



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR AUGUST 24, 2020

Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Nancy Grimes, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Robert Kellogg, Councilor Paul Morrison, Councilor Maria Reyes

Absent: Councilor Valerie Pratt

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### **5:20 PM WORK SESSION**

Mayor Bubneik called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

#### ***1. City of Tualatin Comments on ODOT's I-205 Tolling Alternatives Study and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)***

Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich and Policy Analyst Gareth Prior presented an update on ODOT's I-205 tolling alternatives study. Analyst Prior spoke to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) report and how the process works and the equity framework ODOT is incorporating. He stated ODOT is in the first part of the NEPA environmental review phase which will last to mid-2022. Analyst Prior presented the eight comments Tualatin has for the NEPA process. He stated a letter will be submitted to ODOT to communicate the comments from the Council.

Councilor Brooks asked about the timeline and cost of the study. She expressed concerns with the lack of desire for tolling from the community. Council consensus was reached to include the question regarding the study cost and how it will be fund into the letter.

Councilor Kellogg stated he would like to see the toll booth placed west of Stafford Road. He asked if there has been any studying done on I-5 and I-84 to see what happens when I-205 is tolled and the impacts tolling would have on those routes. Analyst Prior stated modeling has been done and is available for review.

Council President Grimes stated the study was done pre-COVID and asked if any adjustments have been made to the modeling to account for the changes since. She asked if the anti-tolling group is able to get something on the ballot if it would stall this project. Analyst Prior stated he hasn't seen any adjustments made to the modeling at this time.

Mayor Bubenik stated he wants to make sure there are transit options for the tolling area.

#### ***2. Washington County Cooperative Library Services Fine-Free Proposal***

Library Director Jerianne Thompson presented a Library Services Fine-Free proposal. She stated the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) collaborated and have come up with this proposal to support local and county wide equity goals. She stated removing these fines will remove barriers for the underserved communities, increase the return of overdo materials, increase staff efficiency, and free up staff time for interaction with users. She stated this action supports the Council's 2030 vision for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Director Thompson stated last fiscal year Tualatin collected \$17,577 in fines and assessed \$26,009,

which is less than 1% of revenues for the library. She noted \$119,796 would be waived from 9,233 patron accounts, which would allow 845 patrons to use the library again. Director Thompson stated the Tualatin Library Advisory Committee voted in support of the proposal. The next step is the WCCLS board voting on the proposal at their September meeting and then forwarding the decision to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for approval in the fall.

Councilor Kellogg asked what the tipping point is for when materials have to be paid for. Director Thompson stated after 21 days they would be billed unless the book is returned and then the fee would be refunded.

Councilor Kellogg asked if there is a fine amount currently when your card is blocked. Director Thompson stated it is blocked at \$50 or more.

Councilor Kellogg asked if fines are currently being charged. Director Thompson stated fines were turned off in March to not cause a hardship during COVID.

Councilor Reyes asked if this is just for books or other items as well. Director Thompson stated it would be for all items except for the Collection of Things.

Councilor Morrison asked if each city has to approve this. Director Thompson stated the County Board of Commissioners has the ultimate vote and will be considering city feedback.

Councilor Brooks and Mayor Bubenik spoke in support.

### **3. 2020 Tualatin Community Survey**

Assistant to the City Manager Megan George presented the 2020 Tualatin Community Survey results. She stated key takeaways include: the quality of life in Tualatin is high, resident's value city services, trust in government is high, Tualatin Moving Forward and CERT are having an impact, viewed as a safe and welcoming community, and Tualatin is a clean and attractive place that values the environment.

Councilor Brooks asked how households were selected. Manager George stated the address information came from the post office and census data was used to inform demographic information.

Councilor Kellogg asked why the quality of new development was down in citizen improvement. Manager George stated it could be related to recent developments and the traffic impacts they have had.

Mayor Bubenik stated he is glad to see these results align with the Council priorities.

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

Councilor Kellogg reminded the community about the need for donations at the Food Pantry.

Councilor Brooks stated she attended the following meetings and events: the Preparing for Eviction Crisis seminar, the Policy Advisory Board meeting, and the National League of Cities Virtual Summer Summit. She reminded people to complete their census and register to vote.

Councilor Morrison stated the Clackamas County Business Alliance will be hosting a debate on the Get Moving 2020 measure on September 3.

Council President Grimes encouraged citizens to register to vote and complete their census.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the following meetings and events: the I-205 Tolling Participation meeting, the Washington County Mayors luncheon, the Washington County Coordinating Committee, attended a Police Department shift change to talk about the policy reviews that will be happening, the League of Oregon Cities board meeting, and the Tualatin Chamber Craw Daddy Open.

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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