



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOR JANUARY 13, 2014

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

Absent: Councilor Wade Brooksby

Staff Present: City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Sean Brady; Assistant City Manager Alice Cannon; Community Services Director Paul Hennon; Finance Director Don Hudson; Deputy City Manager Sara Singer; Planning Manager Aquilla Hurd-Ravich; Deputy City Recorder Nicole Morris; Information Services Manager Lance Harris; Engineering Manager Kaaren Hofmann; Police Captain Mark Gardner; Human Resources Manager Janet Newport; Public Works Director Jerry Postema

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the work session to order at 5:13 p.m.

1. *Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.*

Deputy City Manager Sara Singer stated at the December 9th work session Council discussed House Bill 3460 regarding the regulations of medical marijuana dispensaries. Council directed staff to review a variety of options for not allowing medical marijuana dispensaries and to provide information on the timeline for adoption. Deputy City Manager Singer presented three options for not allowing dispensaries in Tualatin. A zoning ordinance that would define medical marijuana dispensaries and not allow medical marijuana dispensary uses in any zone. The timeline for enactment would be approximately three months. A business license ordinance could state that a business must comply with local, state, and federal law or could include language which would require compliance with the Controlled Substance Act. This option would take approximately two meetings plus a 30 day effective date. A change to the municipal code which would define medical marijuana dispensaries and not allow it as a business, recognize that the City's zoning code does not define medical marijuana dispensaries as a permitted use, and prohibits City employees from interpreting the zoning code to allow medical marijuana dispensaries. A change to the municipal code would take approximately two Council meetings, plus a 30 day waiting period for the ordinance to be effective, unless the Council included an emergency clause..

Councilor Davis noted there are three initiatives circulating to gather signatures to add recreational marijuana use to the state ballot in November. She would like to pursue prohibiting the retail sale of recreational marijuana in the City while continuing to work toward a temporary moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries through the municipal code.

Council discussed sunset dates for a moratorium on medical marijuana

dispensaries. Consensus was reached to have a sunset date of December 31, 2014.

Council directed staff to prepare a municipal code ordinance placing a temporary moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries with a sunset date on December 31, 2014, and begin work on preparing a ordinance to prohibit recreational marijuana use within the city limits.

2. Seneca Street / Council Building.

Deputy City Manager Sara Singer, Engineering Manager Kaaren Hofmann, and Assistant City Manager Alice Cannon presented traffic information regarding the Seneca Street extension as requested by Council at the November 12 work session. Manager Hofmann stated DKS analyzed eight different alignment options. She explained Level of Service (LOS) and Volume/Capacity Ratios, noting the city's standards in these areas. Manager Hofmann presented the analysis, including cost and mobility standards, for the following options: the existing condition, Seneca full build out, narrower and angled Seneca Street, closed driveway at Martinazzi Ave., close driveway to Nyberg Rivers, right in/right out and left in, right in/right out, and dual signals.

Councilor Bubenik asked for more detail regarding the impacts of a right in/right out option. Manager Hofmann stated there is decreased mobility at the intersection of Tualatin Sherwood Road and Martinazzi Avenue.

Mayor Ogden spoke to the level of service matrix provided in the DKS report and his concerns with the gains in efficiency vs. cost investment of a full build out.

Council President Beikman stated the analysis reassured her the Seneca Street extension needs to go through as it will increase the safety for pedestrians and bicycles in the area.

Councilor Davis would like to see the driveway at Martinazzi Ave. closed as it would allow the Council Building to be demolished and provide additional parking for the library.

Councilor Bubenik would like to proceed with the right in/right out and left in option and use the cost savings to fix pedestrian crossings in the area. He would like to complete a facilities study so that an adequate building can be built that will meet the city's growth needs in the future.

Councilor Grimes would like to see the Seneca Street extension completed as it will improve pedestrian safety in the area and allow for better connectivity throughout the downtown. She wants to see a facilities study completed and a proper plan established for a new building.

Council President Beikman wants to mitigate the impact to the library. The full build out would allow for more parking, improve circulation, and increase safety for pedestrians in the area. She stated having CenterCal complete the build out now will be cheaper for the City.

Councilor Truax would like to see this area enhanced by connecting Seneca Street

to improve the feel and safety in the area. He would like to see a comprehensive facilities study completed before he will make any decisions on the relocation of the Council Building.

Mayor Ogden would like to wait and see the extent of the traffic congestion in the area due to the development. He would like a facilities study completed and then he will make a decision on the building.

Council directed staff to prepare a resolution proposing a full build out of Seneca Street and bring it back at the next Council meeting.

City Manager Lombos noted that at the next Council meeting the Council will hear the Public Facilities Decision Review and Architectural Review Board Appeals.

3. Basalt Creek Concept Plan Update.

Discussion moved to Council Communications during Council meeting.

4. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager


_____/ Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary


_____/ Lou Ogden, Mayor