



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Nancy Grimes, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Robert Kellogg, Councilor Paul Morrison, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Valerie Pratt

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. Tualatin Moving Forward Bus Tour (Virtual) & Quarterly Update.

Public Works Director Jeff Fuchs, Assistant to the City Manager Megan George, and Management Analyst Kelsey Lewis presented a quarterly update on Tualatin Moving Forward projects. They highlighted completed projects and others that have reached significant milestones including: the Tualatin Public Library sidewalk art project, Mohawk Street east of Martinazzi Ave at PGE, Martinazzi Ave and Sagert Street, Nasoma Lane near Marquis Assisted Living, 90th Ave near Kaiser Permanente, 90th Ave and Sweek Drive, Tualatin Road between 105th Ave and 115th Ave, Garden Corner Curves at Moratoc Drive to Willow Street, and Boones Ferry Road at Tualatin High School.

Councilor Brooks asked if the presentation on sidewalk art could be shared with the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee. Manager George stated the sidewalk art piece of the presentation is going to be made available on social media.

Councilor Brooks asked why there isn't a bus stop at the medical center. Director Fuchs stated he will have to follow-up with Tri-Met on the stops.

Councilor Morrison asked if there is plans to put a crosswalk near the north lot at the high school. Director Fuchs stated the opening that was there has been closed so it is no longer a route for students to take.

Mayor Bubenik asked if the driver feedback sign along Tualatin Road had been calibrated. Director Fuchs stated it has not been calibrated yet.

Mayor Bubenik asked about the status of the light at Tualatin Road and Teton. Director Fuchs stated the project will be kicking off soon.

2. Regulation of Marijuana Facilities in Tualatin.

Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich presented feedback from the September 16th Tualatin Marijuana Regulations webinar. She recapped what is allowed with the current marijuana ordinance. Director Hurd-Ravich stated the proposed changes would be to allow facilities in commercial zones (except the Central Commercial zone), reduce the buffers to 1,000 feet, and reduce the separation distance to 1,000 feet between businesses. She stated common questions and comments included general support for the current ordinance, it was noted social media comments were in support of the proposed changes. Director Hurd-Ravich stated the full summary of questions and comments are available in the packet. She stated next steps if the

Council decides to move forward with the proposed changes would be a Planning Commission review and then a Council decision on the ordinance.

Councilor Pratt asked how many dispensaries would be allowed in the new proposed commercial area. Director Hurd-Ravich stated there would be room for one.

Councilor Brooks asked why we use the term marijuana and not cannabis. She believes it is more inclusive to use the term cannabis.

Councilor Kellogg stated he doesn't see a policy reason why a facility can't exceed 3,000 square feet for industrial purposes. He would like to see that section stricken from the ordinance.

Councilor Reyes stated she feels voters have spoken in regards to the ordinance and would like to see the Council honor that. She would like to see the proposed changes move forward.

Councilor Brooks would like to see the proposed changes move forward with her proposed terminology change to cannabis.

Council President Grimes stated she is okay with the term cannabis and the reduction to meet state law but would like to keep the zoning the same around the industrial area.

Councilor Pratt stated she thinks the proposed changes are a good compromise and would like to move it forward.

Councilor Morrison stated his biggest issue is having a cannabis shop near the gateway to the city.

Councilor Kellogg stated the purpose of this measure is to not increase consumption but make a legal way for legal businesses to be in our city.

Mayor Bubenik spoke in support of the proposed changes.

Council President Grimes stated she wants to make sure the input of the community is respected. She added most of the input from the past has been that the citizens want the ordinance to remain the same.

Mayor Bubenik stated the statistically valid survey that was conducted years ago showed citizens in favor of marijuana facilities.

Council consensus was reached to have the ordinance drafted and sent forward to the Planning Commission.

3. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

Councilor Brooks stated she attended the Washington County Housing Bond LIP meeting, the Policy Advisory Board meeting, and the Tualatin Arts Advisory meeting.

Councilor Kellogg thanked the Mayor for his response to citizens regarding the Basalt Creek Extension project. He stated funding is still being sought after and it's important that the city keep tabs on the project.

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the Tualatin Community Police Foundation meeting. She thanked Boy Scout Troop 35 for installing drip lines at the Tualatin Community Garden.

Councilor Morrison reminded the Council that public comment for the Metro Regional Framework for Highway Jurisdictional Transfer can now be made. He stated Metro wants to replace the transfer station in South County, he expressed concerns with that decision.

Councilor Kellogg stated the Tualatin Historical Society will be holding a fundraiser on October 8. More information is available on their website.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the following meetings and events: Washington County Mayors and Chairs meeting, Metro Mayors Consortium meeting, Small Cities Consortium meeting with GPI, the Tualatin Chamber Board meeting, and the Tri-Met HB 2017 meeting.

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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