



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Meeting

Molalla Civic Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
December 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of December 8 ,2021 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 6:59pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Leota Childress (via telephone), Councilor Elizabeth Klein, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Jody Newland, Councilor Crystal Robles.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Andy Peters, Public Works Division Manager; Julie Larson, Planning Specialist.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2021

A motion was made by Councilor Newland to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Robles. Vote passed 6-0, with all Councilors voting Aye..

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

- A. Oregon Department of Transportation: Round-a-Bout Update (Scarlett)

Mr. Paul Scarlett, a representative of Oregon Department of Transportation, presented Council with a video that reflects the work completed recently on Hwy. 211. The bike and pedestrian path was completed a few weeks ago. Mr. Scarlett shared the following link with Council and the public for review:

<https://youtu.be/qOKw9GOLiMg>

Mr. Scarlett also shared a video detailing the Hwy. 213 and Toliver Road roundabout that is scheduled to begin construction in 2023. The link is provided here: <https://youtu.be/d31QP4bej9I>

Mayor Keyser questioned Mr. Scarlett on the repaving the section of Hwy 211 that runs through Molalla. Mr. Scarlett replied that Hwy. 211 is not scheduled for repair until 2024-2027, closer to 2027.

For the complete video account of the ODOT presentation, please go to YouTube
“Molalla City Council Meetings – December 8, 2021” minute 2:30-36:10

- B. Council Vacancy Discussion and/or Appointment (Keyser)

City Council members conducted a Work Session prior to the regular meeting. Five applicants were interviewed for the vacant position of council member. After brief deliberation, the decision was made to invite Levi Davis, Ashly Hansen, and Eric Vermillion to a second interview on December 22, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilor Klein for second interviews on December 22nd, seconded by Councilor Newland. Vote passed 5-1. Councilors voting Aye: Mayor Keyser, Council President Childress, Councilor Klein, Councilor Newland, and Councilor Robles. Voting Nay: Councilor Shankle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Luttrell, Molalla, questioned Council regarding the use of the PAL Building as the City's warming shelter. Mr. Luttrell would like to know what financial impact is made to citizens. Mr. Luttrell also inquired about the new apartment development behind Grocery Outlet. He stated that the original traffic study for that property was for storage units, not apartments. Mayor Keyser requested that City Manager Huff or Public Works Division Manager Peters contact Mr. Luttrell with facts regarding this development.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution No. 2021-26**: Establishing Water Rates and Annual Inflation Adjustments Thereafter as Approved by Molalla Municipal Code Chapter 13.04 (Huff)

City Manager Huff explained the inflation adjustments with Council, and an example of how water user's would be affected. Mr. Peters commented on the importance of conservation, and those that conserve water will be the least affected by the increase.

Mayor Keyser felt that many folks were ignoring the City's curtailment plan over the summer, therefore should be billed at a higher rate. Council had a brief discussion about an additional increase and decided against it.

A motion was made by Councilor Newland to approve Resolution No. 2021-26 as presented, seconded by Councilor Shankle. Vote passed 6-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

- B. **Resolution No. 2021-27**: Repealing the Existing and Adopting an Updated System Development Charge Rates for the Water, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater, Transp., and Park System Each Utility (Huff)

Mr. Huff presented the SDC rates that were adopted in May to Council, and suggested that the current rates stay in affect until through the remainder of this fiscal year. Mayor Keyser asked Mr. Huff about Food Cart rates being adjusted. Mr. Huff explained that with this resolution, there would be no changes to the current fee schedule.

A motion was made by Councilor Klein to approve Resolution No. 2021-27 as presented, seconded by Councilor Newland. Vote passed 6-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- Planning Specialist Larson had no report.
- PW Division Manager Peters gave an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant, explaining to Council that staff is moving forward with this upgrade.
- City Manager Huff shared a Visioning Report with Council, that will be used as a guide during the annual Council Retreat. The retreat has been scheduled for January 29, 2022. He asked Council to review the document and bring any questions or suggestions to Goal Setting. Councilor Klein thanked City Staff, Council, and the community for continuing work on the Vision and Action Plan 2030.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Robles shared upcoming events at the Library. Grab-n-Go kits are available, along with a Winter Reading Challenge.
- Councilor Newland had nothing to report.
- Councilor Shankle had nothing to report.
- Councilor Klein had nothing to report. She thanked the people that applied for City Council, for their interest in serving our community.
- Council President Childress echoed Councilor Klein's statement regarding the Vision and Action Plan. She thanked the staff and council members for their ongoing work on this project.

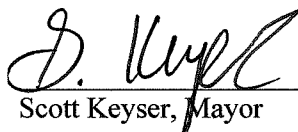
Council President Childress spoke to the public comment by Mr. Luttrell regarding the Warming Center. Molalla HOPE leases the building from the City, and there is no cost to citizens. Ms. Childress also informed Mr. Luttrell of the upgrades that were made to the building two years ago. The upgrades were over \$24,000 at no cost to the City.

- Mayor Keyser reminded citizens to sign up for Molalla Current notifications, if they haven't already. A push notification went out this afternoon, to inform the community of road construction taking place on Hwy. 211 and Molalla Avenue.

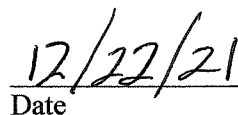
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ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.



Scott Keyser, Mayor



Date

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, City Recorder