



STAFF REPORT CITY OF TUALATIN

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Maureen Smith, Deputy City Recorder

DATE: 11/26/2012

SUBJECT: Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and Meeting of November 13, 2012

ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

The issue before the Council is to approve the minutes of the work session and meeting of November 13, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Council adopt the attached minutes.

Attachments: A - Work Session Minutes of November 13, 2012
B - Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2012



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2012

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

Absent: Councilor Joelle Davis

Staff Present: City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Sean Brady; Community Development Director Alice Rouyer; Community Services Director Paul Hennon; Finance Director Don Hudson; Planning Manager Aquilla Hurd-Ravich; Information Services Manager Lance Harris; Police Captain Mark Gardner; Management Analyst Ben Bryant; Deputy City Recorder Maureen Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the work session to order at 6:04 p.m., recessed at 6:58 p.m., and continued the work session at 8:04 p.m.

2. Ordinance Regulating Towing Practices

City Manager Sherilyn Lombos began the continued discussion of regulating towing practices on private property, and explained new City Attorney Sean Brady wanted to come up to speed on the issue that was started by the former City Attorney.

City Attorney Brady presented a PowerPoint and gave an overview on the topic of towing on private property, covering federal law and preemption exceptions, state law, time of tow, hours of operation of storage yards, business activities in relation to towing companies, and options for a City ordinance.

Review and considerable discussion followed on state law regulations of what is required by towing companies at the time of the tow, storage yards hours of operation, signage requirements, and differences between private property towing versus public. The City of Portland's fees for private property towing and storage were mentioned. What was proposed in the previous draft ordinance and a summary of public comments received were reviewed, with most concerns about signage requirements and cost of replacing signs, etc.

Discussion continued. Adequate signage and follow-up notification after a vehicle has been towed, where a vehicle has been towed, and being able to retrieve as soon as possible, having the Police Department aware of tows, and tow companies registering with the City were some of the issues raised that were of importance to several councilors. There was reluctance by Mayor Ogden in his view, to set up bureaucracy-type of environment and questioned whether there are any real issues in Tualatin.

It was asked and Councilors Beikman, Brooksby, Bubenik and Grimes were in agreement that staff bring back an ordinance regulating towing practices in the City.

3. Oregon Passenger Rail Update

An update and PowerPoint on the Oregon Passenger Rail Study was presented by Management Analyst Ben Bryant. An overview of transit options and alignments that are being considered were reviewed. Eligibility for federal funding to construct a high-speed rail line requires that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) conduct a study following National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requiring consideration of multiple alignments, known as "alternatives analysis." Potential alignments were reviewed and a map of existing rail lines in the southwest region was shown.

The next steps in the project were reviewed. It is a three year process, which in 2012, will be identifying alternative alignments, 2013 will be public outreach, getting the alternatives out to the public. and 2014 will be selection of a preferred alignment. Brief discussion followed. Staff noted that while there are significant fiscal constraints of the project, still need to go through the process. Staff will monitor its progress and any changes and keep Council posted, while not spending extra time on the project until more is known.

4. Southwest Corridor Transit Options

Community Development Director Alice Rouyer and Management Analyst Ben Bryant presented an update on Southwest Corridor Transit Options. The Southwest Corridor Plan is a comprehensive land use and transportation plan focused on identifying and prioritizing public investments in the corridor between downtown Portland and Sherwood for the next 15 years. One of the most significant investments that is envisioned to be made in this corridor is transit service.

A PowerPoint was given outlining the existing transit service, Tualatin's transit service, and potential transit modes and options, one of which is bus rapid transit or BRT. Alignments that are being considered were reviewed. Metro and TriMet will study the options and come back with various costs and station locations, etc. The next steps in the project were reviewed which include an Economic Development Summit to be held in Tigard to discuss this project, a steering committee meeting, an open house in Tualatin, and an elected official/steering committee work shop.

Brief discussion followed.

5. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable

CONSENT AGENDA REVIEW

The City Council did not have any comments or changes to the Consent Agenda.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Work Session recessed at 6:58 p.m. reopened at 8:04 p.m, and adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

Maureen Smith Maureen Smith, Recording Secretary