



STAFF REPORT CITY OF TUALATIN

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos

FROM: Nicole Morris, Deputy City Recorder

DATE: 07/13/2015

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting of June 22, 2015

ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

The issue before the Council is to approve the minutes for the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting of June 22, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Council adopt the attached minutes.

Attachments: City Council Work Session Minutes of June 22, 2015
City Council Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2015



Present: Mayor Lou Ogden; Councilor Frank Bubenik; Councilor Joelle Davis; Councilor Nancy Grimes; Councilor Ed Truax

Absent: Council President Monique Beikman; Councilor Wade Brooksby

Staff City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Sean Brady; Police Chief Kent Barker;
Present: Community Services Director Paul Hennon; Finance Director Don Hudson; Deputy City Manager Sara Singer; Deputy City Recorder Nicole Morris; Information Services Manager Lance Harris; Economic Development Manager Ben Bryant; Assistant City Manager Alice Cannon; Management Analyst II Zoe Monahan; Public Works Director Jerry Postema

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

1. ***Update from Greater Portland Inc.***

Janet LaBar, CEO of Greater Portland Inc.(GPI), presented and overview and update of GPI. A brief background was given on the transition from Greenlight Greater Portland to GPI. The public-private partnership has grown and evolved over the last four years since the transition and now supports the regional economy by providing marketing, recruitment, retention and expansion expertise. GPI supports seven counties with a total population over 2.3 million.

Councilor Truax asked how the loss at the Port of Portland has affected the regional economy. Ms. LaBar stated rail and air activities have increased as a result of the departure. She noted GPI has reached out to the Port to help support their efforts in recruiting a new operator.

Ms. LaBar briefed the Council on GPI's 2015 work plan. The plan concentrates on three themes: uniting regionally to compete globally, stay and grow in Greater Portland, and choose Greater Portland. Tactics for each theme were presented. Ms. LaBar recapped the services GPI provides including business development, marketing, research and analysis, connectivity, and regional competitiveness.

Mayor Ogden asked what makes the region better than others and what some of the frustrations are. Ms. LaBar stated the region provides an outstanding quality of life where a work/life balance is supported. She also noted the talent of the workforce in the region is strong. The biggest frustration she faces is the lack of support for economic development by the private sector.

2. ***Washington County 2015 Funding Measures Overview.***

Library Manager Jerianne Thompson and Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) Director Eva Calcagno presented information on the 2015 Public Safety and Library Levies. Ms. Calcagno stated the public safety levy is a renewal of the current levy. The levy provides services to city neighborhoods, urban unincorporated communities, and rural areas. The levy pays for special enforcement teams, victim assistance and prosecution services, parole, probation and juvenile services, operation of the jail and work-release center, and emergency shelters for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

Ms. Calcagno spoke to the library levy stating it is a replacement levy. The levy is the primary funding source for nine cities and two non-profit libraries. The levy will maintain library operations, add additional hours, provide operational support for new and expanded library outlets, continue support for children's reading programs, improve reading and learning support for students, purchase books and other materials, and increase efficiencies in service delivery.

Ms. Calcagno noted both levies are five year local option levies that would start in July of 2016. The public safety levy would renew at a rate of 42 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. The library levy would replace the current levy and increase by 5 cents to a total of 22 cents per \$1,000 assessed value.

Councilor Truax asked about the Garden Home library funding. Ms. Calcagno stated Garden Home is a non-profit library and is 93% funded by the levy.

Manager Thompson stated the Tualatin library receives 25% of its funding from the levy. She noted if the replacement levy were to pass the library would see a increase in revenue by 9% or approximately \$3.2 million over 5 years. The additional funding from the levy would help to support programming including reading programs for youth and workforce development.

Mayor Ogden asked why the increase in the levy is necessary. Ms. Calcagno stated this would be the first increase to the levy since 2006. The additional funding would cover the cost of inflation, additional services, and new growth to the system. City Manager Lombos added the WCCLS policy committee worked on this proposal for 18 months before forwarding to the executive committee where the recommendation for the increase was unanimously approved.

3. *SW Corridor Plan Project Framing and Update.*

Assistant City Manager Alice Cannon and Management Analyst Zoe Monahan presented an update on the Southwest Corridor Plan. Manager Cannon recapped the projects scope and purpose. Topics to be addressed by the project include alignment and terminus locations in Tualatin and the preferred high capacity transit modes. Existing City policies identifying the project were recapped. Key considerations and challenges for the project were addressed. Manager Cannon spoke to the public involvement plan. Public involvement will include Metro/TriMet community meetings, online outreach, local meetings and focus groups, CIO and employer outreach, and property owner outreach. The schedule for Tualatin and the Steering committee were reviewed.

Councilor Bubenik would like to see a pre-mortem completed for the project

including facts and questions that could be presented by those in favor and opposed to the project. He wants to ensure the City clearly conveys why this project makes sense.

Mayor Ogden wants to ensure all the objections to the project are clearly listened to so the City can learn from the objections and apply them where needed.

Councilor Davis stated this project is important as it will help to connect youth to higher education opportunities and job training. She stated completing these connections in Tualatin will help the community to succeed.

Mayor Ogden expressed concern with the time frame. He would like to cut out open houses and see the resources spent on higher value outreach.

4. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

None

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager



/ Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary



/ Lou Ogden, Mayor