



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR MAY 10, 2021

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

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### Call to Order

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Moment of silence for those who have lost their lives to COVID-19

### Announcements

1. Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 10-15, 2021 as National Police Week in the City of Tualatin

Councilor Pratt read the proclamation declaring May 10-15, 2021 as National Police Week in the City of Tualatin.

### Public Comment

None.

### Consent Agenda

Motion to adopt the consent agenda made by Council President Grimes, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Grimes, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Pratt, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of Approval of the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021, Special Work Session Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2021, and City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021
2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5541-21** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Deeds Acquiring Property For the Martinazzi Avenue and Sagert Street Improvement Project
3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5542-21** Authorizing New Stop Sign Installations on SW 95th Avenue at SW Sagert Street near Tualatin Elementary School
4. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5543-21** Establishing School Zones; Modifying the School Zone at SW 95th Avenue Near Tualatin Elementary School; and Rescinding Resolution No. 5169-13

## Special Reports

### 1. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue State of the District Presentation

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Chief Deric Weiss presented the State of the District. He recapped their response to COVID-19. He stated they stood up a task force to respond and noted it is still in place today. Chief Weiss spoke to how the department is engaging in community outreach including participation in the City's Citizen Academy, virtual engagement, and hosting vaccine clinics. He spoke to the last wildfire season and the devastation it caused. He noted they are anticipating another difficult season this year. Chief Weiss stated Tualatin had 3,122 calls for service in 2020 which was a decrease from years prior. He shared the completion of their Logistic Service Center located on Avery Street. Chief Weiss stated they are in the middle of a large recruitment push for the department. He stated TVFR will be placing a bond measure on the November 2021 ballot to assist with upgrades to training centers and stations, land purchases, and apparatus replacement.

Councilor Brooks thanked the department for all of their work in the community. She asked how recruiting females into the organizations is going. Chief Weiss stated they continue working on recruitment from all aspects with inclusion at the center.

### 2. Metro Update presented by Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal presented an update from Metro. He stated Metro helps to support long-range planning, affordable housing, parks and nature, garbage and recycling, and visitor venues throughout the region. Councilor Rosenthal stated long-range planning includes the Urban Growth Boundary, transportation planning, and working on limiting pollution from freeways. He spoke to the 2018 Affordable Housing Bond noting 34% of resources from the bond have been committed with 54% of the goal being met to date. He stated their Supportive Housing Services will kick-off in July and work to provide services for 5,000 people experiencing prolonged homelessness and services and rental assistance for up to 10,000 households experiencing short-term homelessness. Councilor Rosenthal stated Metro works to protect more than 17,000 acres of open space around greater Portland. He stated the new Chehalem Ridge Natural Area will be opening later this year. Councilor Rosenthal stated they are planning an expansion of garbage and recycling services at the south station and a new transfer station on the west side. He stated the Expo Center hosted Red Cross staging during the wildfires and the Oregon Convention Center acted as an emergency shelter for fire evacuees. Councilor Rosenthal stated both the Expo Center and the Convention Center hosted COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites. He stated a 12 year bond measure is wrapping up at the Zoo that completed upgrades to the elephant habitats, the polar passage, and condor conservation. Councilor Rosenthal spoke to Portland's five centers for the arts including the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Keller Auditorium, Newmark Theatre, Brunish Theatre, and the Winnigstad Theatre and their potential re-openings. He stated they are working to build equitable economic development including investing in working families, supporting vulnerable businesses, ensuring justice and dignity for workers, and economic recovery.

Councilor Pratt asked where Metro sees its role in the overall community. Councilor Rosenthal stated Metro's role is to set reasonable standards between cities so there is consistency.

Councilor Pratt asked about the local share grant program for parks and how she sees the guidelines as difficult to meet. Councilor Rosenthal stated the bond is focused on clean water, nature trails, and education and not outdoor recreation.

Councilor Pratt asked how funds are allocated across the region. Councilor Rosenthal stated when it comes to parks they look outside of cities and park districts throughout the region.

Councilor Brooks stated she was happy to participate on the LIP Committee and was glad to see the region work together as they were able to raise more money together rather than as individual cities when it comes to affordable housing. Councilor Brooks asked about equity in parks and natural areas. Councilor Rosenthal stated parks is the one area that is less focused on equity and more focused on long range livability due to the way the bond was structured. He stated he agrees equity does need to be brought into it.

Councilor Reyes expressed concerns with the lack of equity being included in the bond for parks. Councilor Rosenthal stated the City has done a great job identifying what the city needs with equity in mind with many projects being eligible for Local Shared Funding.

Mayor Bubenik expressed concerns with Metro's bond measures not including equity. He asked about TILT fee increases scheduled in July. Councilor Rosenthal stated it will be dependent on waste loads and he has not been briefed at this time on the actual numbers.

### 3. Tualatin City Services Building Update

Maintenance Services Manager Clay Reynolds presented an update on the Tualatin Services Center. He stated the concept was to expand the operations center to co-locate Public Works, Maintenance Services, Planning, Building, and Municipal Court. He stated the benefits include a one-stop-shop for permitting, easy access for the development community, increase in staff efficiency, eliminated rented office space, and addressing current space needs and requirements. Manager Reynolds stated the project started in the fall of 2018 and will be completed in the next couple months. He stated the project is on budget at approximately \$8 million. He provided an update on the Tualatin City Offices noting internal services are now co-located at the site with a slight remodel to accommodate new functions. Deputy City Manager Megan George spoke to communications regarding the project. She noted they have updated the website and google listings, sent out news releases, social media posting, new facility maps, and will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house in the future.

Councilor Brooks thanked staff for their great communication on the project and coming in on time and on budget.

## **General Business**

### 1. Republic Services 2020 Annual Report and Request to Consider a Rate Adjustment

Republic Services Municipal Relationship Manager KJ Lewis, Business Unit Finance Manager Will Mathias, and General Manager Jason Jordan presented their annual report and consideration of rate adjustment. Manager Lewis presented service facts for the City noting they service 5,374 homes each month. She spoke to legislative updates including SB581 the Truth in Labeling bill and SB 582 to modernize the recycle system. Manager Lewis stated they work with the city through the solid waste franchise that is a 5-year rolling term that pays the city a 3% franchise fee. She presented statistics on their customer service centers noting they are located in Oregon. Manager Lewis stated Republic is prepared to begin offering residential organics pickup to residents if the council chooses. She stated they will be back in the fall to further discuss the service. Manager Jordan spoke to how their company has responded to the pandemic, wildfires, and storms over the past year.

Manager Matias presented Republic's financial review. He spoke to Metro's rate increases in the Tipping Fees and rate adjustments that are needed to absorb those costs. The schedule of expenses and revenues and statement of income were shared. Manager Matias stated they are requesting a rate adjustment of 4.6% as of January 1 to accommodate the 17% increase in the Metro Tipping fee. He noted the average customer would see an increase of \$1.28.

Councilor Pratt asked if the income taxes listed is for the whole company or locally in Tualatin. Manager Matias stated it includes federal and state taxes for the entire company. Councilor Pratt stated she is excited to hear more about the residential organics program.

Mayor Bubenik asked if there will be a rate increase in July and January. Manager Jordan stated they are seeking one increase in January 2022. He noted that will allow the Council time to consider the organics and bulky waste program changes. Mayor Bubenik expressed concerns with an organics program and the ability for Grimm's fuel to handle the program. Manager Jordan stated food material would not go to Grimm's it would go to the PRC Facility outside of Corvallis. Manager Lombos stated a resolution would come back at the next meeting to set the rate effective January 1, 2022.

Councilor Brooks asked if the city will know what the Metro Tipping Fee will be by the next Council meeting. Manager Jordan stated Metro increases won't be available until October and they would go into effect July 1, 2022.

Councilor Brooks asked about increases in recycling due to more home deliveries. Manager Jordan stated there has been an increase in cardboard recycling.

Councilor Reyes asked what the communication to residents is for increases from Republic. She wants to make sure Republic explains to citizens the needs for the increase based on increased rates from Metro. Manager Lewis stated they will communicate the increase and why.

## **Council Communications**

Councilor Hillier stated she attended the Tualatin Chamber Awards.

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the Tualatin Chamber Awards and the C4 meeting.

Councilor Sacco stated she attended the Urban Renewal Task Force meeting.

Councilor Brooks stated she attended the NLC Racial Equity and Leadership Council meeting and an information session on the NLC Equitable Economic Mobility Initiative. She announced May is National Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Month and encouraged everyone to learn more about the AAPI community.

Council President Grimes congratulated Mayor Bubenik on his Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Bubenik reminded everyone about the upcoming State of the City event this Wednesday, 6 p.m., virtually on the city's Facebook page. He stated he attended the Westside Economic Alliance meeting, the Tualatin Chamber Awards, and spoke with Representative Prusak about presenting at an upcoming meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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