



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Meeting

Molalla Civic Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
September 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of September 13, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 7:00pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Jody Newland, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Eric Vermillion, and Councilor Raelynn Botsford.

Absent: Councilor Leota Childress and Councilor Crystal Robles.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Christie Teets, City Recorder; Mac Corthell, Community Development Director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2023

A motion was made by Councilor Botsford to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Vermillion. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

- A. OLCC Liquor Application – Cache Liquidation

Before the presentation of the Cache Liquidation application, Councilor Botsford announced that she would abstain from voting, as Cache Liquidation is one of her clients.

A motion was made by Council President Newland to approve the OLCC License request for Cache Liquidation, seconded by Councilor Vermillion. Vote passed 4-0-1. Voting Aye: Mayor Keyser, Councilor Shankle, Councilor Vermillion, and Council President Newland. Voting Nay: 0. Abstaining: Councilor Botsford.

- B. OLCC Liquor Application – Real Deal Grocery

A motion was made by Council President Newland to approve the OLCC License request for Real Deal Grocery, seconded by Councilor Botsford. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vera Black, Molalla resident, is requesting a plan of the Civic Center for planning purposes of a new Adult Center. Ms. Black also informed Council that she is leading a group of people in the Twin Fir Mobile Estates to create a safety committee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2023-26: Approving Molalla Sanitary Rate Increase as Change in Franchise Agreement

City Manager Huff introduced Will Mathias and Pamela Bloom of Molalla Sanitary. Mr. Mathias gave a presentation to Council, explaining the need for an upcoming rate increase.

A motion was made by Councilor Vermillion to approve Resolution No. 2023-26, Approving Molalla Sanitary Rate Increase in Franchise Agreement, seconded by Councilor Shankle. Vote passed 5-0.

- B. **Resolution No. 2023-27:** Supporting a Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Technical Assistance Grant and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign All Necessary Documents

Planning staff is in the process of apply for a Department of Land Conservation and Deveopment (DLCD) grant to assist in funding the Employment Opportunities Analysis that must be completed as part of the Sequential UGB study process. In order to submit the application, staff must provide a resolution from City Council showing support of the grant and project.

A motion was made by Councilor Botsford to approve Resolution No. 2023-27, Supporting a Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Technical Assistance Grant and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign All Necessary Documents, seconded by Councilor Vermillion. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

- C. **Resolution No. 2023-28:** Supporting Application for Funding Assistance to Perform Emerging Contaminant Feasibility Studies and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign All Necessary Documents

Water Treatment Plant staff have identified a funding resource throught the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Bill to fund feasibility studies on Emerging Contaminents. Staff must provide a resolution from City Council showing support of the project.

A motion was made by Council President Newland to approve Resolution No. 2023-28: Supporting Application for Funding Assistance to Perform Emerging Contaminant Feasibility Studies and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign All Necessary Documents, seconded by Councilor Vermillion. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Beautification & Culture CPC – Donation Request

Councilor Shankle and the B&C CPC are working towards lighting the trees of Molalla Avenue year round. The area that is being considered contains fifty-five trees total. The CPC is looking at a style of light that moves with the growth of the tree. The total for the lights is \$4939, installation \$2750, and power taps are an additional \$600. Mr. Huff stated that the power taps are not needed. Councilor Shankle is requesting the remainder of Council funds to be allocated to this project. She also mentioned that businesses would be asked for donations.

Council discussion continued regarding additional quotes, installation of lights, warranty on the lights, and future projects that Council may consider for FY 2023-2024. Councilor Vermillion suggested soliciting downtown businesses for donations.

Mayor Keyser made a motion to match up to \$2500 to the Beautification & Culture CPC tree light project, seconded by Council President Newland. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

- B. C4 Letter - I-5 Tolling

Mayor Keyser introduced an I-5 Tolling letter to Council, reflecting C4's Tolling Strategy. He is requested Council support of the letter. Council President Newland is concerned about the term 'climate action'. Councilor Botsford acknowledged that the language of the document could not be changed by Molalla Council, and that she would rather support the document, then not sign it at all.

A motion was made by Councilor Botsford that City Council support the I-5 Tolling letter, seconded by Councilor Shankle. Vote passed 5-0. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

- C. 98th Annual LOC Conference – Designation of Voting Delegate at Annual Membership Meeting

City Manager Huff presented Council with the Voting Delegate request from League of Oregon Cities. They are requesting that each city submit a voting delegate and alternate for the upcoming election. Councilor Vermillion suggested that Mayor Keyser be Council's representative and Council President Newland act as the alternate. Council agreed by consensus.

Mr. Huff also explained that a conflict is presented with the October 11th Council Meeting and Councilors attending the LOC Conference. It was suggested by staff that the meeting be moved to Tuesday, October 10, 2023 to accommodate travel.

A motion was made by Councilor Botsford to move the October 11th meeting to Tuesday, October 10th, seconded by Mayor Keyser. Vote passed 5-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- City Manager Huff is excited for the community that the Pickleball Courts are open.
- City Recorder Teets had nothing to report.
- Assistant City Manager Corthell explained that the Community Development report will be presented at the September 27th meeting. He also shared that soon reports will be presented quarterly.

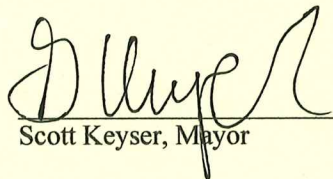
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Vermillion announced the upcoming MRSD Board Meeting. He also congratulated Molalla business owner, Jeff Rose, for earning the title of 2023 Highland Games World Champion. Jeff is the owner of NW Fitness.
- Councilor Shankle shared that the Beautification & Culture CPC is working on art for the new roundabout. She also reported that community members are enjoying Strawberry Park.
- Council President Newland thanked the PAC Committee for buttons and stickers promoting the Police Department Bond. She announced the Pickleball Grand Opening on Sunday, September 24th from 11am-2pm.
- Councilor Botsford shared that Molalla Sk8 is holding a fundraiser through the Bottle Drop program, requesting that community members contact her if they are interested in participating.
- Mayor Keyser announced that the PAC Committee for the Police Bond is in full swing. He is asking that people go to the Molalla Current and read about what the Bond pays for, as well as learn about the need for a larger facility for our police staff.

For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube
"Molalla City Council Meetings – September 13, 2023"

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.



Scott Keyser, Mayor

October 10, 2023

Date

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, City Recorder