



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR AUGUST 09, 2021

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

Absent: Councilor Maria Reyes

---

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

### **1. Election Referral Process.**

City Attorney Sean Brady presented information on the election referral process. He provided a brief history of the "Oregon System" in regards to elections. Attorney Brady stated there are three components to the system including initiatives, referendums, and the referral processes. He explained the referral process including the passage of a resolution, preparation of the ballot title, notice of the ballot title, a ballot title challenge period, the explanatory statement, and the certification process. Attorney Brady presented a proposal for the referral process with the city including the council determining the language to be referred, city staff preparation of the resolution with all of the required items, and a council vote on the complete resolution package. He stated upcoming elections are May 17, 2022 and November 8, 2022.

Council President Grimes asked what a citizen has to have filed for signature collection to begin. Attorney Brady stated they are required to file forms with the city that must be certified before signature gathering begins.

Councilor Sacco asked what the process and timeline is for the challenge period. Attorney Brady stated the challenge period is for the ballot title and citizens have seven days to file a challenge on the title with the District Attorney.

Council President Grimes asked if signatures can be electronic. Attorney Brady stated citizens can download a form, sign, and send to the chief petitioner.

City Attorney Brady shared referral language that was submitted by citizens. He recommended clarifications to the language.

Councilor Pratt asked for clarification on how terms are counted for someone appointed part way through a term. Attorney Brady stated the partial term counts as a full term.

Councilor Brooks thanked Attorney Brady for the clarifications on the processes and the language.

Mayor Bubenik asked if Council would like to direct staff to draft a resolution to move the process forward.

Council President Grimes stated she is not in favor of Council referring this item to the ballot. She would like to see this be a citizen led initiative.

Mayor Bubenik stated due to the COVID resurgence he doesn't believe it is safe for signature gathers to be out in the community. He is in favor of council referral to the ballot. He reiterated the vote will be done by the citizens and they will get to make the ultimate decision.

Councilor Brooks stated experience as a Councilor fosters the city doing well. She stated the position of Mayor reflects regional relationships that are built over time.

Council consensus was reached to have the language drafted in a resolution and brought back to council at a public meeting.

Council President Grimes stated she wants this to be done with ample citizen input.

Council President Grimes asked if there is interest in adding language regarding a Mayor serving one term limit as a Councilor prior.

Mayor Bubenik stated he doesn't think that language should be added as everyone should have the opportunity to run for whichever position they see fit.

Councilor Brooks shared the same concerns as Council President Grimes in that experience fosters the city doing well. She stated regional relationships are built over time and wants to avoid transitional issues.

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

Councilor Hillier stated she attended the Clackamas County Business Alliance meeting.

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the Clackamas County Climate Action Alliance meeting and the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee meeting. She stated cooling centers will be available this week at the Library and the Juanita Pohl Center.

Councilor Brooks stated if you are feeling COVID symptoms it is important to be seen early as you may be able to receive an infusion. She encouraged people to keep being kind.

Council President Grimes asked if there is consensus amongst the Council in support of sending a letter supporting the City Manager to Washington County. Council consensus was reached. Council President Grimes will draft the letter and bring it back for review.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the Greater Economic Development District meeting, met with Chair Smith regarding the letter Council sent to receive notification on development of the Stafford Area, and the Aging Task Force meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

\_\_\_\_\_ / Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

---

/ Frank Bubenik, Mayor