



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH 13, 2023

Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Valerie Pratt, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Christen Sacco, Councilor Octavio Gonzalez

Absent: Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Cyndy Hillier

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

1. Eagle Scout Recognition

Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Konen introduced Eagle Scouts Matt Hines, Judah Kester, Samuel Coleman, and Sophia Wang. She stated all have completed projects within the city that enhance and preserve parks and greenspaces in Tualatin.

The Mayor presented the Eagle Scouts with plaques of appreciation.

2. Tualatin's 2022 Employee of the Year Recognition

City Manager Lombos introduced the 2022 Employee of the Year Librarian Kit Lorelied. The Mayor read a proclamation in their honor.

3. Arbor Month Proclamation

Councilor Sacco read the proclamation declaring April 2023 as Arbor Month in the City of Tualatin.

4. Proclamation Declaring April 2023 as Parkinson's Awareness Month

Council President Pratt read the proclamation declaring April 2023 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the City of Tualatin.

Public Comment

Tiffany Michalski requested permitted parking be put in the area they live next to the High School. City Manager Lombos stated the process for this is for Council to give staff direction to send a survey to residents to see if there is a desire in the area. Council directed staff to move forward with permitted parking in the area.

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 Reyes, Councilor Sacco, Councilor Gonzalez

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of Approval of the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023
2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5677-23** Authorizing Amendment to a Services Agreement with Consor, Inc. (formerly Murraysmith) for the Tualatin Moving Forward Bond Program and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Amendment
3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5678-23** to Exempt Specific Affordable Housing Developments From Property Taxes

Special Reports

1. Tualatin Park Advisory Committee Annual Report

Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee Chair Emma Gray and Vice-Chair Beth Dittman presented their annual report. Chair Gray stated they are a group of enthusiastic advocates for the Parks and Recreation system with a focus on the stewardship and enhancement of the community. She stated they hold regular meeting to learn about parks and recreation activities and evaluate and provide recommendations to city staff regarding the efficacy of policies, programs, and procedures. In addition, they represent the parks and recreation system to the Council, attend activities and events, are the Bee City Facilitation committee, and the Tree City USA Board. Chair Gray stated accomplishments over the past year included making a recommending of the Parks Bond package to Council, recommending a site plan for the Veteran's Plaza, reviewing land acquisitions for future Basalt Creek Park, re-evaluating current park naming policies, and supporting community outreach for Highway 99 Trail improvements. Vice-Chair Dittman stated 2023 goals are broken into sub-groups related to the parks bond, diversity, equity, and inclusion, sustainability and climate action, and collaboration with other committees.

Councilor Gonzalez asked if the integrated pest management program will be for residence or just for the city. Chair Gray stated the program will just be for the city parks.

Councilor Sacco thanked the committee for all their hard work over the past year.

Council President Pratt thanked the committee for all their work. She is glad to see the committee is continually evolving and engaging the community.

Council President Pratt asked about the evaluation of the parks naming policy. Chair Gray stated it will be an opportunity to address the policy before the naming of many upcoming parks in the Basalt Creek area occur.

2. Tualatin Moving Forward Quarterly Update

City Engineer Mike McCarthy presented the Tualatin Moving Forward Quarterly update. He stated 2023 has been the busiest year of construction for the bond program, noting there has

been 25 projects built with 11 more underway. Engineer McCarthy stated the Tualatin-Sherwood Road/Nyberg Street intersection with I-5 project is set to begin and will improve safety and predictability of travel, as well as improve safety for bikes and pedestrians. He stated a series of strategic changes will make it operate better by adding a third eastbound lane from Martinazzi to I-5, repaving and restriping lanes for more efficient allocation of traffic, installing signage, and improved bicycle access and safety throughout the corridor. Engineer McCarthy shared the specific solutions that will reduce travel time for drivers, improve predictability, and improve safety. He stated the Hwy 99: Pony Ridge Neighborhood to 124th Avenue project is underway and will create continuous sidewalks and bike lanes in the area. Engineer McCarthy stated other projects under construction include the Hazelbrook Area project, Martinazzi Avenue and Mohawk Street, and Martinazzi Avenue near Fred Meyer. He stated the program is still on time and on budget for a project total of \$29.2 million.

Councilor Sacco asked for clarification of where the additional lane will be added for the Boones Ferry project. Engineer McCarthy stated it is near the Chelan Apartments.

Council President Pratt asked how long construction is estimated to last on the I-5 intersection project. Engineer McCarthy stated they are estimating it to take 3-4 months.

Mayor Bubenik asked if concrete could be poured in the cold and rain. Engineer McCarthy stated there is a wet weather mix they use and then cover it with plastic while it dries.

General Business

1. Consideration of **Ordinance No. 1473-23** Creating the Tualatin Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (I.D.E.A.) Advisory Committee, and Defining Its Scope of Authority, Duties, and Membership

Library Director and Equity/Inclusion Officer Jerianne Thompson and Community Engagement Coordinator Betsy Ruef presented the creation of the Tualatin Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Advisory Committee. Director Thompson stated the IDEA Committee purpose is to help the city build and strengthen relationships with the community and lower barriers to public participation in city government. She stated the recruitment process will include reaching out to many community members and with a target to start the committee in Fall of 2023. Coordinator Ruef shared the marketing plan for the IDEA Committee, which includes a similar approach to what they used for the Equity Committee Planning Group. Director Thompson shared the logo for the committee. She stated recruitment will start with a solicitation period, then the Council Committee on Advisory Appointments will conduct interviews, and then council appointment. Director Thompson stated a consultant will be hired to help assist the committee in getting started.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed concerns with members outside of Tualatin being on the committee, high school children being members when they should be focused on school, and a lack of diverse backgrounds being represented with the rainbow colors used in the logo. Director Thompson stated other committees in Tualatin have members from outside the city on committees as it allows people who work in the community to participate, and it is consistent with those practices. Director Thompson stated other committees with youth members have been able to provide them leadership experience in governance and are held at a time when students are available.

Councilor Sacco emphasized the equity planning committee had discussion over the youth position and found value in their perspective. She stated Councilor Gonzalez concerns were discussed and considered by the planning committee.

Director Thompson stated the colors used in the logo are that of the city's branding. Councilor Gonzalez expressed concerns with the color speaking specifically to the LGBTQ+ group and wants to make sure the logo encompasses all people.

Councilor Reyes asked how many members will be on the committee. Director Thompson stated the ordinance allows 9-13 members.

Council President Pratt asked what groups will be reached in the marketing plan. Director Thompson stated all facets of the community will be engaged.

Councilor Sacco stated she is excited to see this come together as the group who worked to put this together was very passionate about this.

Councilor Reyes stated she likes that this will be inclusive of everyone in the community.

Motion for first reading by title only made by Council President Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Sacco.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Pratt, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Sacco, Councilor Gonzalez

MOTION PASSED

Motion for second reading by title only made by Council President Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Sacco.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Pratt, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Sacco, Councilor Gonzalez

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1473-23 creating the Tualatin Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (I.D.E.A.) Advisory Committee, and defining its scope of authority, duties, and membership made by Councilor Sacco, Seconded by Council President Pratt.

Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Pratt, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Sacco

Voting Nay: Councilor Gonzalez

MOTION FAILED for lack of unanimity

Council Communications

None.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

_____ / Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

_____ / Frank Bubenik, Mayor