

Wilsonville City Council Meeting
Mayor's Business Report – Monday, March 2, 2026
Presented by Shawn O'Neil, Mayor

CALL TO ORDER [7:00 PM]

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to approve the following order of the agenda

MAYOR'S BUSINESS [7:05 PM]

4. Upcoming Meetings

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS [7:15 PM]

4A. MAYOR'S BUSINESS – Recent Meetings, Events, Etc.

Good evening and happy March. I hope everyone is looking forward to spring break in a few weeks as much as I am following several busy weeks events, regional meetings with other Mayors, and other City business.

Ramadan Potluck (Feb. 21)

On February 21st, I attended the **Wilsonville Muslim Community Center's annual Ramadan Potluck Gathering**. A reminder that the City is partnering with the Wilsonville Muslim Community Center to collect hygiene items to donate to Heart of the City and Wilsonville Community Sharing during the month of March. This aligns with acts of

service encouraged during Ramadan. Details are available on the City's website.

Boone Bridge Earmark Submitted (Feb. 25)

The Boone Bridge Replacement Project and associated congestion, safety, and seismic improvements remain a top priority for the City at both the state and federal level.

On **February 25th**, the Oregon Department of Transportation, in close coordination and partnership with the City, **submitted a request for federal funding** to Senator Ron Wyden and Senator Jeff Merkley's offices. We are **optimistic** the Senators will champion the request based on our recent conversations with them, including during our October lobbying visit. ODOT will additionally make an identical request to Congresswoman Salinas when the House of Representatives begins their process in a few weeks.

The request is for **\$4 million** and will be used **in combination with \$1 million from the state** to complete geotechnical investigation, site condition analysis, an Endangered Species Act and biological survey, a wetlands and waters analysis, archaeological and historical resources studies, and a noise and visual impacts evaluation.

These applications for federal funds rely on letters of support to be successful. Please join me in thanking the following individuals, businesses, and government partners:

- State Senator Courtney Neron Misslin,
- State Representative Sue Rieke Smith,
- Metro Councilor Garrett Rosenthal and Metro Deputy Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott,
- The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners,
- Clackamas County Business Alliance,
- Westside Economic Alliance,
- Sysco,
- Republic Services,
- OrePac Building Products,
- Charbonneau Country Club,
- And, last but certainly not least, the Oregon Department of Transportation, whose expert staff and technical knowledge is essential to our shared success.

We are grateful for your support, and look forward to continuing to partner with you—and others—as we move this project forward.

PGE Integrated Operations Center Tour (Feb. 26)

I took a tour of **PGE's Integrated Operations Center** on February 26th. The IOC serves as PGE's main hub to manage their electrical grid system, and plays a key role in preparing for and responding to inclement weather and other hazards. It was a high-tech, almost futuristic, facility that helps PGE gather and process information to

respond to emergencies in an effective manner. On the tour, PGE staff showed their dedication to keeping our grid running.

Sen. Neron Misslin Town Hall (Feb. 28)

Senator Neron Misslin held a town hall in Charbonneau on February 28th. Charbonneau residents and community members from across her district were able to ask questions and hear about what the Senator has been doing in Salem during the Legislative Short Session.

Wilsonville appreciates her steadfast work to protect funding for the Boone Bridge.

Congresswoman Salinas Town Hall (Feb. 28)

Back-to-back with Senator Neron Misslin's town hall, Congresswoman Salinas held one at Meridian Creek Middle School in the afternoon of February 28th. The well-attended event reflects both Oregonians' interest in participating in public processes and a great tradition among Oregon's congressional representatives to hold public town halls with their constituents. I was honored to emcee the event, introducing the Congresswoman and calling out ticket numbers so people could ask questions of her.

4B. MAYOR'S BUSINESS – Upcoming Meetings, Events, Etc.

heARTs of Wilsonville Silent Auction (Through Mar. 6)

A reminder that the “**heARTs of Wilsonville**” silent auction **closes this week**. Five of the hearts are remaining in the City’s public art collection, but the other five are being auctioned to generate funding for future public art projects. Take home a piece of the **largest public art project** in the City’s history by bidding until **4:00 PM on Friday, March 6th**. Visit the Parks website at “*WilsonvilleOregon [dot] gov [slash] ParksRec*” for a link to the online auction site.

Space Talks Series Continues (Mar. 7)

The Wilsonville Public Library’s series, “**Space Talks**,” continues on **Saturday, March 7th from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. The lectures are free, appropriate for all ages, and presented by docents from Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum. The March 7th topic is about **rocket engines**.

Frog Pond Primary School Grand Opening (Mar. 11)

I am looking forward to the grand opening of the new **Frog Pond Primary School**, an important part of making the Frog Pond neighborhood a complete community. Many thanks to the **West Linn–Wilsonville School District** for building such a beautiful school that will become an important asset for our entire community.

“The Cello Who Loved Me” Author Talk (Mar. 14)

Come to the library on **Saturday, March 14th from 1:00 – 2:00 PM** for a talk by **local author George Sorensen** about his book *The Cello Who Loved Me: An Accidental Pilgrimage to Master the World’s Most Beautiful Instrument* to hear his story of how a surprise recital while walking the Camino de Santiago turned into another journey—to learn to play the cello.

Tiny Art Show (Mar. 6-27)

Come to the library between March 6 and March 27 to **vote for your favorite tiny art!** These miniature masterpieces are divided into different age categories, and winners from each category will be announced in April. Come see the artistic talents of your neighbors!

DEI Cultural Calendar (Multiple dates)

A reminder about some dates and events from the DEI Cultural Calendar:

- March is **Women’s History Month**, celebrating and highlighting the contributions of women to events in history and modern society. It is a time to recognize the struggles, successes, and ongoing impact of women in various fields and to inspire future generations. At the recent Winter Olympics, women accounted for nearly two-thirds of all gold medals won by the US, and well over half of total medals.

- **Wednesday, March 4th** is **Holi**, a Hindu celebration known as the Festival of Colors, Love, and Spring. It celebrates the eternal and divine love of the deities Radha and Krishna. Holi is celebrated with the playful throwing of colored powders and water.

Next City Council Meeting (Mar. 16)

Our next City Council meeting will be on **Monday, March 16 starting at 7:00 PM.**

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS [7:20 PM]

We will move now to the Community Input and Announcements portion of the City Council meeting agenda.