

Wilsonville City Council Meeting
Mayor's Business Report – Monday, December 20, 2021
Presented by Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

News to Report since our last Council Meeting.

1. Aurora-Wilsonville Mayors' Letter to the Governor

Two weeks ago the Oregon Supreme Court upheld a ruling by the Court of Appeals in a case brought by the Cities of Aurora and Wilsonville.

The Courts found that the Oregon Department of Aviation violated the state's land-use system when approving a 2011-12 Aurora State Airport master plan with a longer runway.

Now the Department of Aviation is undertaking a new federally-funded master planning process for the Aurora State Airport.

As we discussed at our last Council meeting, unfortunately the new master planning process has gotten off to a rocky start.

City of Aurora Mayor Brian Asher and I collaborated on writing a letter to Governor Brown. We seek her intervention with the Department of Aviation to ensure a fair, valid master planning process with meaningful public engagement.

As 'Mayors of the Aurora State Airport Area Communities,' we listed a number of significant public concerns, including:

- The Department of Aviation's predisposition favoring airport runway extension that enables increased sales of leaded aviation-fuel gas and is directly contrary to the Governor's Executive Order on Climate Action,
- An master plan advisory committee stacked with a majority of interests financially benefiting by taxpayer-funded airport expansion,

- Exclusion of key state agencies—Departments of Agriculture and Environmental Quality—that work respectively with local-area farms and protecting public health and the environment,
- A sloppy, biased airport master-planning public process that fails to provide meaningful community engagement, and
- Promoting false information about the seismic resilience of the Aurora State Airport, which is listed at the lowest-level of Tier 3 airports in the Oregon Resilience Plan and located in an area subject to major potential damage in a projected 9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake.

We look forward to the Governor’s assistance to improve this situation.

2. Oregon Army National Guard Ribbon-Cutting

I attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony last week for the new Oregon Army National Guard recruiting office in Wilsonville.

This was a fun event with Army National Guard Captain Beaty and Chamber of Commerce president Jaimy Beltran.

A number of City staff members attended, including those who have served or are serving in the Guard, which includes our City Manager Bryan Cosgrove and Assistant City Attorney Ryan Adams.

We wish to say thank you to the soldiers of the Oregon Army National Guard who are called-up from their day-jobs to become heroes in service to their community and country.

3. 2021 CCBA Annual Board Meeting

I attended the Annual Board Meeting of the Clackamas County Business Alliance.

We reviewed the 2021 financials and approved the 2022 budget.

We also heard a Government Affairs Committee Update and had a good discussion regarding Future CCBA Forum Topics.

4. Washington County Meetings

Attended meetings of the Washington County Coordinating Committee and the Mayors of Washington County.

At the WCCC meeting we:

- Approved a \$25,000 MS TIP Opportunity Fund Request by Westside Transportation Alliance to leverage a \$75K Metro Regional Travel Options (RTO) grant program application.
- Heard a DLCD Presentation on Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities that raised several issues noted in our last Council meeting.
- Saw an ODOT Presentation on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Oregon Transportation Commission's Allocation Process. The City will want to offer comment on how the OTC should invest these federal funds.
- We also reviewed a Draft WCCC Letter to Metro Council on 2023 Regional Transportation Plan Scoping Comments. The City and SMART are also drafting a comment letter to Metro on RTP priorities.

5. MMC meetings

Attended two Metropolitan Mayors Consortium meetings where we elected 2022 officers and developed draft 2022 legislative priorities.

Upcoming Meetings and Events...

6. Winter Holidays

I hope that everyone has a good next couple of weeks during the Winter Holidays. I anticipate that most of our meetings are cancelled over the next couple of weeks, and so hope everyone has an opportunity to visit with family and friends and recharge the batteries.

7. Next City Council meeting is Thursday, January 20.