

Wilsonville City Council Meeting
Mayor's Business Report – Thursday, January 23, 2025
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. City Council Members' Assignments to City Boards and Intergovernmental Committees
5. 2025-2026 State Legislative Agenda
6. 2025 State Legislative Session Priorities
7. Joint Values and Outcomes for the 2025 Legislative Transportation Package by the Communities of Clackamas County
8. Upcoming Meetings

COMMUNICATIONS [7:20 PM]

9. Metro Housing Funding Update (Metro Staff) [20 min.]

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS [7:35 PM]

4. MAYOR'S BUSINESS: City Council Members' Assignments to City Boards and Intergovernmental Committees

Good evening everyone, welcome to the second Wilsonville City Council meeting of 2025.

I hope that everyone had an opportunity to enjoy and reflect on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, MLK holiday that we observed this past Monday.

During the City Council work session held prior to this meeting, the Council discussed a number of issues.

These issues included City Council members assignments or participation on both internal boards and external committees, as well as issues related to the upcoming sessions of the Oregon legislature.

First up, I would like to review City Council members' preferences for serving on internal City boards and external intergovernmental committees and organizations.

The City Council has a total of 16 to 19 positions to fill for Council members acting as City representative or alternate or liaison to external or internal bodies.

These are for positions that require a member of the City's Governing Body to be the City's representative.

For 2025 to 2026, City Council Representatives or Liaisons to City Committees and Commissions include:

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission	Councilor Dunwell
Tourism Promotion Committee	Councilor Berry
Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee	Position 1: Councilor Berry
	Position 2: Councilor Shevlin

And for 2025 to 2026, City Council Representatives to Regional and State Intergovernmental Bodies and Organizations include the following.

As a leading Oregon city in the greater Portland metro area that hosts thousands of well-paying jobs and supports a range of housing options to accommodate people at all stages of life, Wilsonville is engaged with a number of state and regional Intergovernmental committees and Organizations.

Note that many, but not all, of these intergovernmental committees require both a City Council member as the City’s representative and alternate representative:

Aurora State Airport Master Plan Planning Advisory Committee	Councilor Shevlin
Clackamas County Coordinating Committee , also known as C4	For representative position, Mayor O’Neil
	For alternate position, Councilor Shevlin

Clackamas County Coordinating Committee Metro Subcommittee also known as C4 Metro Subcom.	For representative position, Mayor O’Neil
	For alternate position, Councilor Berry
Washington County Coordinating Committee , also known as WCCC	For representative position, Mayor O’Neil
	For alternate position, Councilor NAME
Willamette Intake Facilities Commission Board of the Tualatin Valley Water District	For representative position, Councilor Dunwell
	For alternate position, Councilor NAME
Regional Water Providers Consortium Board	For representative position, Councilor
	For alternate position, Councilor Dunwell
French Prairie Forum Local Governments Working Group	For representative position, Councilor Shevlin
	For alternate position, Mayor O’Neil
Greater Portland, Inc., Small Cities Consortium	Councilor Shevlin
Willamette Falls & Landings Heritage Area Coalition	Councilor NAME

Would a Council member make a motion to approve the foregoing assignments of City Council members to internal and external bodies?

[City Council members make motion and second]

Do we have any further discussion? If not, I would like to call for the vote.

Thank you.

I will note that position of Mayor, by virtue of the office held, is a member or an ex-officio board director of five organizations and associations, including:

- Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon
- Metropolitan Mayors Consortium
- Oregon Mayors Association
- Clackamas County Chair-Mayors meeting, and the
- Washington County Chair-Mayors meeting

5. MAYOR'S BUSINESS: Adoption of 2025-2026 State Legislative Agenda

Also during tonight's work session, the City Council discussed the 2025-26 State Legislative Agenda for the City and our transit agency SMART.

The State Legislative Agenda is a set of general principles based on long-term City Council-adopted policies that are embodied in the Comprehensive Plan and various City master plans and strategies.

Over the past 12 years the City Council has approved a Legislative Agenda at the start of each two-year session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly.

The State Legislative Agenda provides guidance to city staff for how the City evaluates proposed legislation in terms of support, opposition or neutrality.

Would I have a motion to adopt the 2025-2026 State Legislative Agenda?

[City Council members make motion and second]

Do we have any further discussion? If not, I would like to call for the vote.

6. MAYOR'S BUSINESS: Adoption of 2025 State Legislative Session Priorities

Now, in addition to a more general State Legislative Agenda, the City Council adopts a set of 2025 Legislative Session Priorities.

The 2025 Legislative Session Priorities represent current, specific issues of timely importance to the City Council and the community.

The specific set of Legislative Session Priorities complements the City's State Legislative Agenda, which is broader and more general in scope.

Both of these documents provide guidance to City staff in relation to the League of Oregon Cities, lobbyists and legislators for how to approach proposed legislation in terms of support, opposition or being neutral.

I will note that the prior City Council adopted a similar set of 2025 Legislative Session Priorities in September 2024.

The City Council's action was based on requests from Wilsonville's State legislators—Senator Aaron Woods and Representative Courtney Neron—for guidance on issues of concern and legislation that the City would like to see introduced for the 2025 legislative session.

I will note that both Senator Woods and Representative Neron have sponsored bills on behalf of the City and SMART for 2025.

So, we now have a new City Council with a different majority than previously, and City staff seek guidance for our legislative policies and issues of concern.

In summary the list of 2025 Legislative Session Priorities includes:

1. Increase Road and Public Transit Resources with a 2025 Transportation Funding Package that advances the I-5 Boone Bridge & Seismic Improvement Project with the French Prairie Bike/Ped Facility, and Implements a WES Commuter Rail Wilsonville-to-Salem Extension Study
2. Senate Bill 418: SMART Transit-Service Territory Alignment with City of Wilsonville Boundaries; Adjustment of TriMet District Territory.

This bill is needed because the City is planning and funding employment lands development in North Wilsonville that is in TriMet district territory, for which TriMet provides no transit service and SMART will provide service.

3. House Bill 2795: State Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) Transit Funding Allocation for County to Act as Qualified Entity Pass-Through to Sub-Recipients

This is another piece of legislation that is needed for SMART and the other small, rural transit operators in Clackamas County to be able to obtain their STIF or State Transportation Improvement Funds in order to improve public transit services for our communities.

TriMet, as the Qualified Entity, has been unnecessarily holding up relaying STIF funds timely to the Sub-Recipients SMART and other transit agencies.

The City is working closely with Clackamas County on this issue.

4. Restore Permanent Recreational Immunity for Public Use of Trails

The legislature did a temporary fix in 2024 pertaining to immunity from lawsuits for public recreation on city or county owned trails. The legislature needs to provide permanent immunity to local governments and landowners who allow the public to recreate on trails, so long as there is not obvious gross negligence.

5. Create a \$2 Billion State Residential Housing Infrastructure Fund:

This item includes legislative grant-requests for City infrastructure projects that support housing development, a State priority.

6. Fund the Business Oregon Regionally Significant Industrial Sites Program

Again, the State seeks to improve the number of high-paying, family-wage jobs in industrial occupations.

Cities like Wilsonville need State funding assistance to design and construct the infrastructure to serve industrial development areas where high-wage jobs are created.

7. Extend the Sunset on Vertical Housing Development Zone Incentive

This State-authorized tool allows cities to provide property-tax incentives for mixed-use, multi-story buildings in designated areas, such as the Villebois Piazza and certain areas of Town Center..

8. Improve Childcare Resources to Benefit Families/Workers and Employers

Our city’s economic-development work has shown that both employers and employees need more local options for quality childcare.

As such, the City supports policy and funding allocations that support new and existing programs, to make child care more affordable and accessible for families, and more viable for service providers.

9. Modify Homeless Camping Laws, and Increase Support for Affordable Housing and Rising Utility Costs

Would I have a motion to adopt the 2025 State Legislative Session Priorities, and then have any further Council discussion?

[City Council engages in any further discussion and votes.]

Thank you.

7. MAYOR’S BUSINESS: Joint Values and Outcomes for the 2025 Legislative Transportation Package by the Communities of Clackamas County

Finally, we have one last item to consider during Mayor’s Business.

The Clackamas County Coordinating Committee, or C4, seeks readoption by member jurisdictions of the “Joint Values and Outcomes for the 2025 Legislative Transportation Package by the Communities of Clackamas County.”

The prior City Council approved this general statement of value and outcomes that we collectively seek from the legislature during 2025 as legislators consider a transportation funding package.

C4 members approved this statement in 2024, and seek re-affirmation for the 2025 legislative session.

Would there be a motion to adopt the “Joint Values and Outcomes for the 2025 Legislative Transportation Package by the Communities of Clackamas County?”

[City Council engages in any further discussion and votes.]

Very good. Thank you.

8. MAYOR’S BUSINESS: Recent Meetings & Events

Since our last City Council meeting on January 6, I have a few items to report on.

- **During the same week as our first City Council meeting of 2025, I and a number of City Council members were able to participate in the Wilsonville Civics Academy.**

The Civics Academy is a seven-month-long program for Wilsonville residents and business managers that goes in-depth into City operations and community resources.

The Civics Academy helps to build the bench of community volunteers who may serve on City boards and commissions and local nonprofits.

We are fortunate that our City Manager Bryan Cosgrove saw the need when he started 12 years ago with the City to build better understanding of local government and to recruit volunteers to serve the greater community.

The Civics Academy helps to strengthen democratic values of participation in your community and local government.

- **Lunar New Year Celebration**

My family and I had the opportunity to attend the Lunar New Year Celebration sponsored by the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee held at the Wilsonville Public Library.

This was a really wonderful community event with a cultural performance, traditional treats and family fun.

- **I have attended a number of regional, intergovernmental meetings. As the new guy on the block, I am still getting up to speed on who's who and what's what.**

These meeting have included a three-hour-long Washington County Coordinating Committee meeting held at the Beaverton Library.

Apparently this was the first in-person meeting held in four years. Based on a number of the technical difficulties, it may be the last in-person meeting for at least a year.

Much of the meeting was a review of the various transportation funding resources of Washington County. Unfortunately, since relatively little of Wilsonville is located in Washington County, our city has only a limited opportunity to tap into these funds.

I also attended the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee Metro Subcommittee meeting held via Zoom.

An issue reviewed here was the potential funding of several regional transit-related projects using federal Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Regional Flexible Fund Allocations.

Finally I also had the opportunity to attend the French Prairie Forum, a monthly meeting of local governments of the North Willamette Valley.

The City of Wilsonville has sponsored the French Prairie Forum for over 25 years, providing an informal meeting opportunity for cities and counties to discuss economic-development, land-use and transportation issues.

Our public-affairs consultant Greg Leo acts as the convenor of the French Prairie Forum.

Mayors, city councilors and staff from the cities of Aurora, Donald, Hubbard, Gervais and Wilsonville participated in this recent meeting.

We heard an update on transportation funding issues that the 2025 legislature will look at, as well as reports from local mayors and city councilors on new projects in their cities.

One issue that everyone identified was the high cost of constructing public infrastructure projects for water and waste-water, and how important infrastructure is for community development.

- **Next City Council Meeting**

Finally, the last item to note is that the next City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, starting at 7 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS [7:20 PM]

9. Metro Housing Funding Update (Metro Staff) [20 min.]

For Communications tonight, we have an update presentation from Metro staff on the Metro Housing Bond and Supportive Housing Services.

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS [7:35 PM]

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