



City of Molalla
City Council - Regular Meeting
Minutes – June 26, 2024
Molalla Civic Center | 315 Kennel Ave. | Molalla, OR

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of June 26, 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, Councilor Eric Vermillion, Councilor Raelynn Botsford, and Councilor Darci Lightner. Student Council Liaison, Grace Peterson.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Christie Teets, City Recorder; Cindy Chauran, Finance Director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Work Session Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2024
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2024

ACTION:

Councilor Botsford moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Councilor Vermillion seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Mann, MRSD Superintendent, provided Council with an update on the Middle School plan. The Bond passed in May and plans are moving forward.

Linda Eskridge, MRSD Board Chair, shared her thanks with the Council and community that the Bond passed so that the Middle School could be replaced. She feels the condition of the school is quite poor.

David Potss, Molalla resident, shared concerns about metered parking. He is also concerned about trash in the downtown area. (Public comment attached to these Meeting Minutes.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2024-14: Authorizing Contingency Transfers Within Funds

Finance Director Chauran explained the need for a contingency transfer within funds as itemized in the staff report. She requested approval by Council.

ACTION:

Councilor Vermillion moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-14 by title only; Councilor Shankle seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

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

(Resolution No. 2024-14 roll call continued)

NAYS: None.

ABSECTIONS: None.

B. Resolution No. 2024-15: Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations Between Funds (Administration to Parks)

Director Chauran explained that earlier in the year, a transfer took place between the Capital Fund and the Administration Fund. The transfer should have been from the Capital Fund to the Parks Fund. This resolution corrects the error.

ACTION:

Council President Newland moved to approve the Resolution No. 2024-15; Councilor Vermillion seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSECTIONS: None.

C. Resolution No. 2024-16: Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations Between Funds (WWTP Upgrade)

Director Chauran informed Council that a transfer to the Sewer Fund is necessary to begin work on the WWTP Upgrade.

ACTION:

Councilor Childress moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-16; Councilor Shankle seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSECTIONS: None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- Finance Director Chauran finalizing the end of the 2033-2024 Fiscal Year.
- City Recorder Teets announced the current candidates for Mayor and Council. Ms. Teets also gave a reminder of the Planning Commission opening and that City Hall is closed on July 4th.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Lightner is preparing for upcoming garage sale fundraisers. She also announced Music in the Park is in full swing.
- Councilor Botsford shared that Molalla Chamber of Commerce is finalizing plans for the Giant 4th of July Street Parade. She also reminded citizens that roads close at 9am on the day of the parade.
- Councilor Vermillion announced fundraising events taking place at Monaz Church during July 1st – 4th. Donations will go to Vacation Bible School.
- Councilor Shankle gave an update on the Molalla Aquatic Center events. They coordinate the Firecracker 5K Run, and there is still time for entries.
- Councilor Childress reminded citizens to use caution with their fireworks, as they are a fire danger. She encouraged folks that “if you are going to shoot off illegal fireworks, make sure you have a legal hose ready.”
- Council President Newland thanked everyone that attended the sign making class for Parks fundraising. Other Parks fundraisers in the works are the July Garage Sales and concessions at Music in the Parks.
- Student Council Liaison Peterson shared that she was invited to speak at PSU the previous weekend at the Collaborative Governance Annual Conference related to youth engagement. She commended City of Molalla for creating space for youth participation in local government.
- Mayor Keyser focused on the need for multiple volunteer opportunities during the summer. He encouraged folks to get involved. Mayor Keyser also addressed community concern regarding new housing and the condition of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City has not received a violation in many years, and is working toward an upgrade. He encouraged people to use The Molalla Current for facts as posted by City staff, opposed to Facebook.

For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube
“Molalla City Council Meetings – June 26, 2024”

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.



Scott Keyser, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, CMC - City Recorder

Meeting Attachments:

- Public Comment – D. Potts