



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2023

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

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### **Call to Order**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Announcements**

#### 1. New Employee Introduction- Police Officer Jake Fehringer

Police Chief Greg Pickering introduced Police Officer Jake Fehringer. The Council welcomed him.

#### 2. New Employee Introduction- Parks Project Manager Kira Hein

Parks and Planning Manager Rich Mueller introduced Parks Project Manager Kira Hein. The Council welcomed her.

#### 3. New Employee Introduction- Parks Maintenance Technicians Joshua Murche and Nico Koltzbach

Parks Maintenance Division Manager Tom Steiger introduced Parks Maintenance Technicians Joshua Murche and Nico Koltzbach. The Council welcomed them.

#### 4. New Employee Introduction- Heidi Stanley, Creative Communications and Marketing Program Manager

Deputy City Manager Megan George introduced Creative Communications and Marketing Program Manager Heidi Stanley. The Council welcomed her.

### **Public Comment**

Brett Hamilton voiced support for the Climate Action Plan but raised apprehensions about section 5.4.3, which involves transitioning from natural gas to electrical sources like heat pumps. He expressed concerns about potential strain on electrical grids, the need for home upgrades to accommodate the change, and potential noise issues from the units. Mr. Hamilton urged the Council not to compel a switch to heat pumps and suggested exploring geothermal solutions as an alternative.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to adopt the consent agenda as amended made by Council President Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.

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

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of Approval of the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2023
2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5737-23** Increasing the Construction Contract Authorization Amount for the Hwy 99W (124th Ave to Pony Ridge Neighborhood) Project, part of the Tualatin Moving Forward Program
3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5738-23** Declaring Certain Art Installations as Surplus Property and Authorizing a Loan of Installation
4. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5741-23** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Commission for the Blind For Mutual Assistance and Cooperation in the Establishment, Operation, and Maintenance of Exclusive Refreshment, Concession, and Vending Services at City of Tualatin Facilities
5. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5743-23** Authorizing the City Manager to Opt the City Out of Dupont and 3M Class-Action Settlements Related to Drinking Water Contamination

## **General Business**

1. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5742-23** Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement to Participate as a Member of the Regional Water Providers Consortium

Public Works Director Rachel Sykes presented information on an updated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Regional Water Providers Consortium. She provided a brief history and overview of the consortium, which was established in 1997 to facilitate regional collaboration for water provision. Director Sykes outlined the three sub-committees within the consortium, including the Communicator's Network, the Conservation Committee, and the Emergency Planning Committee, each focusing on different aspects of water-related initiatives and outreach.

Director Sykes highlighted the IGA governing the consortium had not been updated since 2005. The proposed revisions include expanding membership types, addressing outdated references, and aligning the agreement with the consortium's current mission and strategic plan. These updates were approved by the consortium board in October. Director Sykes recommended the Council's approval of the revised IGA.

Council President Pratt asked if new members will be considered associates. Director Sykes stated associate members will be for those outside on the boundary area. Council President Pratt expressed concerns with legal liability and cost sharing of associate members.

Councilor Brooks acknowledged the importance of the updated mission, specifically its inclusion of water conservation. She expressed appreciation for the significant work being done in this area.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 5742-23 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement to Participate as a Member of the Regional Water

Providers Consortium made by Councilor Brooks, Seconded by Councilor Sacco.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Pratt, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Reyes,  
Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco, Councilor Gonzalez  
MOTION PASSED

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

Councilor Sacco and Council President Pratt read the names of the recommended applicants.  
Councilor Reyes encouraged residents to apply for open positions.

Motion to approve the Council Committee on Advisory Appointment recommendations made by  
Council President Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Sacco.

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

MOTION PASSED

**Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

1. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5740-23** Authorizing Solid Waste and Recycling Rate  
Adjustments Effective January 1, 2024 and Rescinding Resolution No. 5664-23

Councilor Gonzalez stated he will be voting against the resolution due to the cost burden on low  
income residents.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 5740-23 Authorizing Solid Waste and Recycling Rate  
Adjustments Effective January 1, 2024 and Rescinding Resolution No. 5664-23 made by  
Council President Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.

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

Voting Nay: Councilor Gonzalez

MOTION PASSED

**Council Communications**

Councilor Sacco stated they are preparing to kick-off the IDEA Committee.

Councilor Hillier stated she attended Small Business Saturday. She congratulated the Tualatin  
High School Football team on a great finish to the season.

Councilor Reyes reminded residents about the Community Warehouse's need for items. She  
encouraged residents to donate what they can.

Councilor Gonzalez stated he attended the Regional Tolling Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilor Brooks stated she attended the Arts Advisory Committee meeting.

Council President Pratt stated she attended the Transportation System Plan Community Advisory  
Committee meeting. She stated the State Tolling Committee will be meeting in Wilsonville on  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, she encouraged citizens to attend and provide public comment.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the Greater Portland Inc. Board meeting and the Metro Mayors  
Consortium meeting. He encouraged residents to attend the State Tolling Committee and express

concerns regarding tolling. Mayor Bubenik stated the Holiday Lights Parade is coming on December 1-3 and encouraged everyone to attend.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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