



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH 28, 2022

Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Nancy Grimes, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Valerie Pratt, Councilor Cyndy Hillier, Councilor Christen Sacco

Absent: Councilor Maria Reyes

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### Work Session

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### **1. *Washington County Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP) Update and Draft Project Evaluation Criteria.***

Washington County Principal Transportation Planner Erin Wardell and Senior Planner Jessica Pelz presented the Washington County Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP) update and draft project evaluation criteria. Planner Wardell stated MSTIP is an innovative program to pay for road improvements and improves the transportation system for bicyclists, pedestrians, drivers, and bus riders. She stated property taxes have funded the program and to date more than 15 projects totaling \$900 million dollars have been completed since the beginning of the program in 1986. Planner Wardell stated the Washington County Coordinating Committee recommends MSTIP projects to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for approval on a five-year cycle. She stated the 2023-28 funding cycle will allocate about \$160 million for road projects inside and outside cities in Washington County. In order to be eligible, projects must meet the needs of all travelers, be on a major street, and incorporated into a transportation plan. Planner Wardell presented the funding allocation timeline that includes four milestones ending in December 2022 when adoption of the program package will happen.

Planner Wardell explained a “major street” is a street with a yellow traffic line down the middle and has lots of traffic that leads to popular locations. She shared road classification descriptions for local and neighborhood routes, collectors, arterials, and principal arterials. Planner Wardell shared new features to the program including community engagement and equity framework. She shared the Equity Index noting there are three different components in the index including residential demographics, neighborhood characteristics, and transportation deficiencies. Planner Wardell stated the Board of Commissioners adopted five desired outcomes for the program: equity, safety, economic vitality, livability, and natural environment. She stated the first round of community engagement consisted of an online open house, listening sessions, focus groups, and stakeholder interviews. Planner Wardell stated feedback from the community included concerns with sidewalk and bike lane gaps, safe access to important locations, effects of air pollution, high-growth areas causing more traffic and delays, and the need for more and better transit service. She stated proposed evaluation metrics for the process are: reduction in barriers and disparities faced by historically excluded communities, improvements to equitable access to centers, jobs, schools, and essential community places, increased equitable opportunities for walking and bicycling, increased equitable access to transit, increased vehicle travel reliability, improvements to safety for all travelers, enhancing the built natural environments, improvements

to climate resiliency, and bringing additional funding to Washington County. Planner Wardell stated the next step is board approval of the evaluation metrics and a call for projects. She stated community engagement on the project list will happen this summer.

Councilor Pratt asked what an intelligent transportation system is. Planner Wardell stated it is a smart traffic signals that can track traffic patterns.

Councilor Pratt asked why Tualatin is not included in the Equity Index map. Planner Wardell stated the image in the presentation was just a clip and Tualatin is included in the index. She stated they have an online mapping tool available on their website so the public can view the index.

Councilor Pratt stated 65<sup>th</sup> Ave has low-income housing and asked why it is not included on the map. Planner Wardell stated it is right along on the county line so it is hard to see. She noted it is an eligible MSTIP road.

Councilor Brooks asked about noise in developing areas in the west part of Tualatin. She stated the environmental piece is important to the community and wants to make sure street trees are included in the program. Planner Wardell stated when projects are funded they don't have design information specific to trees. She stated they are trying to learn more about projects as they are submitted.

Councilor Brooks asked if there is coordination between the City and County on connectivity and livability. Planner Wardell stated the County works with City partners through the Washington County Coordinating Committee and staff coordination.

Councilor Sacco expressed concerns with more public comments being received from large cities, she doesn't want the smaller cities to be forgotten. She asked what happens to projects that are not supported by the community. Planner Wardell stated one of the tenants of funding has been equal distribution amongst the Commissioner districts so they are spread evenly. She stated they are working on how to evaluate feedback fairly and will look to the Commissioners for direction.

## **2. Parks & Recreation Department's Equity and Inclusion Plan.**

Parks and Recreation Director Ross Hoover, Recreation Manager Julie Ludemann, Program Specialist Marilyn Brault-Binaghi, and Translator Noelia Ruiz presented the Parks and Recreation Equity Plan. Director Hoover shared the Tualatin City Council 2030 Vision and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Goal, he stated these were the guiding principles during this process. Manager Ludemann stated the process they used was to review other local partner agencies and cities and adapt them to Tualatin's needs. She stated they are continuing to learn and evolve through the process by not only focusing on racial and ethnic equity but also age, ability, and gender and sexual identity. Manager Ludemann stated the Equity Plan consists of five goals: hire, train, and promote workforce equitability, meaningfully engage historically marginalized communities, created safe and welcoming services, programs, parks, and public spaces, allocate resources to advance racial equity and inclusion, and consistently measure, regularly report, and continuously improve equity and inclusion practices. Specialist Brault-Binaghi stated community involvement consisted of committee and partner outreach, neighborhood outreach, and community events. She stated two key areas of feedback were received and included community safety and community involvement in events. Manager Ludemann stated some action items for the plan include identifying opportunities to increase job

posting outreach, ensure staff presence in parks during peak use times, provide information in multiple languages, and holding more programs and events in neighborhood parks. She presented future budget and staffing needs. Manager Ludemann presented capital investment projects in the Stoneridge and Atfalati parks. Specialist Brault-Binaghi stated this is a starting point and the department looks forward to growing and learning.

Councilor Brooks thanked staff and stated she appreciates the efforts to move this forward without funding and coming through with a great result. She asked if the DEI Consultant will get to work with the department to help further the plan. Director Hoover stated the document was shared with the internal DEI Team and will be used as part of the city wide equity plan.

Councilor Brooks asked if there are items around access and LGBTQ included in the plan. Manager Ludemann stated there are several action items that branch out into different areas around reducing barriers.

Councilor Pratt stated she would like to make sure indigenous people's stories are included in the history around the city. She asked about goal three and what the scholarship plan will look like. Manager Ludemann stated the scholarship program is currently in place and offers scholarships to Tualatin families for summer camps.

Councilor Pratt asked what CPTeB Standards are. Director Hoover stated it stands for Community Policing through Environmental Design. He stated it uses design to help with community policing and noted they will be using these in designs moving forward.

Council President Grimes asked about community outreach and wants to make sure seniors are included in the conversation and their access needs are considered. She wants to make sure different ability level children are considered as well in the parks. Director Hoover stated the ADA Compliance plan identified and inventoried those type of needs. He stated those items are addressed when repairs are made in current parks and when new parks are funded.

Councilor Sacco thanked staff for their work on the plan. She stated she was happy to see this as a bilingual presentation.

Mayor Bubenik wants to make sure the Aging Task Force and the newly forming Equity Committee are included in these discussions.

### **3. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.**

Councilor Hillier stated she participated in the Equity Planning Group meeting.

Councilor Sacco stated she participated in the Equity Planning Group meeting and the I-205 Diversion subcommittee meeting.

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the C4 Metro meeting and the Climate Action Planning Steering Committee meeting.

Councilor Brooks stated she attended the Arts Advisory Committee meeting and the Climate Action Planning Steering Committee meeting.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the Greater Portland Inc. Board meeting, the CIO Board meeting, the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, the Clackamas County Chair meeting, and the Westside Economic Alliance meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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