Wilsonville City Council Meeting

Mayor's Business Report – Monday, November 3, 2025

Presented by Shawn O'Neil, Mayor

CALL TO ORDER [7:00 PM]

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Motion to approve the following order of the agenda
- 4. Oath of office administered by Judge Fred Weinhouse to Councilor Sam Scull
- 5. Break for refreshments

MAYOR'S BUSINESS [7:20 PM]

6. Upcoming Meetings

COMMUNICATIONS [7:25 PM]

- 7. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update
- Community Enhancement Project Update Heart of the City Project Report

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS [7:30 PM]

4A. MAYOR'S BUSINESS – Recent Meetings, Events, Etc.

Good evening. I hope everyone had a safe, fun Halloween trick-or-treating in Wilsonville's neighborhoods. I know many kids, including

older kids who weren't able to trick-or-treat during COVID, enjoyed the holiday this year.

This past weekend was also **Dia de los Muertos**, the Day of the Dead, a Mexican holiday where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes food, drink, and celebration.

DC Trip

Last week, Assistant City Manager Jeanna Troha, Government Relations Manager Everett Wild, and myself traveled to Washington, DC to meet with our Congressional delegation and other key agencies to advocate on behalf of Wilsonville priorities—primarily the Boone Bridge, but also infrastructure funding, transit, the Aurora Airport, and housing. Later on our agenda is a debrief where we will share more details.

Town Center Focus Groups

On Thursday, October 23 and Saturday, October 25, the City in partnership with **DHM Research** conducted **three focus groups** on the Town Center Plan. The goal is to better understand Wilsonville residents' level of awareness about the Town Center Plan and gather feedback on how to implement its vision.

Thank you to all who participated in the focus groups. Council and staff will review the data collected from the focus groups and decide next

steps. It's important that future activities that inform potential next steps are reflective of our community and the diverse perspectives among our residents. Please stay tuned for next steps and other ways to share feedback on Town Center — which could include surveys, workshops, meetings, etc. These will be announced on the City's communication channels (Boones Ferry Messenger, social media, website, etc.) as they become available.

MAPS Credit Union Ribbon Cutting

I attended the ribbon cutting for a new business in Wilsonville—MAPS Credit Union, which opened a branch in Town Center. Thank you to the Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce for helping organize the event. Wilsonville is a business-friendly community and we're always happy to see businesses want to expand and grow in our community.

Kitakata Student Delegation

Wilsonville has a longstanding sister city relationship with **Kitakata Japan**—since October 1988. In December, a group of 13 middle school students and 2 adult chaperones will be visiting for a **cultural exchange** program. **Host families** are needed to accommodate one of the visiting students. If you are interested in participating, apply online at "WilsonvilleOregon [dot] gov [slash] BC [hyphen] KSCAB" or email Recreation Coordinator Erica Behler at "behler [at] WilsonvilleOregon [dot] gov."

4B. MAYOR'S BUSINESS – Upcoming Meetings, Events, Etc.

Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 11 is **Veterans' Day**, a time to reflect and honor those who have served our country. Originally called Armistice Day to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Versailles ending the First World War at 11am on November 11, 1918, it was expanded after World War II to honor all veterans.

All are welcomed to join the City for a **Veteran's Day Ceremony** at **10:00am** in **Town Center Park**. The event will include a reminder of the meaning of Veteran's Day, a memorial wreath presentation, and the playing of Taps.

Please note that many city services, including City Hall and the Library, will be closed on Tuesday to in recognition of Veteran's Day. SMART busses will continue operating as normal.

Native American Heritage Month Proclamation

In the City Council packet is a proclamation for **Native American Heritage Month** which recognizes the significant contributions of indigenous people in the United States and provides a platform to share their culture, traditions, music, crafts, dance, and ways and concepts of life and spirituality.

Native American Heritage Month is celebrated each year in November. It is a time to celebrate the traditions, languages, and stories of Native American and Alaska Native communities and ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation. This November and every month, we celebrate these remarkable Americans who deeply enrich the quality and character of our nation. We celebrate Indian Country with its remarkable diversity of Native American and Alaska Native cultures and peoples. Additionally, Native Americans have made significant contributions to the United States as veterans.

Bulky Waste Day Recap

October 22nd was **Bulky Waste Day**. Republic Services collected **44.3 tons** from **390 participants**. My gratitude to the **Wilsonville Rotary** for organizing **16 volunteers** to come pick up items from **34 households** that might have otherwise been unable to participate. Their volunteer force included 5 Wilsonville High School students; I understand that one of those student volunteers was **Caden Cunningham**!

Also, many thanks to the participants who donated to **Wilsonville Community Sharing** while dropping off their bulky items. Residents donated **over \$4,400 dollars**, which will go to support neighbors in need and reduce hunger in our community.

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

On November 14, 1960, **Ruby Bridges** became the first African-American to integrate in a southern public school. Despite the Supreme Court's landmark ruling *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1945, southern states were resistant under Jim Crow laws. It took another federal court ruling to get Louisiana schools to integrate, and at 6 years old, Ruby Bridges attended her first day of school at Frantz Elementary in New Orleans.

On Friday, November 14, join SMART and the Oregon Safe Routes to School program to celebrate Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, which gives students the chance to celebrate Ruby's courage and learn about the Civil Rights movement by walking to school. More information can be found on the SMART website, "RideSMART [dot] com."

Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance, a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. The day was founded to draw attention to the continued violence directed toward transgender people.

Next City Council Meeting

Our next City Council meeting will be on **Monday, November 17** starting at 7 PM.

5. COMMUNICATIONS [7:15 PM]

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

The City's **Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee** serves to connect Wilsonville to the diverse perspectives and lived experiences of its people, advocating for access and opportunity for every community member. Please welcome DEI Committee **Chair Karla Brashear** and **Vice-Chair Erika Pham**, as well as **Zoe Mombert** from City Administration.

Community Enhancement Project Update – Heart of the City Project Report

Next we will hear an update from **Lyn Wechel** and **Zoe Mombert**, Assistant to the City Manager, about the **Heart of the City** project, which is funded through a **Community Enhancement Grant** from **Metro**.

CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS [7:55 PM]

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