



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2022

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

Absent: Councilor Maria Reyes

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. New Employee Introduction- Police Officer Kelsey Wilkinson

Police Chief Bill Steele introduce Police Officer Kelsey Wilkinson. The Council welcomed her.

2. New Employee Introduction- Police Officer Rey Chavolla

Police Chief Bill Steele introduced Police Officer Rey Chavolla. The Council welcomed him.

3. Proclamation Declaring Tualatin's Support for Ukraine and Condemning Russia's Aggression

Councilor Brooks read a proclamation declaring support for Ukraine and condemning Russia's aggression.

Public Comment

Tualatin Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Susan Noack stated their concerns mirror those of the City Council in regards to the I-205 Tolling Project. She stated not enough input has been asked for or received from the business community on the topic.

Consent Agenda

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

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

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of Approval of the Joint Work Session Minutes with the Tigard Tualatin School District and the City of Tigard from January 31, 2022 and the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2022

2. Consideration of Approval of Liquor License Renewals for 2022
3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5603-22** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Deeds Granting an Easement to PGE for Utilities Associated with the Tualatin City Services Site at 10699 SW Herman Road

Special Reports

1. Update on Diversity Equity & Inclusion Efforts in the City of Tualatin Organization

Human Resources Director Stacy Ruthrauff and TsaiComms Consultants Trudy Flores and Lillian Tsai presented an update on the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging (DEIB) Status Report. Consultant Tsai gave an overview of the work to date including the organizational assessment that showed a strong appreciation for leadership's commitment to DEI, employees feeling included and respected, an appreciation for the mission of serving the community, and concerns around action on equity concerns. She noted some innovated programs and proactive conversations have already began and there has been a good start on DEI trainings and engagement, but there needs to be a more strategic training approach focusing on closing gaps and implementing an actionable strategy. Consultant Flores stated themes and findings about the State of DEIB include leadership and communication, policies and practices, disparities and bias, and professional development. Consultant Tsai stated short term next steps include development and communication of a DEI Strategic Action Plan, creation of an equity lens decision-making process, consideration of employee resource groups, and additional trainings. She stated long term recommendations are to ensure staff understands the DEI vision, embed DEI into strategic planning, communicate DEI commitment, instill "shared accountability", embed DEI into employee lifecycle policies and practices, develop mindful DEI leadership, review polices and processes with an equity lens, and strategically support DEI through external relationships. Consultant Tsai stated the city is currently in phase II which focuses on the DEI Strategic Action Plan. She stated a DEI Action plan core team was formed and they have drafted a DEI vision and mission statement and are working towards a draft Strategic Action Plan.

Councilor Brooks thanked them for their work as the Council is very invested in this work.

General Business

1. Consideration of **Ordinance No. 1464-22** a Plan Map Amendment (PMA) to Rezone the Tualatin Heights Apartments Site Located at 9301 SW Sagert Street (Tax Map 2S123DC, Tax Lot 600) from the Medium Low Residential (RML) Zoning District to the Medium High Density Residential (RMH) Zoning District

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alisa Wilson-Coleman spoke in opposition of the plan map amendment. She asked about the notion of affordable housing in relation to the 2040 plan. She expressed concerns with the amount of affordable housing in the rezone.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council President Grimes stated the proposal needs to meet the intent and approval of the code. She stated the applicant is supposed to explain how they comply with the approval criteria and they have come up short in doing that. She would like to see more detail on how the amendment

is in the public interest besides increases the housing stock, how the public interest is best protected, its consistency with enhancing characteristics of the city, suitability for land use in the area, the effects on property values, and the public need for safe surroundings and conditions. She believes looking into another area for density increases would better serve the community.

Councilor Brooks spoke to property value and stated the rezone of this unit would not likely disproportionately affect property values in the area. She noted this is a specific code change and the public good will be met with this as it offers an opportunity for additional housing that is needed in the community.

Councilor Pratt stated the city is obligated to deal with the concerns that were heard during the hearing the best we can.

Council President Grimes stated she doesn't feel this fits the affordable housing market based on the current rates. She stated the applicant has fell short in explaining how they will comply with the approval criteria.

Mayor Bubenik stated Republic Services has been out to the sight to re-evaluate garbage service at the site and they will be modifying their collection pickup. He stated the applicant will still have to go through the Architectural Review process and meet all applicable criteria at that level.

Motion for third reading by title only made by Councilor Sacco, Seconded by Councilor Brooks. Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Grimes, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Pratt, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1464-22 a Plan Map Amendment (PMA) to rezone the Tualatin Heights Apartments site located at 9301 SW Sagert Street (Tax Map 2S123DC, Tax Lot 600) from the Medium Low Residential (RML) zoning district to the Medium High Density Residential (RMH) zoning district made by Councilor Sacco, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Pratt, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco

Voting Nay: Council President Grimes

MOTION PASSED

2. Consideration of Recommendations from the Council Committee on Advisory Appointments

Councilor Pratt presented the recommendations for appointment.

Motion to approve recommendations made by Councilor Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.

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

MOTION PASSED

Council Communications

Mayor Bubenik stated on March 12 he will hold a Mayor's Coffee Social at Community Park.

Councilor Brooks thanked everyone who voted on the art selection wraps for the utility boxes. Councilor Brooks stated her thoughts are with the people of Ukraine.

Councilor Hillier recognized Russian-American citizens and noted she recognizes the differences between the desires of the Russian citizens and those of their leadership.

Council President Grimes shared sentiments of her connection to Ukraine.

Councilor Sacco reminded citizens to complete the parks and recreation survey.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

_____ / Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

_____ / Frank Bubenik, Mayor