



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 08, 2021

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

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

1. Acknowledgement of Native Land & People.

Committee Chair Beth Dittman presented the Acknowledgment of Native Land and People. She recognized all the committee members for their work on the project. Chair Dittman stated the committee was formed by the Council on March 22, 2021 to provide the Council with a written statement, protocol for use, additional feedback and suggestions, and deepen relations with the Confederate Tribes of Grand Ronde. She stated the committee met six times to research and learn, collaborate, and hear community feedback. Chair Dittman spoke to the process and evolution of the work group. She shared key findings from the group that include: the job of the perceived majority to do this work, the statement must be accompanied by concrete actions, and inclusion of native voices that appropriately compensated for. Chair Dittman stated the pillars of their work was founded in the purpose statement, based in history and appropriate research, honest and direct, recognized native people, accompanied a list of actions, and included a mindset of community and gratitude. She shared the purpose statement for the acknowledgment, guidelines for use, and the acknowledgement statement.

Mayor Bubenik thanked the committee for their work and dedication to the assignment from the Council.

Councilor Pratt asked what next steps are. Chair Dittman stated the committee would like to see this be used in the way the guidelines outline.

Councilor Brooks stated she is in support of the city having a land acknowledgment. She stated she would like to see community conversations like this continue to happen in the newly forming Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee.

Councilor Hillier thanked the committee for providing a clear and honest acknowledgment. She would like to see this move forward.

Councilor Grimes joined the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Councilor Sacco thanked the committee for the detailed and comprehensive work on the acknowledgment. She stated she is in support of a land acknowledgment.

Mayor Bubenik stated this will be passed onto the new DEI Committee for them to provide recommendations to the Council and roll it out throughout the community.

2. Metro Update.

Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal presented an update from Metro. He presented information on the 2020 Supportive Housing Bill. Councilor Rosenthal stated all three county Local Implementation Plans have been approved and Metro is negotiating with the counties to complete and sign IGA's. He stated dozens of residents have accessed supportive housing services to date. Councilor Rosenthal stated in 2018 the Affordable Housing Bond was passed and the first building in Rockwood Village is now welcoming residents with the Mary Ann Residents coming on line in the fall. Councilor Rosenthal introduced Metro Staff Juan Carols Ocana-Chiu and Antonia Machado to speak to the Parks and Nature Bond. Metro Staff Ocana-Chiu stated the Chehalem Ridge Natural Area and the Newell Creek Canyon will be opening in the first half of 2022. He stated a new template for Local Share IGA's was approved by Metro Council that will make it easier for cities to move forward on priority projects. Metro Staff Ocana-Chiu stated Metro's Parks and Nature Levy has been approved twice since 2013 which enable habitat restoration, park maintenance, public access, nature education, and community grants and partnerships. He stated staff will be working on a levy renewal at the same tax rate that could go to voters in 2022. Councilor Rosenthal spoke to garbage and recycling in the area. He stated a total of five new RID crews are available now to respond to illegal dumping and reduce response times to 12 business days. Councilor Rosenthal spoke to the Construction Careers Pathways program that is working to upgrade Blue Lake Park. He stated the program works with people to offer them new skills that can help them move forward in their careers. Councilor Rosenthal spoke to the current redistricting discussions. He noted public hearings are currently happening now. Councilor Rosenthal stated some of the proposals would affect Tualatin and he would look to the council for guidance and feedback.

Councilor Pratt asked when the IGA will be signed with Clackamas County so the funds can be released for housing. Metro Councilor Rosenthal stated county staff is working on it but he doesn't have an exact time frame.

Councilor Pratt asked how the Supporting Housing Services will support homelessness. Metro Councilor Rosenthal stated the funding that will be available is a substantial amount and the details are still being worked out for each facility.

Councilor Pratt stated she would like to see local share funds used to rebuild the Stone Ridge Park. She would like to know specifically where the city can use bond funds. Metro Staff Ocana-Chiu stated they have spoken with city staff and explained the restraints that are in place that prohibit funding from being used for recreational uses such as those desired for Stone Ridge Park. Parks and Recreation Director Hoover stated the Stone Ridge Community was not interested in a nature area making Metro Local Share funding not an option.

Councilor Reyes stated when Metro does future bonds she wants to see family oriented areas for diverse groups be included for funding.

Councilor Brooks stated she would like to see a bond put in place with the same goals and also includes health and mobility as well.

Councilor Brooks asked what percentage of housing developments will have wrap around services. Metro Councilor Rosenthal stated each facility will be evaluated for wrap around services but noted he is unsure of the percentage.

Councilor Brooks asked about the prioritization of wetlands throughout Metro and what they are doing to protect them. Metro Councilor Rosenthal said they pay close attention to wetlands for new development. He stated in smaller developable areas they have more limited authority. Metro Staff Ocana-Chiu stated protecting and restoring land is the largest program area of the 2019 bond.

Mayor Bubenik stated he would like to not see Tualatin split during rezoning. He stated Rid-Well is operating illegally in all cities, he asked for a status on their Metro application. Metro Councilor Rosenthal stated they are waiting on the status of their DEQ permit.

Mayor Bubenik stated he would like to see more specifics on what the new Parks and Recreation Bond will contain as the current restrictions are a burden for the City. He stated he won't be able to support a bond that has criteria the city is not aware of.

Mayor Bubenik stated he heard Metro received \$12 million for transportation and the cities had no say in how the funds were distributed. Metro Councilor Rosenthal stated he is not aware of that funding but will look into it and follow-up.

Council President Grimes stated she wants Tualatin to remain as one during the redistricting process. She stated she wants to ensure a bond renewal has appropriate language so Tualatin can utilize the funds effectively.

3. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

Councilor Brooks stated she will forward the Basalt Creek report to all Councilors for review. She stated she attended the Hug-A-Street event with the Tualatin Sustainability Network.

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the Hug-A-Street event. She stated she attended the C4 meeting.

Councilor Reyes stated she would like to see the City pass a proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month moving forward.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the Smart ODOT Bus and Shoulder event, the Westside Economic Alliance, the Chamber of Commerce Key Leaders Breakfast, the Greater Portland Inc. Small Cities Consortium meeting, the Tualatin Together Fun Run, the River Park CIO meeting, the Washington County Coordinating prep meeting, and the Metro Mayors Consortium Retreat.

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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