

Wilsonville City Council Meeting  
**Mayor's Business Report – Monday, April 6, 2026**  
Presented by Shawn O'Neil, Mayor

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**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. Recent and Upcoming Meetings

**COMMUNICATIONS [7:15 PM]**

5. Sen. Courtney Neron Misslin – Legislative Recap
6. Rep. Sue Rieke Smith – Legislative Recap

**CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS [7:35 PM]**

**4A. MAYOR'S BUSINESS – Introduction and Proclamations**

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Good evening. It's been three weeks since our last City Council meeting due to March having a 5<sup>th</sup> Monday. I hope everyone had a nice spring break and, for those who celebrate, a nice Easter, and were able to enjoy time with family.

Today is the **first Council meeting for our new City Manager Jeanna Troha**. Jeanna has spent years sitting at the staff table in the back of

the room, and now she gets to join us up front under the lights!  
Welcome, Jeanna, to the dais and your new role.

I want to take a moment to recognize two former legislators who made significant impacts on the Wilsonville community we know today who recently passed away:

- **Senator Charles Starr** served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 1999 and then in the Oregon Senate until 2007. His Senate district encompassed part of Wilsonville. Known for his thoughtfulness and gentle demeanor, Charles passed away at the age of 93 in mid-March.
- **Senator Gene Derfler** served in the House of Representatives from 1988 to 1994 and then in the Oregon Senate until 2002, including serving as Senate President—the last Republican to hold that position. Senator Derfler played a central role in giving Wilsonville a say in where in town to locate Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The State wanted to locate it at the site of the former Dammasch State Hospital as they already owned the land. With Senator Derfler’s help, Wilsonville was able to relocate the prison. That allowed the Dammasch site to become the beautiful Villebois community we know today. A steady presence and sharp policy instincts were Gene Derfler’s legacy in the Capitol, and he was also known for his service in World War II as a naval aviator and as a talented woodworker. He passed away in mid-March at the age of 101.

Please join me in a **moment of silence** for former State Senator Charles Starr and former State Senator Gene Derfler. **[PAUSE]** Thank you.

Before I recap my recent meetings and events, we have two proclamations today. In the interest of time, I will not read the full proclamations, but they can be found in the Council packet.

### **Arbor Day Proclamation**

Wilsonville recognizes the important role trees play in our community in our **annual Arbor Day Proclamation**. The City of Wilsonville has had the honor of being recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a **“Tree City USA”** for **28 consecutive years**. The pride we take in being a Tree City USA can be seen in the consistent care of our trees and efforts to plant new trees.

Additionally, the City has partnered with a local non-profit, **Friends of Trees**, to strengthen our urban tree canopy and ensure the benefits of trees—including clean air, clean water, shade, soil retention, wildlife habitat, and many, many more—are available to all Wilsonville residents. On Arbor Day, and every day, the City encourages our residents and businesses to plant and care for trees for the benefit of this, and future, generations.

## **Volunteer Appreciation Month Proclamation**

Our second proclamation today is to recognize **Volunteer Appreciation Month**. The City greatly appreciates the contributions that volunteers make to our community. City budgets are tight. Many programs would suffer were it not for the hours donated by **over 300 individuals** actively volunteering with the City at any given time. As neighbors clean up roads, shelve library books, deliver meals to seniors, serve on city boards and committees, and complete countless other duties, they are supporting the high quality of life we enjoy in Wilsonville. **Thank you for your time and service.**

The City will host a **Volunteer Appreciation Event** on **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. All current volunteers are invited and can get more information and the link to RSVP **through the department they volunteer with.**

## **4B. MAYOR'S BUSINESS – Recent Meetings, Events, Etc.**

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### **C4 Metro Subcommittee (Mar. 18)**

I attended the **monthly C4 Metro Subcommittee meeting** on **March 18<sup>th</sup>**. We received a briefing from Metro on their implementation of a cooling corridor program that has been in development for nearly a year. We also heard about the latest actions on the Interstate Bridge Replacement. The good news was that the Coast Guard approved the clearance for a fixed-span bridge, which is less costly and complex to engineer and operate than a moving-span bridge. The bad news is that

the new cost estimate, \$14.4 billion, is roughly double the prior numbers. The project team is looking at ways to phase the project, focusing on the core bridge replacement.

### **Library Children’s Room Mural Reception (Mar. 18)**

On **March 18<sup>th</sup>**, I attended a reception with the artist of the **new mural** in the Children’s Room of the Wilsonville Public Library. Our young library patrons helped inspire artist Julia Hunkler’s beautiful work. The mural is a great addition to the library and part of our tradition of public art here in Wilsonville.

### **PGE Integrated Operations Center Tour (Mar. 18)**

Council President Berry, Councilor Scull, and myself attended a tour of Portland General Electric’s Integrated Operations Center on **March 18<sup>th</sup>**. The IOC is where PGE monitors power demand, buys and sells excess power generated by other utilities to meet need, ensures all the components of the system such as transformers and substations are functioning, and coordinates repair efforts and disaster response. I appreciated learning more about PGE’s long-term preparations for demand growth and hazards like wildfires, as well as how they keep the lights on day-to-day.

Many thanks to the PGE team who led the tour, including **Larry Bekkedahl**, Senior Vice President of Strategy and Advanced Energy

Delivery and **Meredith Armstrong**, Senior Manager for Local Government Affairs, and their colleagues.

### **CCBA Mayoral Summit (Mar. 31)**

The **Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA)** hosted a **Mayoral Summit on March 31<sup>st</sup>** with ten mayors from across Clackamas County. We each shared our city's priorities, needs, development projects, and ways local governments and the business community can become better partners.

For Wilsonville, I talked about the Vuela housing development, Boone Bridge and the cost of it and other infrastructure projects, our nuisance abatement work for abandoned RVs and graffiti, and creating a culture of inclusion and belonging through public events like Lunar New Year and Pride.

### **C4 (Apr. 2)**

The **Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4)** met on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** and got a legislative update, heard from a panel of local experts about workforce development, and learned more about the upcoming C4 retreat—which all Councilors are invited to.

### **Annual Egg Hunt (Apr. 4)**

This past Saturday was a joyous tradition in Wilsonville, the annual Egg Hunt in Memorial Park! Kids from 1-11 clamored after over 18,000

candy and prize-filled eggs. Many thanks to our Parks & Recreation team for putting together this great event. Special thanks also to our Gold Sponsor, Nichols Family Agency, for their support.

#### **4C. MAYOR'S BUSINESS – Upcoming Meetings, Events, Etc.**

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##### **SMART Pollinator Pedal Community Bike Ride (Apr. 11)**

Spring has sprung, and what better way to enjoy it by taking time to stop and smell the flowers? Join SMART for a Pollinator Pedal community bike ride through Wilsonville's beautiful pollinator gardens. Come join us and pedal to see petals! The 10-mile loop ride starts at the **Memorial Park Tennis Courts** at **10:30 AM** on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**. The event is family-friendly, but **helmets are required** for all ages.

##### **Rotary Club Gala and First Citizen Awards (Apr. 11)**

Following SMART's bike ride on **April 11<sup>th</sup>**, I will be attending the Rotary Club of Wilsonville's Heart of Gold Gala and Auction. This annual event not only builds community but honors those who have made an impact on Wilsonville over the prior year with the First Citizen award.

Congratulations to this year's finalists—Brad Christiansen, Jennie Hill, John Hillan-Payne, Scott Nichols, and Rick Wallace—and thank you for your commitment to service and giving back to our city.

## Community Survey (through Apr. 15)

Every two years, the City of Wilsonville is part of the National Community Survey (NCS). Over 500 communities nationwide participate in the professionally-managed, statistically-valid survey. The 2026 NCS, administered by Polco, is now underway. The survey asks residents their opinion on city amenities, services, community needs, civic participation, and other topics.

Data helps show how Wilsonville is performing, compared to both our prior results and other cities, and helps the City understand what is important to residents and how that changes over time. Public participation in the survey is welcome until April 15. You can find the survey on the City's website at "*WilsonvilleOregon [dot] gov [slash] 2026survey.*"

## Spring Events at the Library (Apr. multiple dates)

If you're looking for something to do with the kids, an affordable date night, or just to mix up your routine, the **Wilsonville Public Library** is offering a number of events and activities this spring, including:

- The continuation of the Book Notes concert series of performances by local musicians,
- Music and movement classes for children 7 and younger,
- Beginning Birding for Families,

- An informative talk about the history of Japanese Americans in Oregon as part of the “One Book, One Coast” program where the west coast creates a giant book club by reading George Takei’s graphic novel “They Called Us Enemy,”
- And more!

Find details on the City’s calendar, “*WilsonvilleOregon [dot] gov [slash] calendar*” or the Library’s webpage.

## WERK Day (Apr. 25)

WERK, or Wilsonville Environmental Resource Keepers, Day helps get our parks in tip-top shape before the busy summer season begins. Projects have included painting soccer goals and picnic tables, bark chipping trails, removing ivy and other invasive species, and other projects.

WERK Day 2026 is on **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **8:00 AM at the Community Center** with a **complimentary breakfast** courtesy of the **Rotary Club of Wilsonville**. Participants will depart the Community Center around 9:00 AM for Memorial Park. And, extra fun this year, come by the **Stein-Boozier Barn** between **10:00 AM and 2:00 PM** for **free goat petting!** The goats will be doing their part for the community in the weeks leading up to WERK Day by eating ivy and other invasives. Learn more and register to volunteer by visiting “*WilsonvilleParksAndRec [dot] com*” and finding WERK Day under the “*Events*” tab.

## DEI Cultural Calendar (Multiple dates)

Some upcoming dates and events from the DEI Cultural Calendar:

- April is **Deaf Heritage Month**, a way to bring awareness to the contributions and accomplishments of the deaf community and to advocate for increased accessibility for those who are deaf or hearing impaired.
- April is also **Arab American Heritage Month**, a time to celebrate the diverse backgrounds, history, and traditions of Arab culture and the contributions of Arab Americans.
- **Passover is April 1-April 9, 2026.** A major Jewish holiday, it celebrates freedom and family. One of the main events of the multi-day holiday is the holding of a special dinner called a *seder*.

## 4D. Budget Committee Appointment

*Mayor: Adding this space for your budget committee appointment. Feel free to remove from the final if desired. -EW*

## Next City Council Meeting (Apr. 20)

Our next City Council meeting will be on **Monday, April 20 starting at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will begin with my annual State of the City address, in which I will outline a vision for Wilsonville rooted in belonging and how we shape our community for future generations. All

are invited to attend or to watch on the City's YouTube channel or cable television (Xfinity channel 30, Zply channel 32).

## **COMMUNICATIONS [7:15 PM]**

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### **5. Sen. Courtney Neron Misslin – Legislative Recap**

### **6. Rep. Sue Rieke Smith – Legislative Recap**

Please join me in welcoming **State Senator Courtney Neron Misslin** and **State Representative Sue Rieke Smith** who will both give a brief recap of their activity during the 2026 Legislative Session.

## **CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS [7:35 PM]**

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