



City of Tualatin

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Recording Secretary M. Smith

SPECIAL TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

PRESENT: Mayor Lou Ogden; Councilors Chris Barhyte, Monique Beikman, Bob Boryska, Jay Harris, Donna Maddux, and Ed Truax

STAFF

PRESENT: Doug Rux, Community Development Director, Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Senior Planner, Mike McKillip, City Engineer; Paul Hennon, Community Services Director, Brenda Braden, City Attorney; Carina Christensen, Assistant to the City Manager; and Maureen Smith, Recording Secretary

OTHERS

PRESENT: Linda Moholt, Tualatin Chamber of Commerce CEO

The special work session was called to order at 4:04 p.m. at the Tualatin Heritage Center.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

2. ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. Local Aspirations – Urban/Rural Reserves Discussion

Community Development Director Doug Rux said as Metro moves towards the next expansion of the urban growth boundary, they are looking to the local jurisdictions for their position on future growth and development, by describing what the City wants to achieve in the next 20 to 50 years. What does Tualatin want its community to look like in the future. Metro is looking to get this information from Tualatin in January. Metro Councilor Hosticka attended a Council work session in October to discuss topics for local aspirations. Councilors Barhyte and Harris attend regional meetings to keep abreast of activities.

Community Development Director Rux explained how the choices and growth options that could happen in Tualatin will affect the future of the community. A map was shown indicating the area that also includes the Stafford basin area. Deciding what direction and how much should be designated as urban reserves or rural reserves is the question. The reserves are a 50-year plan as it stands now, and some thought was mentioned that making decisions now and how the region could change in 10 - 20 years from now. The assumption is there will be build-out in five years in Tualatin.

Council did not want more density, and did not want the community to get any bigger than 30,000 to 35,000 population. Areas most likely to be designated urban reserves was discussed. Also discussed was determining what type and where there should be residential housing, how much and where, and becoming more of a unified city, instead of feeling disconnected with various pieces.

Community Development Director Rux summarized the discussion (see attachment) and will bring information back to Council before forwarding to Metro.

B. Stafford Basin Discussion

Community Development Director Rux said there has been a series of discussions with surrounding cities regarding the future of the Stafford Basin area. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been done but has not been signed by any of the cities. The City of Lake Oswego is hosting a Stafford Basin discussion with current and incoming elected leaders in Lake Oswego, West Linn, Wilsonville, Tualatin, and Clackamas County on December 11, 2008. Discussion followed on Tualatin's view of the issue and representation at the meeting.

C. Regional Transportation Plan Discussion

City Engineer Mike McKillip stated Metro is currently updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Metro's "Making the Greatest Place" involves the RTP, population/employment, trails, and urban/rural reserves. It will be important to pay attention to how these four areas fit together and put in context. The RTP strategies being evaluated by Metro are HCT, throughways, connectivity and system management.

[Councilor Boryska left at 6:03 p.m.]

Discussion was spent on how Tualatin can stay involved regionally, including counties, and neighboring cities representatives. It is important to have an elected official at the upcoming RTP meeting to see what the other issues are out there. It was mentioned having informal meetings with a few councilors from each city, on a regular basis.

D. I-5 / 99W Connector Project Update

City Engineer McKillip began review of the Alternatives Analysis (AA) and selection process on the I-5/99W Connector project, what has taken place over the spring, summer, and early fall. Alternate #7 is what the committee is currently working on, with a revised alternative concept. There are three arterial concepts broken into short term, medium term and long term. The short term package was reviewed, and how it would work in the community, but also whether it would help to any degree. The medium-term and long-term project packages were also reviewed. Staff is looking for thoughts and comments from Council to bring back to the committee.

Discussion followed. How surrounding cities may factor into the project phases was discussed. Phase 1 was reviewed again, what could be done first if needed to, and what could be done to lessen the total cost of the package. The proposed next step is to analyze the three arterial concept to confirm its effectiveness for addressing project purpose and needs, and determine the "life span" of each package for phasing. Staff plans to come back to Council at the end of January, 2009 with more information. Funding was briefly discussed and how much federal funding Oregon may end up with.

Fundraising – Tualatin Schoolhouse Food Pantry

The City Council briefly discussed getting a coordinated, comprehensive effort together on what they can do as a group to fundraise for the Food Pantry. Discussion followed on ways to reach people. It was suggested Council write a letter, send an e-mail, and do a press release etc. Discussion followed, and determined that Councilor Maddux will write a press release,

Councilor Barhyte will put together a flyer, and Mayor Ogden will contact the local newspaper. Council will follow up at the January 12, 2009 work session on progress to date, with the first weeks of February being the target.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The special work session adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

Recording Secretary

Maurice Smith