



City of Molalla
City Council - Regular Meeting
Minutes – March 27, 2024
Molalla Civic Center | 315 Kennel Ave. | Molalla, OR

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of March 27, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 7:00pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Jody Newland, Councilor Leota Childress, Councilor Terry Shankle (via telephone), Councilor Eric Vermillion, and Councilor RaeLynn Botsford.

Absent: Councilor Crystal Robles.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Christie Teets, City Recorder; Chris Long, Police Chief, Sam Miller, Engineering Section Manager.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2024
- B. Resolution No. 2024-02: Adopting the Emergency Operation Plan

ACTION:

Councilor Botsford moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Council President Newland seconded. *Motion passed 6-0.*

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Newland, Botsford, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

- A. Molalla Rural Fire Department – 100 Years (Keyser)

Todd Gary, Board Member of Molalla Rural Fire Department shared a brief presentation of the history of Molalla Fire. The Fire Department is celebrating 100 years of service to the community. A few highlights are: volunteers formed the Department in 1924; in the late 1930's, they became Molalla Rural Fire Department District #73; in 1948 MRFD purchased their first ambulance; 1987 brought the first paid Fire Chief, and in 1989 there were three full-time firefighter/paramedics.

Mike Penunuri gifted Council, staff, and audience members with a 100-year commemorative coffee mug. Councilors congratulated Molalla Fire and thanked them for their service to the community.

- B. Budget Committee Appointments (Keyser)

Three Budget Committee applicants were interviewed during the Work Session. Two applicants were interviewed briefly at the Council meeting. Appointments by individual motions were made for each candidate.

ACTION:

Council President Newland moved to appoint Char Pennie to the Budget Committee for Fiscal Years 2024-2026; Councilor Botsford seconded. *Motion passed 4-2.*

AYES: Vermillion, Newland, Botsford, Keyser.

NAYS: Childress, Shankle.

ABSENTIONS: None.

ACTION:

Councilor Botsford moved to appoint Regina Sheaves to the Budget Committee for Fiscal Years 2024-2026; Councilor Childress seconded. *Motion passed 5-1.*

AYES: Vermillion, Childress, Newland, Botsford, Keyser.

NAYS: Shankle.

ABSENTIONS: None.

ACTION:

Councilor Vermillion moved to appoint Brady Rickey to the Budget Committee for Fiscal Years 2024-2026; Councilor Shankle seconded. *Motion passed 4-2.*

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Keyser.

NAYS: Council President Newland, Councilor Botsford.

ABSENTIONS: None.

ACTION:

Mayor Keyser asked for a motion to appoint David Potts to the Budget Committee. No second was received.

ACTION:

Councilor Botsford moved to appoint Mechelle Trefethen to the Budget Committee for Fiscal Years 2024-2026; Councilor Childress seconded. *Motion passed 6-0.*

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Newland, Botsford, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

Given that there are five applicants and three open seats, the majority rule of votes lead the determination.

The vote was called a second time for Brady Rickey and Char Pennie. Councilor Botsford stated that she is encouraged by the community interest, and that Mr. Rickey is serving on Planning Commission currently. Mayor Keyser agreed and would like to see Char Pennie appointed, as she has submitted an application for a few committee/commission openings.

ACTION:

Councilor Vermillion moved to appoint Brady Rickey to the Budget Committee for Fiscal Years 2024-2026; Councilor Childress seconded. *Motion tied, therefore failing, 3-3.*

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress.

NAYS: Newland, Botsford, Keyser.

ABSENTIONS: None.

ACTION:

Councilor Botsford moved to appoint Char Pennie to the Budget Committee for Fiscal Years 2024-2026; Council President Newland seconded. *Motion passed 5-1.*

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Newland, Botsford, Keyser.

NAYS: Childress.

ABSENTIONS: None.

Mechelle Trefethen, Regina Sheaves, and Char Pennie were appointed to Budget Committee, with the highest votes by Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Corinne Thomas, Molalla business owner, High Score Arcade, 201 N. Molalla Avenue. Purchased the former Saw Shop, updated it as an energy efficient building, and turned it into an Arcade and Restaurant. SDC's for this establishment were originally over \$64,000. After working with the City, the fees were reduced to \$24, 000. Ms. Thomas is requesting that Council waive all SDC fees for her establishment, as she has incurred unexpected costs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Contract Award: S. Molalla Avenue Waterline

Sam Miller, Engineering Section Manager, explained the process of updating the waterline on S. Molalla Avenue to Molalla Forest Road. This project is included in the Capital Improvement Plan. Mayor Keyser questioned the boring process, Mr. Miller explained that it will be subcontracted through the awarded contractor. Council President Newland questioned whether the County would be partnering on this project. Mr. Miller stated no that eventually the road will become City property and jurisdiction, therefore our responsibility for improvements.

ACTION:

Councilor Childress moved to approve the Contract Award for ML Houck to begin the S. Molalla Avenue construction; Councilor Vermillion seconded. *Motion passed 6-0.*

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Newland, Botsford, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- Engineering Section Manager Miller had nothing to report.
- Police Chief Long provided an update on the new Police Facility process. Molalla Communications donated funds to purchase a drone for the Police Department. There is currently one FFA licensed drone pilot, Chief Long is hopeful to add two more.
- City Recorder Teets reminded Councilors that there is a joint meeting with Planning Commission and Council on Wednesday, April 3rd. Ms. Teets also thanked the citizens that applied for Budget Committee.

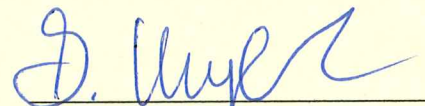
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Botsford wished everyone a Happy Easter.
- Councilor Vermillion congratulated Pamela Thomas from Molalla Middle School. Pamela was recently awarded the "Amazing Educator of the Year" recognition by Pamplin Media. Councilor Vermillion also announced the upcoming MRSD Board Meeting dates.
- Councilor Shankle gave a reminder of the upcoming Spring Clean-Up day that will be held on April 19th-20th. Volunteers are needed.
- Councilor Childress had nothing to report.
- Council President Newland thanked those that attended the Town Hall meeting last week. She announced that there would be more Town Halls, and that it is a family friendly event. June 20th at 6:30pm is the next scheduled date.
- Mayor Keyser introduced Grace Peterson, a high school student from our community that is interested in city government. Grace would like to become more involved, and will attend the Council meeting on April 10th. Mayor Keyser also announced an upcoming event benefiting Northwest Battle Buddies. This is a nonprofit organization that provides service dogs for combat veterans with PTSD with no cost to the veteran.

For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube
"Molalla City Council Meetings – March 27, 2024"

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm.



Scott Keyser, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, CMC - City Recorder