



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOR MAY 11, 2020

Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Nancy Grimes, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Robert Kellogg, Councilor Paul Morrison, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Valerie Pratt

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. Regional Land Use & Transportation Update.

Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich and Policy Analyst Gareth Prior presented a quarterly update on regional land use and transportation. Analyst Prior started with a brief update on the I-5 and I-205 tolling study. He stated ODOT will be at the next council meeting to provide further details on the project and answer questions. Analyst Prior stated items for the Council to consider in relation to the project include transportation, economics, quality of life impacts due to traffic, impacts to Tualatin employees and employers, and transportation options from tolling revenues.

Councilor Brooks stated she is interested in the equity lenses on this project directly related to economics. She expressed concerns for lower income families in relation to tolling.

Councilor Morrison stated he would like to see fast passes given to lower income families if tolling is implemented. He expressed concerns with traffic coming off of Stafford Road if the tolling booths are not placed correctly.

Councilor Pratt expressed concerns with local traffic and people using off roads into Tualatin instead of going through the toll booths with their current placement.

Councilor Kellogg suggested placement of the tolling booths at the three major river crossings. Analyst Prior stated at the current stage of the project it is not likely new booths will be added. He suggested Councilors communicate with our State Legislators and ODOT.

Councilor Kellogg asked where the north bound booth is proposed. Analyst Prior stated the location hasn't been defined yet.

Mayor Bubenik stated it is hard to pin down ODOT as there is not a lot of specificity around the project as it is still being studied. He stated there will be a lot of citizen involvement on the project moving forward.

Analyst Prior provided an update on the Hwy 99W Corridor Study. He stated partners on the project include: ODOT, Washington County, Tigard, Sherwood, King City, Durham, Tualatin, and Metro. The project is included in Metro's November ballot measure to fund the \$3.5 million study. Analyst Prior stated ODOT is about to complete an "early look" study that evaluates the scope of the effort.

Mayor Bubenik thanked Analyst Prior and Director Hurd-Ravich for helping him prepare to lobby for the study. He stated with multiple city's advocating for this project he hopes it will get done.

Councilor Morrison stated he heard from Metro that funding for the project will be coming from payroll taxes and car registrations fees.

Councilor Reyes and Brooks thanked the Mayor for his work on moving this project forward.

Analyst Prior presented an update on the Southwest Corridor Plan that will establish a light rail line and additional amenities connecting Tualatin to Portland. He stated the Conceptual Design report (CDR) has been out for public comment. Analyst Prior stated the Bridgeport Transit Center Station is the number one station set to serve the community. He stated some of the main feedback on the project included the Bridgeport Transit Center Station as a favorite location, concerns about the at-grade crossing at Upper Boones Ferry Road, and the amount of park-and-rides and their locations in the projects. Tualatin specific feedback included maintaining and expanding bus access, more park-and-ride spaces at Bridgeport, extending the line, and the preservation of the Village Inn. Analyst Prior stated the Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) has been delayed until September. He stated TriMet will be looking for a letter of support from Tualatin as part of the FEIS application.

Councilor Brooks stated a fundamental part of the conceptual framework needs to be on a modern design city and keeping up with the needs of the community and the environment.

Councilor Kellogg stated the committee has been inactive lately so there is nothing new to report and not a lot of progress has been made. He stated he would like to see some movement on Tualatin's concerns before a letter of support is issued. Director Hurd-Ravich stated it doesn't have to be a letter it could be a Memorandum of Understanding that includes what Tualatin expects to get from the project.

Councilor Morrison stated for him to support the project it needs to highlight the preservation of the Village Inn, the above grade crossing, the parking spaces at the park-and-ride, and the WES connection.

Councilor Kellogg stated the Village Inn permanently closed its doors. He stated the WES connection would open up transit oriented development in downtown Tualatin. He stated that connection adds value to their current investment.

Councilor Brooks stated the project would be a good stimulus project as it would strengthen the economy.

Mayor Bubenik wants to make sure there is elevated pedestrian crossings around the Bridgeport Transit Center and a traffic study. He expressed concerns with transportation projects like this receiving funding from the federal government.

Analyst Prior stated ODOT's STIP funding moved the 99W Tualatin River bridge project, northbound, from 2021-24 to 2018-21.

Councilor Kellogg stated there is an Urban Reserves Transportation Study being considered that has significant items including an I-5/99W Connector Concept, a significant number of intersection improvements and Tualatin-Sherwood Road/Avery and Boones Ferry/Avery. He would like more information on this study presented to the Council.

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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