



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Wilsonville City Hall & Remote Video Conferencing

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance

A regular meeting of the Wilsonville City Council was held at the Wilsonville City Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Mayor O'Neil
Council President Berry
Councilor Dunwell
Councilor Shevlin
Councilor Cunningham

STAFF PRESENT

Amanda Guile-Hinman, City Attorney
Bryan Cosgrove, City Manager
Jeanna Troha, Assistant City Manager
Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder
Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager

3. Motion to approve the following order of the agenda.

Motion: Moved to approve the following order of the agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Berry Seconded by Councilor Dunwell.

Voting Yea:

Mayor O'Neil, Council President Berry, Councilor Dunwell, Councilor Shevlin, Councilor Cunningham

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

4. Upcoming Meetings

The Mayor extended warm wishes for a joyful St. Patrick's Day and then provided updates on the recent meetings, events, and activities. A comprehensive written report listing all the meetings attended by the Mayor has been included in the official record.

City Council Retreat and Goal Setting

- Discussed key staff departures that would occur in 2025. Noted Council was aware the next City Manager would need time and grace to get up to speed and establish relationships with the Council and staff.
- Under the umbrella of public health, safety, and welfare, the Council identified the following goals:
 - Streamline response to code enforcement challenges.
 - Expand on-the-ground mental health resources to support the community.
 - Evaluate and update the public nuisance code and explore a rental inspection program, including identifying potential revenue streams to fund such a program.
- The Council also discussed the current and future fiscal health of the City's many operating funds and developed specific goals under the heading of financial outcomes:
 - Explore cost savings, efficiencies, and alternative revenue options for sustainable fiscal health.
 - Future-proof revenues and avoid large rate spikes in the sewer, water, and stormwater funds by indexing these utilities to a CIP Index.
- Council discussed ways the City can build trust through communication and community engagement. The following goals were established:
 - Engage the community on urban renewal and other infrastructure funding sources.
 - Create a Town Center communication and engagement strategy to help inform Council direction.
 - Evaluate and improve online engagement and social media tools to expand the audience and reach within the community.
- Council advanced a goal to ensure the current level of parks maintenance is provided for the long term . As the City's parks portfolio continued to grow, with an additional 30 acres of maintenance responsibility coming online in the next 2-3 years. The goal was to:
 - Maintain existing maintenance levels of service with upcoming parks expansion by identifying additional revenue opportunities and potential cost savings.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) March Events

- Women's History Month
- The Muslim Observance of Ramadan
- The Hindu Festival of Holi also known as The Festival of Colors

Legislative Testimony

- Support of Senate Bill (SB) 179, which restores recreational immunity for landowners who allow free public access to trails and recreational activities.
- Support of amended House Bill (HB) 3031-1, the City urged an enlarged scope of residential infrastructure resources that could substantially advance state goal for housing production. In addition, the City advocated for funding of off-site infrastructure improvements, such as Wilsonville's \$18 million Boeckman Road sewer-interceptor project to serve housing proposed for the new urban growth areas of Frog Pond.
- Support of House Bill (HB) 3560, this proposed legislation addresses critical need to improve child care availability that benefits both working families and employers.
- Support of House Bill (HB) 2679, Sponsored by representative Courtney Neron, this proposed legislation restricts the use of products containing powerful class of neonicotinoid pesticides shown to be harmful to pollinators and the agricultural industry.
- Support of amended version House Bill (HB) 2138-1, the City's proposed amendments would provide greater clarity and remove uncertainty that allows local governments and developers to focus on producing more middle-housing residential development.
- Support of House Bill (HB) 3503, would support an innovative housing plan by Clackamas County that provides an opportunity for older homes to be acquired by lower-income residents who can become homeowners.
- Support of House Bill (HB) 3700, would create a state program to certify qualified out-of-state operators of water and wastewater systems.
- Support of Senate Bill (SB) 1086, provides for state agencies' collaboration to increase the number of qualified building inspectors who can help with housing production.
- Support of House Bill (HB) 3453, would create the Westside Express Service authority to assume operational responsibility of WES, or the Westside Express Service commuter train, from TriMet.

I-5 Boone Bridge Seismic Replacement Project Meeting

- Attendees included Congresswoman Andrea Salinas, Representative Neron, Metro Councilor Christine Lewis, Oregon Department Of Transportation (ODOT) Director Kris Strickler, along with Staff from the various agencies.

Senator Aaron Woods Town Hall

- Information about Senator Woods upcoming Town Hall meeting was available on the City's website.

City Council Meeting

- It was announced that the next City Council meeting was scheduled for April 7, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is an opportunity for visitors to address the City Council on any matter concerning City's Business or any matter over which the Council has control. It is also the time to address items not on the agenda. It is also the time to address items that are on the agenda but not scheduled for a public hearing. Staff and the City Council will make every effort to respond to questions raised during citizen input before tonight's meeting ends or as quickly as possible thereafter. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

The following individuals provided public comment:

Doris Wehler	George Dunn	Eric Winter	Nathan Lawrence
Mary Rooney	Elizabeth Peters	Mary-Elizabeth Harper	Ellie Furughi
Kristi Corno	Miranda Tate	Rick Wallace	Julie Fitzgerald
Bill Bagnall	Susan Reep		

COUNCILOR COMMENTS, LIAISON REPORTS AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. Council President Berry

The Council President provided a detailed report on the following:

- City Council Retreat and Goal Setting on March 14-15, 2025
- Housing Our Future Taskforce on March 18, 2025
- Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Subcommittee on March 19, 2025
- Tourism Promotion Committee on March 19, 2025
- Clackamas County Board of Commissioners Strategic Plan Focus Group on March 25, 2025
- Library Events:
 - Book Walk on March 20, 2025
 - Genealogy Talk on March 29, 2025
 - Multicultural Dance Celebration on April 3, 2025

6. Councilor Dunwell

Councilor Dunwell provided a detailed report on the following:

- Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area Coalition (WFLHAC) Retreat on March 17, 2025
 - Images from the retreat were displayed and added to the record.
- City Council Retreat and Goal Setting on March 14-15, 2025
- Housing Our Future Taskforce on March 18, 2025

7. Councilor Cunningham

Councilor Cunningham provided a detailed report on the following:

- City Council Retreat and Goal Setting on March 14-15, 2025
- Washington County Coordinating Committee on March 17, 2025

8. Councilor Shevlin

Councilor Shevlin reported on the below and submitted a detailed written version for the record:

- Charbonneau Fireside Chat: French Prairie Road Pathway on March 20, 2025
- Senator Aaron Woods Town Hall on March 22, 2025

In closing, Councilor Shevlin offered an Irish Blessing.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Attorney read the title of the items on the Consent Agenda into the record.

9. **Resolution No. 3189**

A Resolution Of The City Of Wilsonville Granting An Exemption From Property Taxes Under ORS 307.540 To ORS 307.548 For Autumn Park Apartments, A Low-Income Apartment Development Owned And Operated By Northwest Housing Alternatives, Inc.

10. **Resolution No. 3190**

A Resolution Of The City Of Wilsonville Granting An Exemption From Property Taxes Under ORS 307.540 To ORS 307.548 For Charleston Apartments, A Low-Income Apartment Development Owned And Operated By Northwest Housing Alternatives, Inc.

11. **Resolution No. 3191**

A Resolution Of The City Of Wilsonville Granting An Exemption From Property Taxes Under ORS 307.540 To ORS 307.548 For Creekside Woods LP, A Low-Income Apartment Development Owned And Operated By Northwest Housing Alternatives, Inc.

12. **Resolution No. 3192**

A Resolution Of The City Of Wilsonville Granting An Exemption From Property Taxes Under ORS 307.540 To ORS 307.548 For Rain Garden Limited Partnership, A Low-Income Apartment Development Owned And Operated By Caritas Community Housing Corporation.

13. **Resolution No. 3193**

A Resolution Of The City Of Wilsonville Granting An Exemption From Property Taxes Under ORS 307.540 To ORS 307.548 For Wiedemann Park, A Low-Income Apartment Development Owned And Operated By Accessible Living, Inc.

14. Minutes of the February 20, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Motion: Moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Berry Seconded by Councilor Shevlin.

Voting Yea:

Mayor O'Neil, Council President Berry, Councilor Dunwell, Councilor Shevlin, Councilor Cunningham

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were none.

CITY MANAGER'S BUSINESS

There were none.

LEGAL BUSINESS**15. Wilsonville Code Chapter 3 Interpretation**

Amanda Guile-Hinman, City Attorney provided City Council a memorandum interpreting Wilsonville Code provisions 3.340 and 4.300 through 4.320. The provisions governed the undergrounding requirements in the City of Wilsonville. Portland General Electric had applied for a right-of-way permit in which it sought to locate new high-voltage transmission lines and transmission poles along SW Grahams Ferry Road. City staff had informed PGE that under Wilsonville Code Section 3.340, PGE must underground its utilities. The only exception in Section 3.340 is that PGE may run new transmission lines on existing poles, but nothing in the Section 3.340 allowed PGE to install new transmission poles.

PGE referred to a different provision, Wilsonville Code 4.310, to argue that high-voltage transmission lines are exempt from undergrounding requirements and, thus, it can install new transmission poles. However, Wilsonville Code Sections 4.300 through 4.320 are the undergrounding requirements for new developments. And the exception that PGE refers to was the exception that new development does not need to underground high-voltage transmission lines. Nothing in those provisions allow PGE to install new transmission poles.

PGE disagreed with the staff's interpretation of these Wilsonville Code provisions. Thus, staff seek Council direction whether it agrees with staff's interpretation. If Council does, staff seek a motion to adopt the interpretations of Wilsonville Code 3.340 and 4.300 through 4.320, as described in the presented memorandum.

Motion: Moved to adopt the interpretations of Wilsonville Code 3.340 and 4.300 through 4.320, as described in the presented memorandum.

Motion made by Councilor Berry Seconded by Councilor Dunwell and Councilor Shevlin.

Voting Yea:

Mayor O'Neil, Council President Berry, Councilor Dunwell, Councilor Shevlin, Councilor Cunningham

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

To conclude, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, both the Mayor and City Manager shared an Irish Blessing.

ADJOURN

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder

ATTEST:

Shawn O'Neil, Mayor