



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION 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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Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **1. Record Council Holiday Greeting.**

The Council recorded the holiday greeting.

### **2. Climate Action Plan | Draft Mitigation Actions.**

Deputy Public Works Director Nic Westendorf, Management Analyst Maddie Cheek, JLA Public Involvement Consultant Jessica Pickul, and Climate and ESG Good Company Consultant Joshua Proudfoot presented the Tualatin Climate Action Plan: Mitigation Actions. Analyst Cheek explained the types of actions in the plan, outlining city roles as implementers, conveners, and support/advocates, and emphasized policy decisions. The plan is structured from broad to specific items, featuring 10 strategies addressing emission reduction potential and cost.

Consultant Pickul shared the results of an online open house, with 328 respondents, the majority expressing support for plan items. Consultant Proudfoot outlined the emissions reduction goal of achieving net zero by 2050, presenting a community-wide emissions inventory broken down by local and imported emissions sources. He shared the emissions forecast, emphasizing the 2050 goal of being net zero, and explained the strategies to achieve this.

Consultant Proudfoot introduced focus area four: bundling and energy use, noting commercial usage as the largest contributor. Consultant Pickul shared community feedback, with 53% expressing support for this focus area. Consultant Proudfoot detailed the strategies, including energy efficiency and conservation, a transition to 100% carbon-free electricity supply, transitioning to 100% renewable natural gas and clean hydrogen supply, electrification of space and water heating for new and existing buildings, and voluntary purchase of verified carbon offsets.

Consultant Proudfoot introduced focus area five: urban form and land use, receiving 61% support according to community feedback. He detailed strategies for dense future development, reducing vehicle miles traveled, and urban/community forestry for carbon sequestration. Consultant Proudfoot introduced focus area six: transportation-modes and fuel switching, with 61% community support, included strategies for fuel switching to electric vehicles and renewable fuels, active transportation, transit, and remote work options. He shared focus area seven: consumption-food and goods, with 65% community support, featuring strategies and action items for preventing emissions from food and goods.

Analyst Cheek outlined the next steps, involving finalizing the plan based on feedback, council adoption of the final plan, and implementation.

Councilor Brooks inquired about the measurement of CO2 equivalent units (CO2E). Consultant Proudfoot explained the measurement of greenhouse gases and how interventions, including offsets, contribute to reducing these emissions.

Councilor Brooks asked about the involvement of the Energy Trust and its interventions. Consultant Proudfoot clarified that Energy Trust serves all utilities and is widely used. Director Westendorf adding that the city has partnered with them in the past on projects.

Councilor Brooks expressed a desire for impactful resource utilization and sought more information on building-related initiatives, particularly the efficacy of white roofs.

Council President Pratt raised concerns about transitioning away from gas and its impacts on the electrical grid and the resulting demand. Consultant Proudfoot addressed this by discussing the capacity of the electrical grid and how demand fluctuates throughout the day.

Council President Pratt emphasized the need for the plan to evolve with advancing technology and stressed the importance of maintaining greenspace amid increasing density.

Councilor Hillier questioned community support related to biking and walking due to the lack of connections. Director Westendorf highlighted opportunities in new developments to enhance connections to services and improve safety for these modes of transportation.

Councilor Hillier inquired about best practices. Consultant Proudfoot emphasized keeping the message relatable and re-engaging the public as the city progresses with strategies.

Councilor Reyes expressed concerns about the costs associated with certain items and urged mindfulness about community expectations and associated expenses. Consultant Proudfoot assured that there are actions suitable for everyone, with tailored messaging for each community area.

Councilor Sacco inquired about PACE financing. Consultant Proudfoot noted it as a government-based program, suggesting collaboration with Energy Trust of Oregon for potential initiatives.

Councilor Gonzalez underscored the importance of education, advocating for incentive programs led by the city rather than placing the burden on property owners. He acknowledged the limited feedback received on the plan but noted the significance of moving forward.

Mayor Bubenik emphasized the inclusion of information on how residents can file for available credits in the education campaign.

## **Adjournment**

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

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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