



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL 08, 2024

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

Call to Order

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

1. Tualatin Youth Advisory Council Annual Report and National League of Cities Recap

The Tualatin Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) members presented their annual report, highlighting the committee's efforts to enhance the lives of young people by fostering relationships, advocating for diverse needs, and bridging the gap between youth and government. They outlined their mission, which involves goals related to advocacy, activities, and education. One initiative from the past year was a youth survey directed at high school students, which helped identify key issues affecting them. These included concerns about drugs and alcohol, mental health, social media, and the environment. YAC members also volunteered at various city events such as Concerts in the Parks, ¡Viva Tualatin!, the West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta, and Blender Dash. YAC members also participated in the 2024 Oregon Youth Summit and the National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference. Their recommendations to the Council included efforts to promote open discourse and prevent political polarization in the community, as well as continued focus on improving youth mental health.

Councilor Sacco expressed gratitude to the YAC members for their dedicated service to the community and for using their voices to advocate for important issues.

Councilor Hillier thanked the students for their representation at various events and activities throughout the city.

Council President Pratt expressed appreciation for the YAC members' representation of the city at the National League of Cities Conference.

Mayor Bubenik invited members to share their takeaways from their experiences at the conference. Members shared their experiences and the value they took from being able to discuss key issues with other youth members from around the country.

2. New Employee Introduction- Zeleny Montes, Court Clerk

Court Administrator Cortney Kammerer introduced Court Clerk Zeleny Montes. The Council welcomed her.

3. State of the City Announcement

Mayor Bubenik announced the 2024 Tualatin State of the City will be held on Thursday, May 2, 7:30am, at the Marquis. He stated more information on how to register is available on the city's website.

4. Month of the Military Child Announcement

Mayor Bubenik announced April as the Month of the Military Child. He encouraged everyone to wear purple on April 11th as a visible way to show support and thanks for military youth for their strength and sacrifices.

Public Comment

Community Involvement Organization Representatives Victoria Fiske-Ibach, Ibach Secretary, and Byrom Land Use Officer Danny O'Neal addressed the issue of liability insurance for CIO programs and requested that the city cover these events. They explained that additional funding is needed to meet the expenses associated with obtaining liability insurance for events that serve the community.

Consent Agenda

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

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

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of Approval of the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024
2. Consideration of Approval of a New Liquor License Application for The Headliner's Club
3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5764-24** Awarding a Contract for Water Meter Reading Services
4. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5765-24** Awarding the Contract for Commission of Public Art at Veterans Plaza
5. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5766-24** Awarding a Contract for Ki-a-Kuts Bridge Rehabilitation

Special Reports

1. Outside Agency Grant Awardee- Meals on Wheels People

Meals on Wheels People Grant Manager Bee Davis and Program Manager Angie Boyd presented information about their organization, emphasizing its vision to ensure that no senior experiences hunger or social isolation. They highlighted the program's founding in 1970 by three women who recognized a community need that was not being met. Operating across multiple locations in three counties, Meals on Wheels People served over 1.3 million meals last year, relying on the dedication of over 1,700 volunteers. They stated a meal site is available at the Juanita Pohl Center in Tualatin and ongoing volunteer opportunities are available in 1.5-hour

shifts every week. For more details or to volunteer, individuals can visit their website at www.mowp.org.

Councilor Brooks expressed gratitude for their service and inquired about changes in the number of individuals served. Manager Davis explained that their service model has evolved, leading to shifts in the numbers served.

Councilor Brooks reminded citizens about the availability of Ride Share for those needing transportation to the Juanita Pohl Center.

Councilor Reyes thanked them for their community work.

Council President Pratt asked if the organization provides assistance for rides to alternate locations. Manager Boyd clarified that while they provide information about such services, they don't directly offer transportation.

Councilor Hillier inquired about the status of their fundraisers. Manager Davis confirmed they are still being held annually.

Councilor Gonzalez asked about donation methods. Manager Davis mentioned donations can be made through their website.

Mayor Bubenik expressed gratitude for their community service.

2. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue State of the District

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVFR) Division Chief Cassandra Ulven presented their 2024 State of the District. She shared a video of their year in review. Chief Ulven spoke to their major emergency operations for the year, highlighting numbers and calls that happened during the winter storm which totaled 2,310 total incidents during that one event. She shared in 2023 Tualatin had 3,556 total incidents and shared the breakdown of those numbers by call. Chief Ulven spoke to updates to the EMS system stating that the transport system is in a better place this year than it was in years past.

Chief Ulven presented an update on the 2021 Bond that was aimed at capital infrastructure. She highlighted the updated Training Center that is being built. Chief Ulven also addressed Measure 34-332, a local option levy, which is a five-year levy valued at \$0.96 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If passed, the levy will retain existing first responders, add 36 more, purchase specialized medical equipment, and fund critical firefighting tools and vehicles. Failure to pass the levy would result in the loss of funding for at least 92 of 450 firefighters and paramedics, necessitating staffing reductions.

Councilor Hillier expressed gratitude to the department for their involvement in the upcoming Safety Town Event and for their contributions to the community as a whole.

Councilor Sacco praised the Community Academy and recommended it to everyone.

Councilor Brooks inquired about the Women's Academy. Chief Ulven stated the Portland Metro Fire Camp for women aged 15-21, is aimed at broadening their perspectives and encouraging their involvement in the field.

Councilor Brooks asked about the impact of climate change on TVFR's operations and how they mitigate it. Chief Ulven explained their collaboration with the state to understand their risk profile and adapt training and equipment accordingly.

Councilor Brooks asked whether retirement numbers increased due to pandemic burnout. Chief Ulven acknowledged some early retirements resulting from this and discussed mental health initiatives to support staff.

Council President Pratt shared her positive experience participating in the Community Academy.

3. Annual Report of the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee

Recreation Manager Julie Ludemann and Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee (TAAC) Chair Janet Carr presented the committee's annual report. Chair Carr outlined TAAC's mission to support, connect, and inspire the creation and integration of all art forms into the city's rich cultural heritage and vibrant future. She emphasized the belief that that involvement in the arts creates a more energetic, engaging, welcoming, and livable community. Chair Carr highlighted TAAC's regular meetings, representation of Tualatin arts to the Council and the public, event attendance, and advocacy for arts recognition and support.

Chair Carr discussed TAAC's accomplishments in 2023, which included the installation of three signal box art wraps, financial backing for arts agencies, the issuance of the Community Enhancement Award, and the selection process for the Veterans Plaza Service-Inspired Art. She also mentioned the loaning of art to the Tualatin Heritage Center for public exhibitions. Chair Carr outlined goals for 2024 such as installing the Veterans Plaza Public Art, identifying future arts programs and projects, continuing support for local arts through grants and awards, and facilitating art installations within new parks bond projects.

Councilor Brooks thanked the committee for all of their expertise and work they do for the community.

Councilor Reyes thanked the committee for all their great work.

Mayor Bubenik thanked the committee for their enthusiasm and love the committee gives to the community.

Council Communications

Councilor Brooks sent her regrets for not being able to attend the State of the City event.

Councilor Sacco reported attending the sub-committee for Council Rules meeting and the interviews for the City Lobbyist Firm.

Councilor Hillier mentioned attending the sub-committee for Council Rules meeting. She announced the upcoming Dress to Dream event at Rolling Hills Community Church this weekend.

Council President Pratt attended the R1ACT Committee meeting with ODOT and the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee meeting.

Mayor Bubenik participated in the Metro Mayors Consortium meeting, the Small Cities Consortium meeting, Arbor Day Tree Planting event, and the City Lobbyist Firm interviews.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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