



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR DECEMBER 13, 2021

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

Absent: Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Cyndy Hillier

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Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### ***1. Washington County Supportive Housing Services Implementation Update.***

Washington County Department of Housing Supportive Services Manager Jes Larson and Data Analyst Heather Skriver presented the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) implementation update. Manager Larson presented background on the measure that was approved May 19, 2020. She stated the bond is estimated to generate more than \$200 million per year to help achieve functional zero chronic homelessness regionally. Analyst Skriver spoke to the programs they have launched. She stated the Bridge Shelter Program is a housing focused shelter program and offers 102 new year-round shelter beds. The other newly launched program is the Housing Case Management Program that has 17 housing service providers with 800 participant slots and a goal of 500 housing placements in the first year. Analyst Skriver stated system and equity investments are focused on culturally specific capacity buildings, training programs for service providers, inclusive procurement, and Community Connect modernization. She shared the five primary regional outcome metrics including program inflow and outflow, system capacity, housing placements, length of homelessness, and returns to homelessness. Analyst Skriver shared data for each of the metrics. Manager Larson stated system expansion will be to create a Permanent Supportive Housing Placement program and expansion of the work and role of the Homeless Plan Advisory Committee. She stated the Winter Shelter Program launched on November 15 and offers 187 shelter beds and motel rooms seasonally. Manager Larson stated they are on track to meet the year one program goals of 500 supportive housing placements, 500 additional households stabilized, and 100 new year-round shelter beds. She stated overall program goals include 1,665 supportive housing placements and 250 additional year-round shelter beds.

Councilor Pratt asked if the program goals will be adjusted with population growth. Manager Larson stated the advisory body will be continually evaluating the program outcomes and goals. She stated they will be limited by resources.

Councilor Sacco asked what cultural specific capacity building entails. Manager Larson stated they provide a \$50,000 administrative grant to culturally specific organizations that allow them to work to help build capacity in their organization.

Mayor Bubenik asked about the lack of available capacity for this program and the frustrations involved in that throughout the community. He wants to see people get the help they need quickly and get them off the streets. Manager Larson stated new housing takes years to build and for the community to feel the impact. She stated the SHS program is different in that the

vouchers are available and have a fast acting impact. She stated the program set backs are due to the lack of the availability of market based housing units and staffing.

## **2. Tualatin Area Ice Age Floods Foundation Update.**

Tualatin Area Ice Age Foundation Secretary Jerianne Thompson and President Scott Burns presented an update on the foundation. She stated they support Ice Age Flood tourism and history in the community. Secretary Thompson provided background information on the Ice Age Floods. She spoke to the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail. Secretary Thompson stated the foundations vision is to have a visitor's center in Tualatin as part of the National Park Services and Ice Age Floods National Geological Trail. She stated the library is currently acting as the interim visitor's center. Secretary Thompson stated Tualatin has many trail and park features devoted to the Ice Age Floods. President Burns stated the goals of the foundation is to provide access for children, provide awareness of the natural history of the area, and awareness of the native people who lived here first. He stated the four major themes of the visitor center will be to provide a big picture of the Ice Age Floods in the Pacific Northwest, the Ice Age Floods local effects, education on the native people of the region, and education of the large animals living in the area. President Burns requested the partnership of the City through the process of working towards the visitor center.

Councilor Pratt asked if the foundation collaborates with the historical society. President Burns stated they work hand and hand as well as share artifacts.

Councilor Sacco stated the video was well done and informative. She thanked the foundation for their hard work.

Councilor Reyes thanked the foundation for their presentation.

Mayor Bubenik stated the Ice Age video was well done and very educational.

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

Councilor Sacco stated she attended the I-5/I-205 Tolling Informational meeting.

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the Climate Action Plan meeting, the C4 Committee meeting where they discussed tolling, and participated in the Holiday Lights Parade.

Mayor Bubenik stated he participated in the Holiday Lights Parade. He thanked city staff for planning and coordinating the parades. Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the Metro Mayors Consortium meeting, the Washington County Mayors meeting, the GPI Small Cities Consortium meeting, and the Washington County Coordinating meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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