



TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

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

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

1. Tualatin Transportation System Plan Update.

Management Analyst Cody Fields, along with consultant team Brianna Calhoun from Fehr & Peers and Katie Selin from Alta Planning, presented an update on the Tualatin Transportation System Plan (TSP) policy and project. Consultant Calhoun began by recapping the summer engagement process, highlighting that there were 2,156 total interactions from the community, which included open houses, focus groups, website visits, survey responses, and contributions to an interactive map. She shared survey results related to the “big idea” projects, with the highest-scoring projects being the 65th Avenue bridge, the Tualatin-Sherwood Road bridge over Boones Ferry Road, and a bicycle & pedestrian bridge over Tualatin-Sherwood Road.

Consultant Calhoun continued by sharing policy updates, stating the current policies are being updated to reflect new statewide legislation and shifting community priorities. She noted the previous TSP was organized by transportation modes, but the new policies will be organized under the TSP goals. She asked the Council if the presented goals were in line with theirs.

Council President Pratt stated that while she felt most of the goals were good, she believed there were some missing goals related to adaptive signals. She expressed that the rest of the goals presented were in line with her expectations.

Consultant Calhoun recapped the TSP process to date, focusing on the next phase, which involves looking at funding constraints and the prioritization of the project list. She spoke about the constrained project list, explaining that it is financially constrained to 125% of the expected transportation revenue over the next 20 years. This list identifies a more feasible set of projects that could be built and that are of the highest priority for the community. She further noted that inclusion on the constrained list does not guarantee a project will be built or have guaranteed funding. Consultant Calhoun outlined the steps involved in building the constrained list, which included project refinement, project scoring refinement, high-level cost estimates, projected revenue for transportation capital projects, and matching the top projects with the projected revenue to construct them over the next 20 years. She shared the breakdowns of the draft constrained project list. Consultant Calhoun stated next steps include completing the financial summary, completing the draft report, and returning to City Council in early 2025 for adoption.

Councilor Brooks expressed that she wanted to ensure that diversity, equity, and inclusion and environmentally sensitive projects are considered, and that such projects are identified and prioritized for funding. She emphasized that form, function, and effectiveness should be key considerations. Additionally, she wanted to ensure that coordination with other agencies and communities is being prioritized so that the city can work efficiently with other entities while being mindful of these important aspects.

Councilor Reyes stated she would like to see more visible projects moving forward.

Council President Pratt inquired if the plan would be updated with the feedback provided by the advisory committee. Consultant Calhoun confirmed that the list would be updated and explained that due to the timing of the material deadline for this meeting, it had not been incorporated yet.

Councilor Brooks reiterated her desire for projects to be coordinated with other efforts to ensure that efficiencies are being put into place.

Mayor Bubenik asked for clarification regarding the scoring process for the projects. Consultant Calhoun provided an explanation of the scoring criteria used to prioritize projects.

Mayor Bubenik also inquired about traffic calming measures and how those specific projects were identified. Consultant Calhoun explained the definition of traffic calming, as well as potential solutions to the areas that have been identified as needing them.

Mayor Bubenik raised a concern regarding the lack of sidewalk projects in the constrained list, noting that sidewalk issues are a frequent complaint from residents. He asked how this would tie into future sidewalk planning. Consultant Calhoun explained how these concerns are connected to development plans and the comprehensive plan, and how they would be addressed moving forward.

2. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

Councilor Hillier stated she attended the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (911) meeting.

Councilor Brooks asked if there is support for sending a letter advocating for more community development block grant funding. Council consensus was reached to have staff draft a letter in support of the additional funding.

Councilor Brooks stated she attended the Water Consortium meeting, the Policy Advisory Board meeting, and the Arts Advisory Committee meeting.

Council President Pratt stated she attended the TSP Advisory Committee meeting, the Trades and Manufacturing forum, and a strategy meeting for the Transportation Forum.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the Washington County Coordinating Committee meeting, the Washington County Chair and Mayor meeting, the Greater Portland Inc. board meeting, the Westside Economic Alliance meeting, the 100th birthday celebration of Mary Lou Nelson, the Communities that Care meeting, and the Heritage Center fundraiser.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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