



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOR MAY
30, 2012**

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

Absent: Councilor Wade Brooksby; Councilor Ed Truax

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

Attendees: William Harper

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the work session to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Discussion of Draft Ordinance Relating to Tows from Private Property

City Attorney Brenda Braden presented a draft ordinance to address predatory towing issues as directed by Council at their May 14, 2012 Work Session. A proposed ordinance was included in the agenda packet for Council to review and to consider various options, if any. City Attorney Braden said the ordinance does not address a fine, but there could be a fine imposed of up to \$500.

Council discussion followed on what, if any, approach should be taken on the various aspects of the proposed ordinance. There was discussion related to current signage, the process of how tows are handled outside of regular business hours, and whether an ordinance would place a burden on the County's Dispatch Center. It was discussed and explained how the process could work if tow companies were to register with the City. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the affected property/business owners with a response time of approximately two weeks, to allow for them to weigh in on the proposed ordinance. It was noted by Mayor Ogden that he is okay with the ordinance, but doesn't believe there is a problem in Tualatin, or that it hasn't been reported as such. It was discussed how a complaint would be addressed if this ordinance were to be in place now. Discussion followed about whether an ordinance is necessary and what could be done short of passing an ordinance.

City Manager Lombos summarized the points raised by Council, and the consensus of all present was to first send a "draft" ordinance and letter to businesses and apartment complexes, etc. for their feedback before Council makes a decision on the proposed ordinance.

3. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications and Roundtable
Council reviewed and did not have any changes to the Consent Agenda.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Work Session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager



Maureen Smith, Recording Secretary