



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 18, 2024 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 18, 2024. The Council President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Mayor Fitzgerald – arrived at 7:23 p.m.
Council President Akervall
Councilor Linville
Councilor Berry
Councilor Dunwell

STAFF PRESENT

Amanda Guile-Hinman, City Attorney
Andrew Barrett, Capital Projects Engineering Manager
Bryan Cosgrove, City Manager
Jeanna Troha, Assistant City Manager
Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder
Zach Weigel, City Engineer
Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager

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

The Council President requested a motion to modify the agenda to move the Mayor's Business to after Citizen Input and Community Announcements. It was explained that the Mayor had another meeting and would return to the City Council meeting around 7:25 p.m.

Motion: Moved to modify the agenda to move the Mayor's Business to after the Citizen Input and Community Announcements section on the agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Dunwell, Seconded by Councilor Berry.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Akervall, Councilor Linville, Councilor Berry, Councilor Dunwell

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

Motion: Moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion made by Councilor Dunwell, Seconded by Councilor Berry.

Voting Yea:

Councilor Akervall, Councilor Linville, Councilor Berry, Councilor Dunwell

Vote: Motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

4. Representative Courtney Neron End of Legislative Session Presentation

State Representative Courtney Neron summarized actions taken by the State legislature during the 2024 legislative session, which included legislation aimed at increasing housing production, providing better access to mental health resources and addiction treatment, addressing the homelessness crisis, building safer communities, and expanding access to childcare. The PowerPoint displayed has been made part of the record.

Council comments ensued.

The Mayor returned to the City Council meeting at 7:23 p.m. and called for a recess at 7:28 p.m. for treats to celebrate the halting of tolling.

The City Council meeting resumed at 7:39 p.m.

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 community members voiced their concerns regarding the road and school construction in the Frog Pond West, Morgan Farm neighborhood:

- Elizabeth Lee
- Julie Shelton Egan
- John Eagan
- Donald Olson
- Adam Desample

The Mayor announced she spoke to and would continue to speak to the West Linn-Wilsonville School District Superintendent and staff regarding construction concerns.

It was noted that Council members had been in contact with City staff about concerns heard by residents. In addition, many had visited and would continue to visit the neighborhood to check on progress.

Zach Weigel, City Engineer and Andrew Barrett, Capital Projects Engineering Manager were then invited to address the residents' concerns.

Council and staff reiterated regular communication would continue with the School District and with residents. The Capital Projects Engineering Manager whom serves as the Project Manager shared his contact information is available on project materials and encouraged residents to contact him directly regarding any concerns.

Safety protocols for emergencies were discussed. It was explained that protocols for emergency access require all emergency vehicles have immediate access through the project work area.

Council empathized with residents, acknowledged their frustrations, and appreciated them for sharing their concerns about the construction.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

5. Upcoming Meetings

The Mayor provided details on the following meetings and events:

Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT)

- The Mayor and the City's Economic Development Manager along with Clackamas County Commissioner Schrader, met with OIT President Dr. Naganathan and staff.
- Commissioner Schrader whom was working on County economic development goals initiated the meeting.
- At the meeting, collaboration opportunities were discussed.
- The Mayor shared the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce produced a report that said OIT had the top return in Oregon and that their alumni are the highest earning graduates of any four-year Oregon University.

- It was noted that the effects of the pandemic on higher education had been impactful and changed the way people wanted to travel to school.
- It was reported that there was continued interest in a hybrid education.
- During, the meeting there was discussions about connecting students with local high-tech industries and health care industries to make it easier for students to receive higher education degrees, and then on to higher paying jobs.

Westside Express Service (WES)

- The Mayor had a meeting with City of Salem Mayor Hoy regarding the proposed bill to study extending the Westside Express Service (WES) Commuter Train from Wilsonville to Salem.
- The Salem Mayor had expressed some of the same comments heard in Representative Neron's end of legislative session presentation regarding a potential extension of the WES service.
- The Mayor mentioned that the WES study was unfunded. Despite this, there was interest from various partners to collaborate and explore the considerable potential of a commuter train service between Wilsonville and Salem. This collaboration aimed to assist the 2025 legislature in their decision-making when reconvened.
- The Mayor appreciated the work of Representative Neron, Senator Woods, and Senator Mannix on this legislation.

Kitakata Ramen

- The Mayor had a follow-up meeting with principles of the Global Ramen Company, which Councilors had met during their visit to Kitakata, Japan.
- The Mayor noted the Global Ramen Company had a couple of restaurants in Europe, many in Japan, and seven in California.
- It was shared that a goal of the longstanding relationship with Kitakata, Japan was collaboration and learning of each other's culture along with economic development opportunities.
- The City connected the visitors with representatives from the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Business Oregon and the Wheat Marketing Center, and Asian food developers and processors.

Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Meeting

- The Mayor shared the C4 Committee meets once a month.
- At the last meeting, members heard a report from Clackamas County Health and Human Services on the results received in the last three years, and more specifically the last eight months in reducing homelessness.
- It was shared in the past resources were so limited the County had a waiting list of 1,800 people waiting for a response.
- Now because of the people who voted for and contributed to the Supportive Housing Services Tax, Clackamas County had resources, which had resulted in a waiting list no longer needed, and quicker call returns.
- Moreover, Clackamas County Health and Human Services was building and establishing housing for people.
- The Mayor expressed the desire to connect Wilsonville residents to services they may need in order to succeed.

Westside Economic Alliance (WEA) Policy Conference

- The Mayor attended the WEA Policy Conference in Hillsboro.
- Thanked Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, for her support again of the WES to Salem study bill.

Washington County Coordinating Committee (WCCC)

- The Mayor attended the March 18, 2024 Washington County Coordinating Committee meeting.
- At that meeting, the Committee approved a \$1.7 million allocation to the 65th/Elligsen/Stafford Road intersection of Transportation Development Tax funds.
- These are fees are charged to new developments in Washington County for impacts to roadways and to make capacity improvements.
- The current estimated cost to complete was \$13 million with \$8.7 million dedicated to this project.
- It included \$6 million in funding from the Clackamas County Vehicle Registration Fee fund and \$1 million of City System Development Charge funds.
- At the Washington County Coordinating Committee meeting the Metro-area Joint Policy Committee on Transportation annual lobby trip to Washington DC was discussed, which the Mayor and City staff planned to attend.
- Dwight Brashear, Transit Director planned to attend the annual trip and advocate for a number of important projects, including a \$22 million grant request for the I-5 Bike/Ped Bridge connecting the Wilsonville Transit Center to the Town Center, as well as funding for the 65th/Elligsen/Stafford Road intersection.

Cultural Calendar

- The Mayor shared a list of events on the March Cultural Calendar created by the DEI Committee:
 - Ramadan Begins
 - Women's History Month on March 8, 2024
 - Holi on March 8, 2024
 - Nowruz, the Iranian New Year and/or Persian New Year on March 21-22, 2024
 - César Chávez Day on March 31, 2024
 - International Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31, 2024

Egg Hunt

- The Annual Wilsonville Egg Hunt event designed for children up to 11 years old was scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2024 at Memorial Park.

City Council Meeting

- The next City Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2024.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS, LIAISON REPORTS AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. Council President Akervall

Councilor Akervall provided details on the following meetings and events:

- City of Ashland Child Consortium Committee meeting on March 6, 2024
- DEI Lecture Series: LGBTQIA+: Understanding and Allyship on March 6, 2024
- DEI Lecture Series: A Couple's Search for Sanctuary on April 4, 2024
- Cherry Blossom event hosted by the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board on March 23, 2024

7. Councilor Linville

Councilor Linville provided details on the following meetings and events:

- Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Board meeting on March 6, 2024
- Aurora State Airport Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on March 12, 2024
- Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee on March 19, 2024

8. Councilor Berry

Councilor Berry provided details on the following meetings and events:

- DEI Lecture Series: LGBTQIA+: Understanding and Allyship on March 6, 2024
- Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee on March 19, 2024
- Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Subcommittee meeting on March 20, 2024

9. Councilor Dunwell

Councilor Dunwell provided details on the following meetings and events:

- Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area Coalition meeting on March 18, 2024
- French Prairie Forum meeting on March 20, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

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

10. Minutes of the March 4, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Motion: Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Motion made by Member Akervall, Seconded by Member Dunwell.

Voting Yea: Mayor Fitzgerald, Councilor Akervall, Councilor Linville, Councilor Berry, Councilor Dunwell

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

11. Ordinance No. 889 2nd Reading (*Legislative Land Use*)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Wilsonville Amending The Text Of The Development Code To Make Minor Modifications To The Coffee Creek Industrial Design Overlay District Standards.

The Mayor read the second reading script.

There was no further input from staff.

The Mayor requested a motion on Ordinance No. 889 on second reading.

Motion: Moved to adopt Ordinance No. 889 on second reading.

Motion made by Councilor Berry, Seconded by Councilor Dunwell.

Voting Yea:

Mayor Fitzgerald, Councilor Akervall, Councilor Linville, Councilor Berry, Councilor Dunwell

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none.

CITY MANAGER’S BUSINESS

There was none.

LEGAL BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURN

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder

ATTEST:

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

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