

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOR NOVEMBER
26, 2012**

Present: Mayor Lou Ogden; Council President Monique Beikman; Councilor Wade Brooksby; Councilor Frank Bubenik; Councilor Joelle Davis; Councilor Nancy Grimes; Councilor Ed Truax

Staff Present: City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Sean Brady; Community Development Director Alice Rouyer; Community Services Director Paul Hennon; Deputy City Manager Sara Singer; Planning Manager Aquilla Hurd-Ravich; Information Services Manager Lance Harris; 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. Transportation System Plan: Boones Ferry Road and 65th Avenue Refinement Areas

City Manager Sherilyn Lombos opened the discussion on the Transportation System Plan (TSP) Boones Ferry Road and 65th Avenue Refinement Areas. Consultants Theresa Carr, CH2M Hill, and Alan Snook, DKS & Associates were present to assist facilitation of the discussion with Council.

Engineering Manager Kaaren Hofmann presented a PowerPoint overview of the TSP traffic analysis, beginning with a timeline example of what happens after adoption of the TSP on short, medium, and long range projects implementation and funding. She continued with a review of the list of projects, noting Project Nos. 25 and 38 are still on the Major Corridors and Intersection list. Community Development Director Alice Rouyer added that staff is looking for Council direction on how to proceed with these projects in the hopes of moving forward with the final adoption of the TSP. The Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee (TPARK) and Tualatin Planning Commission (TPC) recommendations were reviewed. Community Development Director Rouyer reviewed the next steps in the project timeline.

Consultant Theresa Carr provided an overview of the city-wide traffic analysis results for roadway capacity scenarios. Ms. Carr referenced the traffic intersection maps and the levels of service for each. A summary of no-build and low-build operations and travel time findings were reviewed and discussed with Council. She explained the levels of service at intersections in each scenario and what minor tweaks could be done to improve traffic time. Low-build travel times were reviewed and how volume shifts would be impacted with the scenarios. Cost versus benefit analysis was discussed and Ms. Carr explained that in all scenarios the benefits are greater than the cost benefit ratio, notwithstanding funding availability.

Ms. Carr said the Technical Team recommends the low-build scenario, including the Boones Ferry Road project, removing the 65th Avenue project and including a 65th Avenue Refinement Plan instead.

Discussion and questions followed by Council. In reference to the technical memo, consultant Alan Snook responded to the question of road capacity "treatments" and explained the impacts if the low-build scenario was not applied.

Council discussed the low-build scenario and the two refinement areas. The exclusion of the 65th Avenue bridge project and whether to include the refinement plan piece was discussed. It was asked and explained by Ms. Carr that by placing a refinement plan in the TSP, the City commits to that refinement plan at the next TSP update. Council was in agreement not to include the 65th Avenue bridge project and the bike/pedestrian piece. When the opportunity presents itself, the project can be discussed with all stakeholders and a plan can be developed. Councilors Brooksby and Davis suggested it was good idea to talk to people first. The Boones Ferry Road project was discussed, and it was asked and answered that the K-Mart redevelopment was included in the analysis. Council was in agreement to proceed with the project, and the low-build scenario, except Councilor Brooksby, who was in favor of having further discussions before moving forward.

3. Basalt Creek Transportation Refinement Plan

Management Analyst Ben Bryant presented a PowerPoint on the Basalt Creek Transportation Refinement Plan and introduced Washington County Engineer Russ Knoebel.

Management Analyst Bryant gave an overview of the various concepts, and explained the reasoning behind the proposed concepts and costs. A public outreach summary and evaluation results were reviewed. The next steps of the plan were then reviewed. The input received from CIO 6 was mentioned, and a recent e-mail that was sent to Council was noted, which had not yet been seen or reviewed by staff. It was asked and answered by staff that it does not change what is being presented. Discussion followed on the issue and the east-west alignment concept was reviewed.

The Work session reconvened at 8:01 p.m. to continue discussion on the Basalt Creek Transportation Refinement Plan.

Mayor Ogden said there will be another City Council Work Session on December 10th and the Basalt Creek Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for December 11th. Staff from Washington County confirmed that the staff recommendation is the east-west alignment which was shown in the earlier presentation. Mayor Ogden explained that the Council should frame all of the questions which need to be answered before they can make a recommendation to pass on to the Steering Committee.

Councilor Davis said that she has concerns about the grade issue, the environmental impacts, the impacts of the diagonal option and the potential environmental impacts on the adjacent wetlands it would go through. Council President Beikman asked about the Metro Study that has been referred to several times in various emails from the public. Councilor Davis stated that she also has concerns regarding air quality. Mayor Ogden said there is also a comparative concern regarding air quality if you were to re-route this traffic.

Mayor Ogden asked what metrics will determine that the further away the alignment is will result in increasing safety or reducing the environmental impacts. He said the CIO 6 officers expressed a concern regarding traffic back-up in the neighborhoods, and he asked if this could be measured or confirmed by staff.

Councilor Davis asked about whether the neighboring CIO (Ibach) has been engaged and provided input on the alignments. City Manager Lombos confirmed that staff will look into the questions that have been raised and address the recent e-mail received by the Council regarding this project. This item will be brought back to Work Session on December 10, 2012.

4. An Update on Proposed Framework Planning in the Stafford Area [*Item Postponed for Discussion at Future Work Session*]

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Work Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ogden reconvened the Work Session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss the Basalt Creek Transportation Refinement Plan.

The Work Session adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager



Maureen Smith, Recording Secretary



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF TUALATIN

APPROVED BY TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL

Date 12/10/12

Recording Secretary J. Sin

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Maureen Smith, Deputy City Recorder

DATE: 12/10/2012

SUBJECT: Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and Meeting of November 26, 2012

ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

The issue before the Council is to approve the minutes of the work session and meeting of November 26, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Council adopt the attached minutes.

Attachments: A - Work Session Minutes of November 26, 2012
Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2012