



TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 27, 2025

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

Call to Order

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

1. Proclamation Declaring June 2025 as Pride Month in the City of Tualatin

Councilor Sacco stated a Pride Concert will be happening on August 8th, more details to come.

Councilor Sacco read the proclamation declaring June 2025 as Pride Month in the City of Tualatin.

2. Proclamation Declaring June 2025 as Gun Violence Awareness Month in the City of Tualatin

Marie Pat Hensel, Mom's Demand Action representative, shared appreciation for the proclamation and shared information on Wear Orange events.

Councilor Reyes read the proclamation declaring June 2025 as Gun Violence Awareness Month in the City of Tualatin.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion to adopt the consent agenda 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

1. Consideration of Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025

Council Communications

Climate Action Plan | Implementation Funding

City Manager Sherilyn Lombos presented follow-up information related to implementation funding for the Climate Action Plan. She shared estimated monthly impacts to residential customers of

Portland General Electric (PGE), NW Natural, and Republic Services based on a proposed franchise fee increases of 0.3% and 0.5%. Manager Lombos also provided historical data on building permit revenues over the past five years, noting the relative stability of these revenues. She stated that Tualatin's building fees remain among the lowest in the region and presented comparisons with other jurisdictions. She shared examples of building permit costs with a proposed 5% surcharge.

Councilor Gonzalez shared his support for the Share the Pennies program and asked whether American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds could be used to support the program initially instead of the other fees. Finance Director Don Hudson clarified that all ARPA funds have been allocated and that unappropriated funds may only be used in future budget years. Councilor Gonzalez asked to explore ways to use these future funds as the Share the Pennies program is implemented.

Council President Pratt expressed support for a three-pronged funding strategy that includes a \$0.99 Share the Pennies utility billing option, a 5% surcharge on building permit fees, and a 0.3% franchise fee increase on electric utilities.

Councilor Brooks spoke in support of a multi-source approach and agreed with the recommendations outlined by Council President Pratt.

Councilor Hillier stated she favors a braided funding approach and cautioned against relying on one-time funds. She expressed support for the three-part proposal as discussed.

Councilor Sacco also supported the diversified funding strategy and emphasized the need for stable, ongoing revenue sources.

Councilor Reyes supported the proposed structure and encouraged staff to pursue grant funding opportunities to further supplement the program.

Mayor Bubenik recommended that NW Natural be included in the franchise fee adjustments, noting its contribution to carbon emissions.

The Council reached consensus to proceed with a funding strategy consisting of a \$0.99 Share the Pennies opt-up fee, a 5% building permit surcharge, and a 0.3% electric franchise fee increase.

Council Communications

Council President Pratt expressed concerns regarding transparency from Clean Water Services and recommended that the agency provide an annual presentation to the Council, including any proposed rate increases.

Mayor Bubenik stated he would like to see Clean Water Services assume direct billing responsibilities so that the City no longer needs to administer those charges.

Councilor Reyes announced a community blood drive hosted by Bloodworks NW on June 10 and encouraged residents to participate.

City Manager Sherilyn Lombos delivered her Manager's Report. She noted continued discussions regarding governance and funding for the library. Manager Lombos shared the City received a grant to conduct a recruitment and retention audit for the Police Department. She highlighted several recent and upcoming events: Hazelbrook Middle School's Day of Service was a success; the City held its first Big Truck Day as part of Public Works Week; the Summer Reading Kick-Off will take place

this weekend; the Splash Pad is now open; the Blender Dash is scheduled for June 7; and the Click-It or Ticket traffic safety campaign is underway.

Mayor Bubenik announced that the Tualatin Historical Society is collecting stories from local veterans and encouraged those interested to contact the organization.

Councilor Hillier shared that the Market at the Grange will now be held twice a month, with the next event scheduled for June 8.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

_____/ Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

_____/ Frank Bubenik, Mayor