



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 04, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Wilsonville City Hall

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 Thursday, September 4, 2025. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:11 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
Cricket Jones, Finance Operations Supervisor
Jeanna Troha, Assistant City Manager
Kerry Rappold, Natural Resources Manager
Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder
Tommy Reeder, Parks Maintenance Specialist
Zach Weigel, City Engineer
Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager

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

Motion: Moved to approve the following order of 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.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS**3. Upcoming Meetings**School Back in Session

- The Mayor reminded school was back in session and vacations were winding down, but sports, clubs, and other activities were in full swing.
- The audience was reminded to drive safely and watch out for kids and school zones.

Council Goal

- The Mayor spoke about the City Council Goal to build trust through better communication and engagement.
- He noted that meant engaging the community on the urban renewal infrastructure funding, creating a town centered communications strategy, and improving online tools so more residents can connect with the City.
- The Mayor shared progress was being made towards this goal and as a part of the effort each member of City Council met with CFM Advocates, to share their thoughts and ideas.
- Moving forward there would be three focus groups, proponents, opponents and neutral.

Tour with Representative Rieke Smith

- Mid-August 2025 State Representative Sue Rieke Smith, joined City staff on a tour of the following:
 - SMART's operations facility to highlight the City's outstanding public transit system and our transition to a clean fuels fleet.
 - Vuela, the transit-oriented affordable housing development currently under construction.
 - The Wastewater Treatment Facility and the constrained site that they must operate on while maintaining state and federal rules for handling wastewater.
 - Town Center to provide an overview of the community-driven 2019 Town Center Plan, including the pedestrian bridge over I-5.
 - Coffee Creek and Basalt Creek showcase Wilsonville's employment lands and opportunities for creating living wage jobs.
- Representative Rieke Smith was appreciative of the tour and there is no replacement for seeing something with your own eyes, so this will help Wilsonville as we tell our story and make policy proposals in Salem.

Senator Woods Memorial

- On August 13, 2025, the City held a memorial for the late State Senator Aaron Woods in Town Center Park to recognize his significant contributions to the City of Wilsonville and the State of Oregon. Speakers included State Senator Courtney Neron Misslin, former Mayors Tim Knapp and Julie Fitzgerald, Clackamas Community College President Tim Cook, and other community leaders.
- The event was well-attended by community members, and several members of Aaron's family traveling in for the service and dedication of a park bench in his memory.

Oregon Mayor's Association (OMA) Conference

- Mid-August 2025 the Mayor attended the Oregon Mayor's Association Conference in Baker City. It was an opportunity for mayors across the state of Oregon to come together and share best practices and discuss shared challenges.
- Regardless of size, urban versus rural, coast or far east, cities in Oregon have common issues, including the need for more housing at all affordability levels, the desire for good jobs and healthy communities, and an interest in protecting our local autonomy and individual character that makes our cities unique.

Portland General Electric (PGE) Open House

- The Mayor attended along with Councilors Dunwell and Cunningham PGE's August 19, 2025, open house at Clackamas Community College.

Boone Bridge Progress Meeting

- The Boone Bridge Seismic Resiliency Project is the City of Wilsonville's prime legislative priority. Thanks to the efforts of State Senator Courtney Neron Misslin, the Legislature recently approved \$1 million dollars for preliminary work that will inform the eventual engineering and design of a new bridge.
- The Mayor joined Senator Neron Misslin, Representative Rieke Smith, staff from Congresswoman Salinas' office, Oregon Department of Transportation Director Kris Strickler and other ODOT staff, and City of Wilsonville representatives at a meeting to discuss how to efficiently and effectively use that \$1 million of secured funding and opportunities to seek additional resources. ODOT recommended conducting a geotechnical study, which tells engineers what soil and rock conditions are like underground, which the group supported.
- There also was energy around developing a larger coalition of supporters from the community and private sector who can help tell the story of the Boone Bridge and why it is a project of statewide significance.

Wilsonville Rotary Club

- On August 7, 2025, the Mayor attended the last Rotary concert of the year.
- In addition, the Mayor shared he had been invited to speak at a Rotary meeting about the City Council Goals.

Legislative Special Session

- Beginning Friday, August 29, 2025, the Legislature convened a special session to discuss transportation funding. The effort, led by Governor Kotek, seeks to backfill operations and maintenance funding for ODOT as revenue from the gas tax declines because of fuel-efficient vehicles.
- The proposal raises the gas tax and other fees, including extra fees on fully electric and highly efficient vehicles and sets in motion a transition to a road user charge where people pay to support our road system based on miles traveled rather than fuel efficiency, leveling the playing field.
- It also temporarily doubles the 0.1% payroll tax that funds transit to 0.2% until January 1, 2028. SMART would receive additional funds to support new vehicles, service enhancements, and other benefits.
- Following two public hearings totaling around six hours and thousands of written comments submitted, the Oregon House passed the transportation proposal over Labor Day weekend. The bill was now awaiting action in the Senate, which was delayed until September 17, 2025.

City Council Meeting

- Next City Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS

4. Wilsonville Community Sharing Update

Cricket Jones, Finance Operations Supervisor, added to the Mayor's introduction of Leigh Crosby, Executive Director of Wilsonville Community Sharing, and Jerri Bohard, President of the Wilsonville Community Sharing (WCS) Board. The duo then gave an update on WCS work supporting community members who need temporary help getting a nutritious meal for their family or with other basic needs like utility bills. The PowerPoint displayed has been added to the record.

Following the presentation Council appreciated the organization for all the work they do to support the community.

5. Watching Wilsonville Wildlife - CEP

Kerry Rappold, Natural Resources Manager, presented on the Watching Wilsonville Wildlife – Community Enhancement Program (CEP) funded through a Metro Community Enhancement Grant. The PowerPoint displayed has been added to the record.

The Natural Resources Manager explained that wildlife monitoring began with the Boeckman Road project, which created wildlife crossing structures to mitigate the impact of roads on a major wildlife corridor. The City applied the knowledge from the Boeckman Road crossing to create the Kinsman Road crossing and in 2023 expanded to a citywide program distributing wildlife cameras throughout Wilsonville.

Staff explained the program documented the biodiversity of wildlife in Wilsonville and monitors how animals use wildlife passages and corridors. Council was shown photos and videos captured by the cameras.

The Natural Resources Manager highlighted that the program helped staff understand wildlife preferences, behaviors, and habitat needs, which assists in preservation efforts as development continues. It was noted that cameras were placed at local schools to incorporate wildlife education into curricula, allowing students to see what wildlife exists in their immediate surroundings.

Council comments followed staff's presentation.

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:

- Elizabeth Peters
- Bill Bagnall
- Liz Ciz
- Susan Reep
- Mary Rooney

COUNCILOR COMMENTS, LIAISON REPORTS AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. Council President Berry

Council President Berry provided a detailed report on the following items:

- City of Wilsonville Employee Picnic on August 27, 2025
- Mayor's presentation at the Wilsonville Rotary meeting on August 28, 2025
- Tourism Promotion Committee on September 3, 2025
- Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce Spark meeting on September 10, 2025
- Tourism Accessibility Training on October 3, 2025

In addition to the above events the Council President highlighted the Boones Ferry Messenger, recommending an article titled *"What is the City doing about all of the vacant Wilsonville businesses?"*

7. Councilor Dunwell

Councilor Dunwell restated her comments made in Work Session regarding the importance of fiscal responsibility and quality of life, stating that while she supports DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), she does not consider it the City's "North Star". The Councilor emphasized continuing to focus on both quality of life and fiscal responsibility.

8. Councilor Cunningham

Councilor Cunningham provided a detailed report on the following items:

- Neighborhood Night Out on August 5, 2025
- Human Trafficking presentation on August 5, 2025
- Peer Support Specialist interviews on August 6 and 8, 2025
- Boones Ferry Days discussion on August 18, 2025
- PGE Open House on August 19, 2025
- Party in the Park August 21, 2025
- Wilsonville High School Football Game September 5, 2025

9. Councilor Shevlin

Councilor Shevlin provided a detailed report on the following items:

- Through A Child's Eyes (TACE) on August 10, 2025
- Former Senator Aaron Woods Memorial Service on August 13, 2025
- City of Wilsonville Employee Picnic on August 27, 2025
- Party in the Park August 21, 2025
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion(DEI) Cultural Calendar
 - Hispanic Heritage Month was September 15, 2025, through October 15, 2025
 - Rosh Hashanah was September 22 through 24, 2025
 - Yom Kippur was observed on October 1 and 2, 2025
- Emergency Preparedness Fair on September 20, 2025
- Shred Day on October 4, 2025
- Coffee meetings with constituents on going.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Attorney read the titles of the Consent Agenda into the record.

10. **Resolution No. 3212**

A Resolution Of The City Of Wilsonville Supporting An Application With The Oregon Department Of Land Conservation And Development (DLCD) For A 2025-2027 Housing Planning Assistance Grant For The Housing Statutory Compliance Project.

11. Minutes of August 4, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Motion: Moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Berry, Seconded by Councilor Cunningham.

Voting Yea:

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

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none.

CITY MANAGER'S BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that the request for proposals (RFP) for search firms to assist with hiring a new city manager closed earlier in the day at 5:00 p.m. The City Manager explained that Human Resources Manager would soon send City Council proposals and a criteria ranking form. In addition, City Council could decide whether to interview firms or select based on the submissions.

The City Manager explained he created the Town Center focus group signup form just before the Party in the Park event to capture names of interested participants. The City Manager clarified the logistics of the process for focus groups had not yet been established. However, he anticipated the focus groups would be held in mid-October 2025. Those interested in taking part of the focus groups were encouraged to reach out to the City Manager and he would pass the information along to the consultants.

Lastly, the City Manager announced he would be absent from the September 15, 2025, City Council meeting as he would be celebrating his 62nd birthday with his son in Central Oregon.

LEGAL BUSINESS

The City Attorney announced that the community questionnaire on RV and abandoned vehicle code enforcement was live on Let's Talk Wilsonville through October 5, 2025, with over forty responses already received.

The City Attorney reported that the City has signed on to two additional opioid settlements: the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy and Sackler family direct settlement (approximately \$66 million to Oregon) and a settlement with eight secondary manufacturers (approximately \$10 million to Oregon). These funds would help support the peer support specialist position.

ADJOURN

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder

ATTEST:

Shawn O'Neil, Mayor