



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 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. Introduction to the Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP).

Washington County Director of Land Use and Transportation Stephen Roberts, Senior Policy Analyst Christina Deffebach, and Principal Planner Erin Wardell presented information on the Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP). Analyst Deffebach stated MSTIP allocates dedicated funding to major street projects. She noted they are currently in the prioritizing of funding stage for the next five year cycle of funding (2023-2028). Analyst Deffebach stated funds are countywide property tax dedicated to improving major roads as a pay as you go approach. She stated since the beginning of the program in 1986 more than 150 projects totaling \$900 million have been completed. Analyst Deffebach stated the last cycle funded \$175 million. Planner Wardell stated staff is currently confirming the work plan and developing the equity framework and public engagement plan for the next round of funding. She stated eligibility criteria for past projects have included being multi-modal, on roadways of countywide significance, ranked high as a local priority, and geographically and financially balanced. Planner Wardell stated proposed outcomes for the plan include equity, safety, economic vitality, livability, and natural environment. She stated a consultant will be hired to work on community engagement. She noted the community engagement process will be done in two phases and will target engagement with historically excluded communities.

Councilor Pratt asked about the equity map and missing areas of interest. Planner Wardell stated they are working to connect projects with the people who they impact the most. She stated the practice of how they do that will continue to be defined as they work with the consultant.

Councilor Brooks wants to make sure youth and elderly are considered and their voices are heard during this process. She wants to ensure there is geographical diversity included as well. Director Roberts stated they are working to ensure that there is geographical diversity across the county.

Councilor Reyes wants to ensure there is equity in the distribution of funds. She wants to make sure there is appropriate transportation for workers who commute to Tualatin.

Councilor Sacco wants to make sure the city is attracting new business and addressing concerns with traffic throughout the area.

Councilor Hillier wants to make sure citizens have the ability to reach services in the community. She also wants to ensure there are safe ways for students to reach trades in the area. Director Roberts stated they are working on interconnecting cities via different modes and how they can best go about doing that in the transportation system.

Councilor Brooks stated Tualatin doesn't have robust public transportation and wants that to be considered.

Councilor Reyes stated Tualatin-Sherwood Road is a priority area for her in regards to transportation.

Mayor Bubenik stated 65th at Pacific Hwy is a multijurisdictional facilities. He noted 65th is being used as a bypass for I-5 and is getting flooded with traffic. He wants routes that become bypasses for I-5 to be updated in the plan as major roads. Mayor Bubenik stated Pacific Hwy impacts 5 cities and wants to see improvements as it runs through census tracts and is experiencing blight.

Council President Grimes asked what the strategy is for community outreach and visioning around the problem areas. Planner Wardell stated the engagement consultant will be working on these strategies and they will be ready for review in early winter.

Councilor Brooks stated there are a lot of faith based social services in the city that will be important to receive feedback from.

Councilor Pratt showed support for all projects along Hwy 99 as it serves many communities.

Councilor Reyes stated she wants to make sure all materials are available in Spanish.

2. Allocation of Funds to Outside Agencies.

Assistant City Manager Megan George stated the Council allocated \$40,000 for Outside Agency Grants this year. She stated the city received 14 applications with a request total of approximately \$75,000.

The Council deliberated and allocated funding for selected recipients. A resolution will be brought back to the next meeting for approval.

3. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the Native Land and Peoples Acknowledgement Task Force meeting and the Climate Action Task Force meeting.

Councilor Brooks stated she attendee the Energy Environment and Natural Resource Committee meeting, the Arts Advisory Committee meeting, the Policy Advisory Board meeting, and the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee meeting.

Council President Grimes stated October 6 is Bike and Walk to School Day. She encourage citizens to participate.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the Tualatin Historical Society Auction, the Westside Economic Alliance meeting, the Metro Mayors Consortium meeting, and the Greater Portland Inc. Small Cities Consortium meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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