



Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik; Council President Joelle Davis; Councilor Nancy Grimes; Councilor Paul Morrison; Councilor Bridget Brooks

Absent: Councilor Robert Kellogg; Councilor Maria Reyes

Staff Present: City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Sean Brady; Police Chief Bill Steele; Finance Director Don Hudson; Planning Manager Aquilla Hurd-Ravich; Deputy City Recorder Nicole Morris; Economic Development Manager Jonathan Taylor; Parks and Recreation Manager Rich Mueller; IS Director Bates Russell; Parks and Recreation Director Ross Hoover; Planning Manager Steve Koper

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

1. *Clean Water Services Interceptor & Siphon Project Improvement Update.*

Parks and Recreation Director Ross Hoover and Parks Planning Manager Rich Mueller presented an update on the Clean Water Services Interceptor and Siphon Improvement Project, and the impact on City park property. Director Hoover stated the improvement project replaces the original 24 to 42 inch diameter interceptor with a 48 to 66 inch diameter interceptor, which will meet future capacity demands and have more resiliency to corrosion and seismic events. He noted in addition to the replacement of the interceptor, there will also be restoration and enhancement of natural areas impacted by construction. Director Hoover stated one of the impacted areas is Jurgen's Park. He noted construction in Tualatin will begin in June and end in December. Kiosk boards detailing the project will be available onsite during the project.

Director Hoover stated there is an opportunity through this construction project to allow the city to place a temporary dog park in the area that would be funded by Clean Water Services. The need for a community dog park was identified during the Parks and Recreation Master Planning process. An open house to discuss the dog park will be held on April 10, 6:30 p.m., at the Juanita Pohl Center.

Councilor Grimes asked when the fence for construction would go up. Director Hoover stated work would begin in June.

Councilor Brooks asked what surface would be used for the dog park. Director Hoover stated design options would be discussed at the community meeting.

Councilor Morrison stated the current dog park surface is not working for the community and would like to know what other surfaces are being used in similar locations.

Mayor Bubenik asked if construction would impact access to the river. Director Hoover stated there will be access in one direction at a time.

Mayor Bubenik asked for clarification on the focus of discussion at the community meeting. Director Hoover stated the intent of the meeting is to talk about elements and characteristics for the temporary space. A future plan will be discussed at the advisory committee level and brought forward in the future.

Council President Davis is delighted to see the dog park funded and put in place by Clean Water Services. She asked if there are any other potential dog park locations slated. Director Hoover stated future sites haven't been identified at this time as the master plan only identified the need.

2. *City of Tualatin Tourism Program.*

Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich and Economic Development Manager Jonathan Taylor presented a proposal for the Tualatin Tourism Program. Manager Taylor stated a Transient Lodging Tax was put in place in May of 2018 at the current rate of 2.5%. He spoke to approved uses noting 70% can be used for tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities and the remaining 30% can be used in the general fund. Manager Taylor stated the purpose of the proposed Tualatin Tourism Program is to encourage and increase visitor attraction. The five key areas of the program include tourism capital development, events, placemaking, visitor services, and marketing. The focus and targets of each key area were reviewed. Manager Taylor stated if the program is approved next steps would include stakeholder outreach to gather feedback and a proposed tourism budget presentation at the Council budget work session.

Councilor Brooks asked if the placemaking goal includes environmental goals. Manager Taylor stated there is not anything specifically related to the environment but it could be included.

Mayor Bubenik asked if the capital development goal includes building specific tourism attractions. Manager Taylor stated aspirational goals have been identified for an event or conference space. Mayor Bubenik stated there is community desire to have an Ice Age Tourism Center.

Mayor Bubenik stated he would like to see more marketing around placemaking signage. He recommended a professional with a background in tourism marketing be brought on to work with City staff.

Councilor Grimes stated she would like to see the Chamber of Commerce tourism plan for the Ice Age Trail incorporated in this plan as it is very prescriptive.

Mayor Bubenik asked how much funding is available for this program. Finance Director Don Hudson stated there will be \$210,000 available.

3. *Basalt Creek Comprehensive Plan Update.*

Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich and Planning Manager Steve Koper presented an update on the Basalt Creek Comprehensive Plan. Manager Koper defined a concept plan as a document that identifies a combination of land uses and densities for future transportation systems and other public infrastructure and is required by Metro as a first step to urban development. A brief project history and public outreach recap culminating in the August 2018 adoption of the Basalt Creek Concept Plan was shared. Manager Koper defined a comprehensive plan as a guiding document for land development that shows compliance with Oregon Statewide Planning Goals. The goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan would be implemented by regulations in the Tualatin Development Code, maps and figures, and the Transportation System Plan. An update to the comprehensive plan is required to apply existing City policies and regulations to the Basalt Creek Planning area and required to allow property owners to choose to annex to Tualatin and apply for land development. Manager Koper presented zoning, utility, transportation system, and bike and pedestrian system maps that will be updated into the comprehensive plan. Manager Koper spoke to the City implementation process and next steps. He noted on April 8 the Council will consider the Planning Commission's recommendation and an ordinance to adopt the Basalt Creek Comprehensive Plan update. Manager Koper stated if the ordinance is adopted property owners would be able to begin annexations in late 2019.

Councilor Morrison thanked staff for their work on this project and is happy to see the City move to this next step so annexation can begin.

Mayor Bubenik asked if Washington County will be involved in this process. Manager Koper stated they will be involved in certain aspects such as transportation planning.

Council President Davis stated she would like staff to review and prepare responses to Grace Lucini's comments that were submitted, specifically in relation to storm water drainage and pedestrian paths crossing property without permission.

4. *Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.*

Councilor Morrison stated the Washington County Commissioners are passing a drug drop off program that would be serviced and managed by them. He noted Tualatin Together is in support of the new program. Councilor Morrison stated he participated in a ride along with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVFRD) and stated they are an amazing group of people that he is happy to have serve Tualatin.


Council President Davis stated she also attended a ride along with TVFRD. She stated the work they do is very important and necessary.


Mayor Bubenik recapped his recent activities at the National League of Cities Conference. He stated he will be attending a meeting with the Portland Community College President to continue discussion on STEM and STEAM programs and workforce training.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

 / Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

 / Frank Bubenik, Mayor