



WORK SESSION

June 16, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Wilsonville City Hall & Remote Video Conferencing

I WILL CALL TO ORDER THE WORK SESSION OF THE WILSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL OF JUNE 16, 2025, AT 5:30 PM. (HIT GAVEL)

REVIEW OF AGENDA AND ITEMS ON CONSENT [5:30 PM]

I WILL START BY ASKING COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR REVIEW OF THE AGENDA AND ITEMS ON CONSENT. ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS?

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COUNCILORS' CONCERNS [5:35 PM]

UNDER COUNCILOR CONCERNS, I WANT TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO SHARE SOME SMALL BUT IMPORTANT UPDATES ABOUT HOW I'LL BE MANAGING OUR COUNCIL PROCESSES MOVING FORWARD.

THESE AREN'T IN RESPONSE TO ANY ONE PERSON OR SITUATION — RATHER, THEY'RE COURSE CORRECTIONS TO HELP MAINTAIN A FAIR, ORDERLY, AND PRODUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT, ESPECIALLY AS OUR DISCUSSIONS BECOME MORE COMPLEX OR HIGH-PROFILE.

FIRST, I'VE BEEN FAIRLY INFORMAL IN USING THE NOTIFICATION MONITOR TO RECOGNIZE COUNCILORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK.

THAT APPROACH WORKED WELL — UNTIL IT DIDN'T. IN MEETINGS WHERE MANY WANT TO WEIGH IN, LACK OF STRUCTURE CAN CREATE CONFUSION OR FRUSTRATION.

SO, FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE RECOGNIZING COUNCILORS SOLELY THROUGH THE MONITOR FEATURE. THIS ENSURES FAIRNESS AND CLARITY IN THE ORDER OF PARTICIPATION. I WILL CALL ON COUNCIL PRESIDENT BERRY TO ASSIST ME WHEN I GET BUSY RUNNING THE MEETING TO HELP ME KEEP AN EYE ON THE MONITOR.

SECOND, FOR AGENDA ITEMS EXPECTED TO GENERATE SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION, I'LL BE ASKING EACH COUNCILOR TO BEGIN WITH NO MORE THAN TWO QUESTIONS.

IF YOU HAVE MORE, JUST LET ME KNOW. I'LL CHECK THE MONITOR, AND IF NO OTHER COUNCILOR IS WAITING, YOU'LL BE WELCOME TO CONTINUE.

IF SOMEONE ELSE IS IN THE QUEUE, I'LL CALL ON THEM AFTER YOUR SECOND QUESTION IS ANSWERED, AND WE'LL CONTINUE IN THAT ROTATION UNTIL ALL QUESTIONS ARE ADDRESSED.

TO BE CLEAR, IF YOUR QUESTIONS ARE NOT ADDRESSED BY ANOTHER COUNCILOR, I WILL COME BACK TO YOU IN THE END IN ORDER TO ALLOW YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK ANY REMAINING QUESTIONS THAT WERE NOT ANSWERED THAT YOU HAVE.

THIS ENSURES EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE, WHILE KEEPING THE MEETING FOCUSED AND EFFICIENT.

THIRD, IF YOU PLAN TO SHARE DEMONSTRATIVE MATERIALS OR DOCUMENTS THAT ARE OUTSIDE THE RELEVANT COUNCIL PACKET DURING A CITY COUNCIL MEETING, PLEASE HAVE COURTESY COPIES PROVIDED TO ALL COUNCILORS AND THE CITY MANAGER PRIOR TO THE RELEVANT WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR NAME AS PRESENTING THIS INFORMATION. IF YOUR MATERIALS INCLUDE DATA OR FACTUAL INFORMATION, PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE THE SOURCE, AUTHOR, AND PUBLICATION DATE. THIS GIVES US ALL A SHARED FOUNDATION FOR THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION AND DECISION-MAKING DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS.

THESE UPDATES ARE NOT ABOUT LIMITING DIALOGUE — THEY'RE ABOUT STRUCTURING IT IN A WAY THAT SUPPORTS RESPECTFUL PARTICIPATION AND TRANSPARENCY. I APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AS WE IMPLEMENT THEM.

I ALSO WANT TO SHARE SOMETHING I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND MORE FULLY SINCE TAKING OFFICE. AS MAYOR, I'VE FOUND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO HAVE CERTAIN OFFLINE CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCILORS — NOT BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO, BUT BECAUSE OF HOW OREGON'S ETHICS LAWS ARE CURRENTLY BEING INTERPRETED. UNDER THE CURRENT GUIDANCE, IF TWO COUNCILORS ARE ALREADY COMMUNICATING

OFFLINE ABOUT A MATTER BEFORE THE COUNCIL, AND I NEED TO RAISE A PROTOCOL-RELATED CONCERN THAT POTENTIALLY TOUCHES ON THAT MATTER, I'VE CONCLUDED I CANNOT DO SO — EVEN THROUGH OUR CITY ATTORNEY — OUTSIDE OF A PUBLIC MEETING. THAT'S A SHIFT FROM TRADITIONAL PRACTICE AND ONE I HOPE THE LEGISLATURE EVENTUALLY CLARIFIES.

BUT FOR NOW, I WANT TO BE UPFRONT ABOUT HOW I'M NAVIGATING THIS IN GOOD FAITH.

FINALLY, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT WE ALL KNOW TO BE TRUE — EACH OF US BRINGS OUR OWN LIVED AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES TO THIS ROLE & STYLES IN COMMUNICATING. THAT DIVERSITY OF PERSPECTIVE AND COMMUNICATION IS ONE OF OUR GREATEST STRENGTHS. IN MY CASE, HAVING SPENT YEARS LITIGATING IN BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR, ESPECIALLY IN EMPLOYMENT MATTERS, & ADVISING CLIENTS. I TEND TO LEAN ON OBJECTIVE, CREDIBLE EVIDENCE OVER ASSUMPTION OR CONJECTURE.

I ALSO BRING THE PERSPECTIVES OF A FATHER AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNER. JUST AS YOUR BACKGROUNDS SHAPE HOW YOU APPROACH YOUR WORK, MINE DOES TOO. AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS COUNCIL PARTICULARLY STRONG AND THOUGHTFUL — OUR DIFFERENCES, WORKING IN CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AS WE MOVE FORWARD — TOGETHER.

WITH THAT ARE THERE ANY OTHER COUNCILOR CONCERNS BEFORE WE START OUR WORK SESSION?