowledgements around the state. She stated she was supportive and wants to make sure all tribes are acknowledged and that there is good collaboration with local tribes.

Councilor Sacco stated some community members with native ties have voiced concerns around a land acknowledgment and wanting to ensure there is action that goes along with it. She wants to ensure this is done for the right reasons and done in partnership with local tribes.

Councilor Pratt concurred an action plan needs to go along with an acknowledgment.

Councilor Hillier stated she wants to ensure this it is done the right way including having the right people at the table to form a statement.

Mayor Bubenik suggested having staff reach out to the Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee, the Tualatin Historical Society, the Diversity Task Force, and the Grand Rhonde Tribe to see if they have the capacity to take on this project.

**3. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.**

Councilor Sacco stated she attended the Urban Renewal Task Force meeting where they reviewed the boundaries for the area.

Councilor Hillier stated she attended the Police Department's Woman Self Defense class and volunteered and the COVID vaccine clinic. She reminded citizens of the upcoming Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 24.

Councilor Brooks stated she attended the virtual National League of Cities Conference, the virtual Hill Day hosted by the League of Oregon Cities, the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee meeting, and the Mayors Round Table at the National League of Cities Conference.

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the ODOT meeting regarding tolling, the Metro C4 sub-committee meeting where they discussed regional emergency transportation routes, and participated in the Community Garden clean-up.

Councilor Grimes stated the Technology and Science Scholarship Committee met and discussed reaching out to local businesses to raise funds to continue the scholarships this year. She thanked city staff for their outstanding response to the recent storm event.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the ODOT tolling project update meeting, the Greater Portland Inc. Economic Development sub-committee meeting, the Washington County Coordination Committee meeting, the Clackamas County Chair and Mayors meeting, and the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce Board meeting. He congratulated Lindsay Marshall on successfully coordinating the COVID Vaccine Clinic.

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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