



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Regular Meeting

Molalla Adult Community Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
August 12, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

The Molalla City Council Regular Meeting of August 12, 2020 was called to order by Mayor Keith Swigart at 7:17pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Keith Swigart – Present
Councilor Leota Childress – Present
Councilor Elizabeth Klein – Present
Councilor DeLise Palumbo – Present
Councilor Terry Shankle – Present
Councilor Jody Newland - Present
Councilor Crystal Robles - Present

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager - Present
Christie DeSantis, City Recorder - Present
Gerald Fisher, Public Works Director - Present
Chaunee Seifried, Finance Director - Present
Frank Schoenfeld, Chief of Police - Present
Chris Long, Lieutenant - Present

2. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

A. Piano in the Park Presentation

Mr. Bob Oblack addressed Council with a “Piano in the Park” presentation. Mr. Oblack is involved in the Molalla Culture and Arts Committee and with the help of other volunteers, has brought this project to the citizens of Molalla. Currently muralists have painted three pianos that have been placed in our parks. Two are located in Fox Park and one in Long Park. The piano in Long Park honors First Responders, with special dedication to Mr. Dan McLain. Mr. McLain was a Molalla resident and served for 39 years with Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Oblack and the Culture and Arts Committee have recommends that the leadership of Molalla develop a plan in cooperation with Molalla Communication Cooperative to build more covered shelters for the “Piano in the Park” project.

Councilors thanked him and those involved for the beautiful pianos, and the Council feels they are a great addition to our parks.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approved as presented.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2020

Councilor Newland noted an error on page 2 of the July 22, 2020 meeting minutes, as Councilor Klein’s name was misspelled. Council agreed to accept the minutes with correction by staff.

Councilor Klein made a motion to approved the Consent Agenda with corrections, Councilor Shankle seconded. Vote passed 7-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2020-17: A Resolution Amending the Molalla Urban Renewal Plan
- B. Resolution No. 2020-18: A Resolution Concurring with a Public Building Project for the Molalla Urban Renewal Plan

City Manager Huff explained to Council that Resolution 2020-17 is exactly the same as MURA Resolution 2020-04, however since the same body is with both agencies, it has to be approved by Council, as well.

A motion was made by Councilor Robles to adopt Resolution 2020-17, seconded by Councilor Newland. Vote passed 7-0.

As one of the four largest taxing districts within the City of Molalla, Council concurrence is needed for the Public Building construction for the police building to added to the urban renewal plan. This plan will be proposed to Clackamas County and Molalla River School District, as well.

A motion was made by Council President Childress to adopt Resolution 2020-18, Councilor Klein seconded. Vote passed 7-0.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Discussion – Noise Ordinance

City Manager Huff referred to the noise regulation discussion and the DEQ regulations that were given at last council meeting.

Staff suggested that some regulations listed by DEQ may not want to be adopted by Council. Staff feels it’s important to be cautious to make sure to not cause problems for current industrial users. Planning Commission has requested that Council allow them time to talk about noise issues at their next meeting. Council agreed. Mayor Swigart asked about the current level of noise complaints. Mr. Huff explained that companies like to try to work directly with citizens if there is an issue. Councilor Palumbo offered an idea of the possibility of barriers being placed where needed.

9. REPORTS

- A. City Manager and Staff

City Recorder DeSantis had nothing to report. Mayor Swigart asked the deadline for candidate paperwork to be filed. DeSantis stated August 18, 2020.

Public Works Director Fisher shared the following updates:

- Molalla Forest Ridge Road is completed next to Bear Creek Subdivision, timber culvert has been completed.
- Design for longer pedestrian and bike bridge in that area, with construction beginning in spring.
- Patrol Street, water and sewer project underway, and it is progressing well.
- Water Treatment Plants new filtration unit has been online for several weeks and things are going well. The removal of old filtration unit has begun.

Mayor Swigart asked about ODOT vehicles in town and what they are working on. Mr. Fisher shared that the State is doing bike and ped path work on Hwy. 211. ODOT is also replacing ADA ramps as many were not installed properly, so they are correcting the issue

B. Mayor

Funding was received by the federal government and was allocated through the state to Clackama County. Clackamas County only received 40 million dollars from the Covid Relief Fund, while Multnomah and Washington counties received 100 million or more.

Mayor Swigart pleaded with citizens to contact County Commissioners or their State Representative to encourage more funding to Clackamas County.

C. City Councilors

Councilor Newland thanked volunteers and people that participated in Trash Day. It was a good event and many people attended.

Council President Childress reminded people to participate in Coffee with the Mayor on Facebook and YouTube. At the last meeting, the Molalla Area Visioning Plan was introduced. Council Childress also commended the City Manager and staff for the management of the Covid crisis. Staff has continued to report to work during the pandemic, therefore the reimbursement/expenses are very low for the City of Molalla. Molalla submitted a relief amount of \$38,000 and received the money.

Councilor Klein had nothing to report.

Councilor Shankle had nothing to report.

Councilor Robles thanked the community for the show of support to our Police Department. Chief of Police Frank Schoenfeld was present at the meeting and thanked everyone for notes, food, kind words and the support. He says it is felt by him and his staff.

Councilor Palumbo echoed Councilor Robles thanks and congratulated the Police Department for a job well done.

10. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Held pursuant to Oregon Public Record Law, ORS 192.660(2)

- (i) To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee, or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

Mayor Swigart announced recess into Executive Session at 8:02pm. Mayor Swigart closed the Executive Session at 8:31pm and Council reconvened.

11. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilor Newland to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:33pm, seconded by Councilor Shankle. Vote passed 7-0.


Keith Swigart, Mayor

August 27, 2020
Date

ATTEST: Christie DeSantis
Christie DeSantis, City Recorder