



TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

FOR APRIL 13, 2026

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

ABSENT: Councilor Maria Reyes

7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

1. Proclamation Declaring the Week of April 19-25, 2026, as Volunteer Appreciation Week in the City of Tualatin

Mayor Bubenik stated this year's theme, "Connected Through Kindness," recognizes the contributions of volunteers in the Tualatin community. He reported that in 2025, more than 1,500 volunteers contributed approximately 14,500 hours of service, which is equivalent to about seven full time employees and reflects a significant impact on the community.

Councilor Gonzalez read a proclamation declaring April 19-25, 2026, as Volunteer Appreciation Week in the City of Tualatin.

Mayor Bubenik presented the 2025 Outstanding Tualatin Volunteer Awards:

Outstanding Adult Volunteer: Rachel Elliot

Outstanding Youth Volunteers: Nestor Sanchez Carmona and Cosimah Slider

Outstanding Volunteer Group: Teen Library Committee

2. Proclamation Declaring May 2026 as Older American's Month in the City of Tualatin

Councilor Brooks read the proclamation declaring May 2026 as Older American's Month in the City of Tualatin.

3. Proclamation Declaring April 2026 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the City of Tualatin

Council President Pratt read the proclamation declaring April 2026 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the City of Tualatin.

Sharon Kishner accepted the proclamation.

4. Proclamation Declaring April 30, 2026 as Vietnamese American Remembrance Day in the City of Tualatin

Councilor Hillier read the proclamation declaring April 30, 2026, as Vietnamese American Remembrance Day in the City of Tualatin.

Thao Tu accepted the proclamation.

5. Proclamation Declaring April 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Tualatin

Councilor Sacco read the proclamation declaring April 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Tualatin.

6. New Employee Introduction- Streets Division Manager James Skogan

Public Works Director Rachel Sykes introduce Streets Division Manager James Skogan. The Council welcomed him.

7. New Employee Introduction- Storm/Sewer Division Manager Steve Curtis

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Public Comment

Yaqui Castillo, host of the Latino Business Networking event held in Tualatin, presented information on the organization. She shared the purpose of the event is to support and connect Latino business owners and entrepreneurs, foster community relationships, and promote economic development within the region.

Terrance Dyson-Curran spoke regarding the lack of a crosswalk along Boones Ferry Road and expressed concerns related to pedestrian safety. City Manager Lombos stated staff will follow up and direct the inquiry to the appropriate organization.

Consent Agenda

Motion to adopt the consent agenda made by Councilor Sacco, Seconded by Councilor Brooks.
Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Pratt, Councilor Brooks, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco, Councilor Gonzalez

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of Approval of the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026
2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5950-26** Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for and Accept Local Government Grant Program Funds to Rehabilitate the Restroom at Atfalati Park
3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5953-26** Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement Between the City of Tualatin and Tualatin Riverkeepers for Management and Operations of City Property
4. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5954-26** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tualatin Police Officers Association – Sergeants

Special Reports

1. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District State of the District

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Chief Derek Weiss presented the State of the District. Chief Weiss reported on call volume in Tualatin, noting there were 3,733 incidents in 2025. He discussed preparedness efforts related to wildfire risk, including regional coordination, community education, and resource readiness. He also spoke to the evolving emergency medical services landscape, including increasing demand for services and the expansion of proactive programs such as community paramedicine to better serve residents and reduce strain on emergency response systems.

Chief Weiss provided updates on bond-funded capital projects, stating Station 35 in King City and Station 20 in Newberg are currently under construction. He also highlighted the Struggle Well program, which supports first responders experiencing post-traumatic stress and focuses on mental health, resilience, and peer support.

Councilor Gonzalez stated he participated in the department's community program and shared appreciation for the experience.

Councilor Brooks asked about the PulsePoint program. Chief Weiss explained PulsePoint is a mobile application that alerts nearby trained individuals to cardiac arrest events so they can provide immediate assistance prior to emergency responder arrival.

Councilor Brooks asked about the representation of women within the organization. Chief Weiss stated the department continues to work on recruitment and retention efforts to increase diversity, including women in both operational and leadership roles.

Councilor Hillier asked for additional information about the Struggle Well program and how it compares to other wellness programs, including nurse triage or alternative response programs. Chief Weiss explained Struggle Well is focused on peer support and mental wellness for first responders, while other programs are designed to address medical or service delivery needs.

Councilor Hillier asked whether artificial intelligence is being utilized within the organization. Chief Weiss stated the department is exploring emerging technologies, including data analytics and AI tools, to improve response efficiency, training, and operational decision making.

2. Outside Agency Grant Awardee- Tualatin Food Pantry

Tualatin Food Pantry Director Danielle Schneider presented information regarding the organization. Director Schneider stated the Tualatin Food Pantry is an organized food bank and a partner agency of the Oregon Food Bank. She reported that in 2025 the pantry served nearly 50,000 food insecure individuals, including more than 24,000 residents from Tualatin.

Director Schneider stated the pantry operates four days per week and provides clients with approximately five days' worth of food per visit. She explained the organization is a low barrier service provider and does not require proof of income or residency to access services. She also highlighted recent upgrades, including new coolers and HVAC, aimed at improving operations and expanding capacity.

Councilor Brooks asked how community members can support the organization. Director Schneider stated individuals can volunteer, organize food drives, or make tax deductible financial contributions.

Councilor Brooks asked for clarification on usage statistics. Director Schneider stated the average household accesses pantry services approximately four times per year.

Council President Pratt asked how individuals without transportation can access services. Director Schneider stated the pantry offers a limited home delivery program and an authorized shopper program to assist those unable to visit in person.

Mayor Bubenik asked about the availability of staple items such as milk and eggs. Director Schneider explained the pantry sources those items through a combination of purchases, donations, and partnerships to help meet community needs.

Council Communications

Councilor Brooks stated she attended the Metro Mixer and noted a survey is being conducted. She stated she will share that information with the Council.

Councilor Brooks also stated she attended a mayor's initiative webinar focused on corporate funding opportunities and would like to look into that further.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

_____ / Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

_____ / Frank Bubenik, Mayor