



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 09, 2020

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

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Metro Update.

Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen presented an update from Metro. He stated the Parks and Nature Bond was passed for \$475 million dollars in 2019 and the bond oversight committee is being formed. Councilor Dirksen stated the Metro Affordable Housing Bond has 17 affordable housing projects underway with 7 of them being in Washington County. He provided an update on regional waste and recycling, noting they are still working on the regional waste plan to address current challenges. Councilor Dirksen stated the Get Moving 2020 measure did not pass but Metro will continue to work on a safe and reliable transportation system.

Mayor Bubenik stated he has concerns with the proposed increase in tipping fees. He asked Councilor Dirksen what Metro's need for the mid-budget increase is. Councilor Dirksen stated due to COVID Metro Council held off on last year's increase and now there is a need for the increase due to budgetary constraints. He stated the rate would not go into effect until January 4th and it still has to go through the public process. Councilor Dirksen stated the increase would amount to \$0.60 per customer.

Councilor Reyes asked if there will be a rate reduction once Metro is caught up. Councilor Dirksen stated even with the rate increase they will be operating using reserves and cutting services.

Councilor Brooks asked how someone would volunteer to be on the bond advisory board. Councilor Dirksen stated citizens can apply through the Metro website.

Councilor Pratt asked what a tipping fee is. Councilor Dirksen stated it is the cost to take the garbage to the transfer station.

Council President Grimes asked what the potential service reductions could look like. Councilor Dirksen stated he doesn't know yet what that will look like but it wouldn't be a reduction to residential services. He stated Metro staff will be making a presentation at their next meeting about what the reductions could look like.

Councilor Morrison asked Metro to explore financial relief from other avenues besides a fee increase. He encouraged them to wait for an increase until January so they can see what actions the new congress takes.

Councilor Kellogg asked if Metro will be coming back with another transportation measure in the future. Councilor Dirksen stated he is unsure if they will be bringing another one back as the outreach on this measure was unprecedented.

2. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

Councilor Pratt announced the Tualatin Community Police Foundation has their duck raffle going on, tickets are available on their website. She stated StandUp Tualatin is having a mental health impact series starting on Wednesday, November 18, more information is available on their website.

Councilor Morrison stated he attended the C4 meeting where ODOT announced they have extended public comment on STIF funding until the middle of December.

Councilor Brooks stated she attended two local implementation meetings to look at needs in Washington County and how to meet diverse needs. She thanked everyone who voted in the election.

Council President Grimes requested a check in with Economic Development Manager Jonathon Taylor to see if some funding can be used to help bolsters businesses during this new round of restrictions from the Governor.

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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