



TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2025

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

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

1. New Employee Introduction- Parks and Recreation Director Dustin Schull

City Manager Sherilyn Lombos introduced Parks and Recreation Director Dustin Schull. The Council welcomed him.

2. New Employee Introduction- Patrol K-9 Boone

Police Chief Greg Pickering and Officer Eli Fults introduced K-9 member Boone. Chief Pickering shared Boone's background and his adoption story.

Public Comment

IDEA Advisory Committee Chair Chris Paul asked the Council to issue a proclamation declaring March 31, 2025, as Transgender Day of Visibility, emphasizing the importance of supporting transgender and non-binary community members facing challenges and discrimination.

Valerie Holt spoke to the necessity of standing against injustice and supporting marginalized communities, particularly transgender individuals. She drew historical parallels and urged the Council to take action in support of transgender rights.

Emily Baker spoke about her fears as a transgender person and the critical role of visibility in combating hate and misunderstanding. She urged the Council to support the proclamation.

Kit Lorelei shared personal experiences of discrimination and challenges faced by transgender individuals. They emphasized the significance of a city proclamation in demonstrating support for the transgender community.

Emma Gray expressed strong support for the Transgender Day of Visibility proclamation, highlighting the importance of affirming the humanity and rights of transgender individuals, particularly in the face of efforts to erase or discriminate against them.

Sherise and Eric Vasquez spoke in support of the Transgender Day of Visibility proclamation, sharing their experiences. They expressed appreciation for Tualatin's inclusive environment and stated that the proclamation would further affirm the city's commitment to inclusion.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Consideration of Approval of the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2025
2. Consideration of Approval of Liquor License Renewals for 2025
3. Consideration of Approval of a New Liquor License Application for Century Hotel
4. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5869-25** to Exempt Specific Affordable Housing Developments From Property Taxes

Special Reports

1. Eagle Scout Presentation- Jonathan Ayers

Jonathan Ayers presented his Eagle Scout project, detailing the 270 volunteer hours contributed and nearly \$6,000 raised to complete the effort. Mr. Ayers stated he constructed a 12x14 outdoor shed to support Family Promise, a local nonprofit assisting families experiencing homelessness.

Council members expressed appreciation and gratitude for his dedication to the community.

Mayor Bubenik shared his appreciation and presented Mr. Ayers with a certificate of recognition for his contributions.

2. Outside Agency Grant Awardee- Meals on Wheels People

Meals on Wheels Grants Manager Bea Davis shared their mission to serve nutritionally at-risk populations by providing nutritious food, human connections, and social support. She highlighted that the organization serves the Tri-County area, delivering over 1.4 million meals to more than 11,000 individuals last year. In Tualatin, 78 individuals receive home meal deliveries, and 178 participate in congregate dining. Ms. Davis emphasized the critical role of volunteers and outlined various ways community members can support their work.

Councilor Brooks thanked Ms. Davis for the presentation and inquired about the demand for expanding service days. Ms. Davis noted that a third day has already been added at other locations.

Council members expressed appreciation for the organization's efforts and its positive impact on the community.

General Business

1. Consideration of Recommendations from the Council Committee on Advisory Appointments

Councilor Sacco presented the recommendations for appointments to advisory committees.

Motion to adopt recommendations for appointments made by Councilor Sacco, Seconded by Council President Pratt. Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Pratt, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Brooks
MOTION PASSED

2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5870-25** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment to the Construction Project Contract with InPipe Energy, Inc. and Tapani Inc. for the InPipe Micro Hydro Turbine Project

Deputy Public Works Director Nic Westendorf presented a proposed change order for the micro hydro turbine project. He explained the proposed change would add \$230,000 to the project. Director Westendorf noted that despite the increase, the city's out-of-pocket cost would still be lower than originally anticipated due to successful external funding efforts. The change order would relocate the turbine infrastructure to a more central location on the site, providing greater flexibility for future energy needs and improved security. Director Westendorf stated that with the change the project would have a shorter payback period of four years compared to the initially projected seven years.

Council members discussed the benefits of the proposed changes and the importance of planning for future energy needs.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 5870-25 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment to the construction project contract with InPipe Energy, Inc. and Tapani Inc. for the InPipe Micro Hydro Turbine Project made by Council President Pratt, Seconded by Councilor Sacco. Voting Yea: Mayor Bubenik, Council President Pratt, Councilor Reyes, Councilor Hillier, Councilor Sacco, Councilor Brooks. Voting Nay: Councilor Gonzalez
MOTION PASSED

3. Review of the 2024 City Council Priorities

City Manager Sherilyn Lombos presented an update on the Council's 2024 priorities and stated that many will be carried into the future. She provided detailed progress reports on each of the seven priority areas. City Manager Lombos highlighted key accomplishments and ongoing efforts in each area.

Council members expressed appreciation for the staff's work and organization in addressing these priorities.

Council Communications

None.

Adjournment

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

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

_____ / Erika Pagel, Recording Secretary

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