



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOR OCTOBER 14, 2019

Present: Council President Nancy Grimes, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Robert Kellogg, Councilor Paul Morrison, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Valerie Pratt

Absent: Mayor Frank Bubenik

Council President Grimes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Regional Land Use & Transportation Update.

Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich and Management Analyst Gareth Prior presented an update on regional land use and transportation projects. Analyst Prior presented updates on the SW Corridor Plan. He stated there is currently no light rail service to our area and this line would offer dedicated service to Bridgeport Village. Analyst Prior stated the committee is working to solve a \$400 million funding gap. He noted one of the refinements they are considering is narrowing Barbur Blvd. Narrowing would save the project over \$100 million. Analyst Prior stated Tri-Met needs to narrow the design options for what will be submitted for the Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS). He noted Metro needs to know the length of the project so they know what they can take to the voters. With these needs from Tri-Met and Metro the process needs to be solidified in the next couple of months. Analyst Prior stated there are several committee meetings coming in November where citizens can make comment.

Councilor Pratt asked if the narrowed Barbur Blvd option or the Bridgeport option are deemed not viable what the alternative option would be. Analyst Prior stated the committee could make a decision to make this a continuous or phased project based on what design concept is chosen.

Councilor Morrison asked if the committee had received feedback from the City of Portland on what they felt is best for the community in regards to Barbur Blvd. Councilor Morrison added he won't support the project if it does not come to Bridgeport. Analyst Prior stated Portland has not taken a definitive stance on the proposal at this time.

Councilor Kellogg stated funding for the project has been difficult to understand and determine what committed funding will be available. He noted at this time there is enough commitments from different pieces that the project will be able to be submitted for the FEIS. Councilor Kellogg stated he attended the Washington County Coordinating Committee where he was able to speak to Commissioner Rogers who let him know the narrowed Barbur option has received pushback from the neighborhoods in the area. Councilor Kellogg also reiterated many partners are still on board that the goal for the project is to reach the Bridgeport Transit Center where it will act as a regional transportation center. Councilor Kellogg stated additional asks for the projects include adding back the above grade crossing at the Carmen and Boones Ferry intersection and right sizing the parking garage at the transit center based on projected ridership and traffic to the area.

Councilor Brooks stated it is important the line makes it to the Bridgeport Transit Center as it will provide congestion relief for our area. Councilor Kellogg stated Washington County and TriMet have been great partners in making sure the line comes to the Bridgeport Transit Center. Councilor Kellogg stated it is important to do the right thing and build it the right way from the start.

Councilor Pratt agreed with Councilor Kellogg's sentiments about ensuring the project is built right the first time.

Councilor Morrison agreed with requesting to have the above grade crossing at Carmen and Boones Ferry put back into the project.

Councilor Reyes stated if the line doesn't come to the Bridgeport Transit Center she will have a hard time supporting the project.

Analyst Prior provided updates on the Highway 99W project with ODOT, Washington County, Tigard, Sherwood, King City, and Tualatin. He noted this project is one of the lowest scoring projects on the T2020 project list. Analyst Prior stated ODOT has pledged \$50,000 to better understand the scope and scale of the project. He noted Washington County will be providing technical information to Metro where the project could then be considered for funding from Metro.

Councilor Kellogg asked what Tualatin's plan is for where it touches Hwy 99W. Director Hurd-Ravich stated some initial visioning was done with the Linking Tualatin project. She stated it looked at several neighborhoods and how they could be more transit friendly. Councilor Kellogg asked about Metro planning guidelines that speak to preserving green space between communities and how that would work along Hwy 99W. Director Hurd-Ravich stated current land uses are mixed in the area but noted there could be opportunity within the Leveton Tax Increment District to plan for green space.

Analyst Prior provided an update on the Metro Transportation 2020 measure. He stated the task force is currently packaging recommendations to take to Metro to approve a draft package in late 2019. Analyst Prior shared the different tiers of projects. He noted Tualatin has two Tier II corridors, Tualatin-Sherwood Road and Highway 99W. Analyst Prior stated on September 18th, Mayor Bubenik and Councilor Pratt went and spoke to the committee about the needs for Tualatin-Sherwood Road, the SW Corridor, and Highway 99W. He noted upcoming committee meetings for public comment will be on October 16 and 30, November 20, and December 18.

Councilor Brooks thanked staff for following these projects as transportation is a high priority need for Council. She noted these types of presentations are helpful.

Analyst Prior asked if there were additional projects the Council had questions about.

Councilor Pratt asked about the I-205 project. Director Hurd-Ravich stated the I-205 project is broken into three projects from Abernathy Bridge to Stafford Road. She stated projects include adding driver feedback signs and an additional lane in each direction. Director Hurd-Ravich stated it pushes back any concept planning that could be completed for the Stafford area.

Councilor Kellogg asked about the Washington County Reserves Infrastructure Study and the technical advisory committee they are forming. Analyst Prior stated they are working on forming the committee and have reached out to staff to gather initial feedback. Councilor Kellogg stated it will be important to follow this topic as this is where Metro will be looking to for urban growth

over the next 30 years. He stated it will be important to have conversations about how this will affect Tualatin moving into the future.

2. PERS Employer Incentive Program.

Finance Director Don Hudson presented on the PERS Employer Incentive Program. He stated in the 2018 legislative session, the Legislature created the PERS Employer Incentive Fund (EIF), which created a 25% match for funds contributed by member agencies to set up a side account. In the 2019 legislative session, \$100 million dollars was set aside to fund the matching program. Director Hudson stated in August 2019 the PERS Board created rules allowing for entities that had an unfunded liability that exceeded 200% of payroll to apply for matching funds in the first 90-day application period. He stated the city's percentage, as of the 2017 Actuarial Valuation, is 204%. Director Hudson stated the application period opened on September 3rd and staff submitted an application for the 25% match that was approved. Director Hudson proposed a onetime lump sum payment of \$2 million dollars into the fund. He spoke to the city's transitional liability and remaining balances to be paid. He stated by paying down the transitional liability rate first the city would reduce their rate and see \$180,000 savings this year.

Councilor Kellogg stated this is a fiscally prudent thing for the city to do moving forward. Councilor Kellogg asked about the new advisory rates that were released and if the projected savings would be the same. Director Hudson stated each entities advisory rates will be coming out next year and he will have more details then. He stated the rate of return this year is higher than anticipated which is positive.

Councilor Morrison asked for clarification on the city's contribution and what portion the 25% match applies to. Director Hudson stated the city would contribute \$2 million, of that \$1 million would go to pay the transitional liability and the remaining \$1 million would go into a side account where the 25% would be applied. He stated the side account helps to buy down the rate over the coming years.

Councilor Pratt asked what the total match would be. Director Hudson stated it would be \$250,000. Councilor Pratt asked how he calculated the \$180,000 savings. Director Hudson stated he calculated it based off the reduced rate and the current budget.

Council President Grimes stated she is excited to see a cost savings this year. She asked why the last valuation was in 2017 and expressed the need for an updated valuation. Director Hudson stated the actuary valuations are done by PERS every year but the rates are set every other year.

3. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

Councilor Morrison stated he attended the Clackamas County Corridor Committee (C4) meeting where they discussed seismic upgrades for the Burnside Bridge. The cost would be \$500-800 million and the county is looking at raising the vehicle registration fees as a means of funding for the project.

Councilor Kellogg stated he attended the crosswalk dedication at Siletz and Boones Ferry. Councilor Kellogg encouraged citizens to participate in the Great Oregon Shakeout and think about emergency preparedness on October 17 at 10:17 a.m.

Councilor Reyes stated she attended the Metropolitan Area Communications Commission meeting where they discussed the buyout of Frontier Communications to Northwest Fiber. City

Manager Lombos stated a presentation on this franchise transfer will come before the council on November 25.

Councilor Pratt stated she has spent time learning about the Borland area and citizens' concerns regarding development. She stated her major concern is transportation in the area and the need to address ongoing concerns before any future development. Councilor Pratt promoted the upcoming Pumpkin Regatta and the Duck Raffle hosted by the Tualatin Police Foundation.

Councilor Brooks attended the following meeting and events and provided brief recaps on each: the Policy Advisory Board meeting where they discussed the HOME grant, the Water Consortium meeting, attended the Public Employees Diversity Equity and Inclusion Conference, and participated in Congresswoman's Bonamici Town Hall. She reminded citizens of the upcoming Multi-City Equity Summit on Saturday, October 19.

Council President Grimes stated she attended a community meeting on the Stafford area where they received updates on the three party agreement.

City Manager Lombos stated planning for the upcoming Council Advance has begun with Facilitator Jim Oswald. She stated she will send Council proposed dates for the advance.

Councilor Morrison stated he attended the Verizon Open House at their switching facility.

Council President Grimes adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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