



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL 12, 2021

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

Call to Order

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for those who have lost their lives to COVID-19

Announcements

1. Proclamation Declaring the Week of April 18 – April 24, 2021 as Volunteer Appreciation Week in the City of Tualatin

Mayor Bubenik presented information regarding Tualatin Volunteers noting nearly 500 volunteers severed 8,400 volunteer hours in the past year.

Councilor Pratt read the proclamation declaring April 18-24, 2021 as Volunteer Appreciation Week in the City of Tualatin.

Mayor Bubenik presented the Outstanding Volunteer Awards. The nomination process included City employees nominating volunteers based on a list of criteria. Winners were announced for each category:

Outstanding Youth Volunteers - Parker Johnson, Katherine Kang, Joaquin Santos, and Monica Gibson

Outstanding Adult Volunteer - Hitomi Tamura, Don and Linda Gertz, Kay Kendall, Don and Dee Sitko, and Efren and Citlalli Mexicano

Outstanding Volunteer Groups - Tualatin Historical Society, Friends of the Library, and the Community Emergency Response Team

Public Comment

Kat Maloney requested an appeal to amend an ordinance to allow pet dwarf goats. Mayor Bubenik recommended she work with city staff to have them bring an amendment to the ordinance back to Council.

Ben (no last name provided) asked when the abandoned RV park greenway trail will be finished. Assistant Director Koper stated the greenway trail is going to be built by the apartment complex after the apartments are built. He noted no start date is available.

Consent Agenda

Motion to adopt the consent agenda made by Councilor Brooks, Seconded by Council President Grimes.

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

MOTION PASSED

1. Consideration of Approval of the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2021
2. Consideration of Approval of a New Liquor License Application for Dave's Hot Chicken
3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 5536-21** Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Agreement with Tigard-Tualatin School District, Washington County, and the City of Tigard Related to Youth Library Services

Special Reports

1. Complete Streets Design Update

Principal Transportation Planner for Washington County Erin Wardell and County Engineer Stacy Shetler shared a presentation on street design standards that reflect area types and community needs. They stated the County is updating their road and construction standards to consolidate, simplify, and clarify design options for bicycle treatments by adopting road design and construction standards. Design detail will vary by area type including bicycle facility options, sidewalk width, design/target speeds, on-street parking options, and lane widths. The proposed updates are to have more protection for bicyclists and pedestrians, on-street parking options, a lower design target speed, and narrower vehicle lanes and medians. They discussed design options for urban, rural, and other arterials such as a buffered lane with paint, plastic tough curbs with flexi posts, landscape strips with the bike lane closer to the sidewalk, and an elevation of the cycle track up to the sidewalk level.

Councilor Pratt asked if there are concerns with narrowing the lanes to eleven feet for buses. Planner Wardell responded it is something that is being considered, and they reached out to the freight community, school district transportation provider, and TriMet for feedback. She noted speeds are slower in the designated eleven foot areas so they are easier to navigate.

Councilor Pratt asked if the bike lane could be right next to the sidewalk to keep cars from crossing over the bike lane to park in the three lane design. Planner Wardell responded it could be implemented the other way so the parking protects the bike lane. She stated they are considering it in their standard drawings. Planner Wardell noted the challenge with the design is people are not used to seeing it and sometimes park in the bike lane.

Mayor Bubenik stated the city has a senior population with disabilities who would consider six feet too tight for a sidewalk. He asked how the new standards would apply to Tualatin-Sherwood Road from I-5 to 90th since the City of Tualatin is considering an urban renewal zone in downtown Tualatin. Planner Wardell stated if approved they would work closely with city partners and would defer to the city's design standards during construction.

Mayor Bubenik mentioned expansion of Tualatin-Sherwood Road and asked how close it is to this design standard. County Engineer Shelton stated it is different in the sense that the bike lane goes next to the sidewalk and then comes back into the travel lane to go through the intersections.

Mayor Bubenik asked when construction is slated to start on the Tualatin-Sherwood Road project. Engineer Shelton responded the final design is wrapping up and will go out to bid shortly. He stated he will let Council know when a start date has been set for construction.

Councilor Hillier mentioned she would like to see added education for bicyclists and drivers.

Councilor Brooks stated design standards should consider safety for bicyclists.

Mayor Bubenik mentioned the importance of keeping bike lanes clear.

2. Annual Report of the Tualatin Library Advisory Committee

Library Director Jerianne Thompson introduced Tualatin Library Advisory Committee Vice-Chair Nicholas Schiller to present the 2020 Annual Report. Mr. Schiller stated the role of the committee is to provide input representing the diverse community to library management. The committee consults with the Library Manager on all matters affecting library operational policies and provides recommendations on policies regarding child safety and the children's and teen rooms. Mr. Schiller stated the committee supported the WCCLS overdue fine-free proposal, restoring access to approximately 850 people and made the recommendation to construct the makerspace inside the Library. He stated the committee hears and considers complaints and compliments about policies or materials. Mr. Schiller stated the committee received presentations from partners and recommended activities to strengthen the partnerships including the Teen Library Committee, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Tualatin Library Foundation, and Friends of the Tualatin Library.

3. Hamlet Community Vision Plan

Stafford-Hamlet Group Vice-Chair Rich Fiala and Chair Bill Markt presented the Community Vision Plan update. Their goals are to safeguard clean air and groundwater, maintain and secure a serene environment, minimize additional traffic and infrastructure impacts, educate regional committees and Hamlet members, and expand small farm possibilities. They are asking Tualatin, Lake Oswego, and West Linn to adopt an amendment to a three-city IGA supporting and embracing the Stafford Hamlet 2021 community plan.

Council Communications

Councilor Pratt mentioned there are now appropriations for business-related meals being 100% deductible instead of 50% for 2021-22. She noted more information can be found on the IRS website.

Councilor Brooks gave a reminder of the annual celebration of Earth Day on April 22.

Mayor Bubenik mentioned former Mayor Axelrod's public comment supporting the Stafford Hamlet Community Vision plan and urged the Council to incorporate the vision plan into the three-city Intergovernmental Agreement.

Adjournment

Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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