



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOR APRIL 23, 2012

Present: Mayor Lou Ogden; Council President Monique Beikman; Councilor Wade Brooksby (arrived at 5:52 p.m.); Councilor Frank Bubenik; Councilor Joelle Davis; Councilor Nancy Grimes; Councilor Ed Truax

Staff Present: City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Brenda Braden; Police Chief Kent Barker; Community Development Director Alice Rouyer; Operations Director Dan Boss; Community Services Director Paul Hennon; Finance Director Don Hudson; Deputy City Manager Sara Singer; Associate Planner Cindy Hahn; Project Engineer Dayna Webb; Engineering Manager Kaaren Hofmann; Management Analyst Ben Bryant; Deputy City Recorder Maureen Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Review and Finalize List of Transportation System Plan Projects to be Forwarded to the Technical Evaluation Process

Community Development Director Alice Rouyer began the discussion on review and finalization of the list of Transportation System Plan projects. Also present was Theresa Carr, CH2M Hill technical consultants for the Transportation System Plan (TSP). A list of projects to be forwarded to the technical evaluation process has been prepared for the TSP, and the Council is being asked to review the list of projects and determine if additional projects need to be added prior to the evaluation process.

A PowerPoint presentation was made, and Ms. Carr reviewed the project screening process and results. Open houses, online comments and six working groups were created, which included industry and freight, major corridors, neighborhood livability, downtown, bike and pedestrian and transit, resulting in collecting over 200 potential project ideas. From the list of projects a screening process was applied that assessed feasibility among other reasons, resulting in whether to include or not include particular projects. Ms. Carr continued with review and explanation of the screening questions that were asked to determine the current list.

Discussion followed on addressing east/west movement in the City's transportation system. Ms. Carr said the north/south connection is still being considered. Ms. Carr explained that this project appears in more than one working group area, although worded slightly different, and said they will be looking at removing redundancy in the future. Council President Beikman said it was her understanding that Metro has tasked Tualatin to find a northern roadway connection with the removal of the northern arterial (Alternative 7).

Discussion continued. Mayor Ogden commented that this is an organic, community-driven process, and said what comes out of the process needs to be driven by the community, not by the Council. He wants to be certain the public would have the opportunity to weigh-in on the projects. When a community-driven plan is created, if it has been the consensus of the community, it should still be taken through the various models to ensure they meet technical requirements, which in turn could spur additional community process.

Discussion followed. Director Rouyer concluded with the review of the Next Steps as outlined in the PowerPoint.

3. Review and Comment on the Refined Focus Area Boundaries, Transit-Oriented Place Types, and the Constraints and Opportunities Report for the Linking Tualatin Project

Community Development Director Rouyer was present and introduced Associate Planner, Cindy Hahn, project manager for Linking Tualatin.

Associate Planner Hahn made a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the progress of the project. Information gathering and reports have been completed and meetings/events held. Staff has been working on refining project focus area boundaries and land use types. The information was presented to the Transit Working Group, Tualatin Planning Commission, and the Transportation Task Force for their input. In addition, the Planning Commission reviewed the Constraints and Opportunities Report. The information is presented for review and comment in preparation for the Community Workshop scheduled to occur June 4-7. What is being presented is preliminary at this point and can be subject to change.

The next steps in the project were reviewed. The upcoming Community Workshop in June will be held over the course of four days and will involve staff, consultants, task force members, Planning Commission members, etc. with the discussions in the evening hours geared toward the general public. It was asked and answered that the workshop will be well-publicized and information will be put out as soon as it becomes available. It was asked about the coordination between this project and the Transportation System Plan (TSP), and staff explained that the two projects are working together when the TSP meetings are held each month. One meeting focuses on the TSP, and the other focuses on Linking Tualatin.

Discussion followed and Council wants the assurance that the community will be involved in the high capacity transit process, when and where it will happen. Council President Beikman and Councilor Davis have been involved through this process and explained how the discussions have worked at the TSP meetings on the projects. Council President Beikman commented that it has been a good process and she is impressed with staff, the consultants, and the community.

Discussion continued on the process of reaching the community. Director Rouyer said staff will be back at a future work session with more information.

4. Basalt Creek Transportation Planning / SW 124th Avenue Alignment

Management Analyst Ben Bryant and Washington County Engineer Russ Knobel were present to review the Basalt Creek Transportation evaluation report. A PowerPoint presentation was given reviewing the three Basalt Creek concepts: improve existing roads; diagonal alignment, and east-west alignment.

Analyst Bryant began with a review of Concept 1 alignment and discussion on the 2035 model projection. County Engineer Knobel explained that much of the work that has been done by Metro was completed before the economic downturn.

Analyst Bryant continued with review of Concept 2 and Concept 3, which gives adequate mobility for next 20 years and could supply the anticipated needs. Review continued on the I-5 Connection Component and it was asked if a connection would be included in the concepts. Staff replied it is not included at this point. County Engineer Knobel said that Concept 1 was quickly discarded as it doesn't address future needs, Concept 2 allows for a diagonal alignment, while Concept 3 allows for an extension of Day Road over the freeway.

Analyst Bryant continued with the SW 124th Alignment review. County Engineer Knobel said the direction is whether to move forward with the "red" alignment. He further explained that Washington County plans to do an update on its plan and would include the red alignment, which could then be able to move forward with acquiring right-of-way, etc. It was asked and answered that staff has not heard of any opposition from the property owners, and there has been considerable outreach to the citizenry. Analyst Bryant said of the 49 projects on the MSTIP, the top three are: 1) Basalt Creek, 2) 124th alignment, and 3) Graham's Ferry Road improvements.

Discussion concluded and Council was in agreement with the direction presented by staff.

5. Lake Oswego Urban Growth Boundary Amendment and Concept Planning in Stafford Hamlet

Community Development Director Rouyer began the discussion regarding Lake Oswego's application to Metro for a major amendment to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The request would bring land owned by the City of Lake Oswego into the UGB for park and recreation purposes.

A discussion was held by Lake Oswego and the cities of Tualatin and West Linn and Clackamas County to discuss their application and concept planning in the Stafford Hamlet area. The meeting led to points of discussion on whether the cities had objections to the amendment and that it fits with the overall planning of the Stafford Hamlet area; questions regarding the most appropriate process for the request; and if the new rules apply with the Intergovernmental Agreement between Clackamas County and Metro guiding concept planning for this area.

Director Rouyer noted Clackamas County opposes the request, as stated in the attached letter from the County Board of Commissioners chair, until certain actions are addressed by Lake Oswego. Discussion followed.

Director Rouyer said that Clackamas County is hosting another community forum on May 5, 2012 regarding infrastructure relating to development at Borland and Stafford Roads. Discussion followed on the County's reluctance and unwillingness to involve Tualatin in the discussions on the potential urbanization of the Stafford area. Discussion followed on contacting other agencies for information-gathering and input on the Stafford area.

6. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable

CONSENT AGENDA REVIEW

Council reviewed the agenda with no comments or changes.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councilor Bubenik said the second annual Tualatin Library Foundation's Vine2Wine event went very well and was a great event. Councilor Bubenik also noted his participation at a Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) event that was well-attended.

Councilor Davis mentioned the good work the Community Action Organization (CAO) has done with the Head Start program, among others. They will be holding their annual fundraiser event next month and hopes everyone can attend.

Mayor Ogden adjourned the Work Session at 6:54 p.m.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager



Maureen Smith, Recording Secretary