



## **METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Minutes

Oct. 16, 2014

City of Oregon City, City Hall, Commission Chambers

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes, and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Carlotta Collette and Craig Dirksen

Councilors Excused: Deputy Council President Sam Chase and Councilor Bob Stacey

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

### **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Council President Hughes recognized the following guests: Dr. Joanne Truesdell, President of Clackamas Community College, John George, Grande Ronde council member, Mayor Alice Norris, Mayor Doug Neeley, Oregon City Commissioner Betty Mumm, and welcomed Oregon City Commissioner Carol Pauli to speak.

Commissioner Pauli enthusiastically welcomed the Metro Council, discussed the Willamette Falls project, which had a first read at the City Commission meeting the previous night. Ms. Pauli introduced David Frasher, City Manager of Oregon City, to talk more about Willamette Falls. Mr. Frasher recognized great work by Kathleen Brennan-Hunter and Martha Bennett and thanked Metro staff for their partnership and support. Metro Councilor Collette also noted that for more information, citizens could go to the website: [www.rediscoverthefalls.com](http://www.rediscoverthefalls.com).

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

### **3. CLACKAMAS COUNTY FILM & MEDIA INDUSTRY CLUSTER PRESENTATION**

Council President Hughes introduced Catherine Comer and Jamie Johnk, who presented on the growing film and media industry cluster in Clackamas County. Ms. Comer discussed the emerging cluster, how the industry could expand, as well as and what the workforce needed might be. She noted that one part of the cluster is called Motion Capture and that the first motion capture training facility in the state of Oregon is located at Clackamas Community College, which has been a huge success, classes have been continually full, and she considered it to be a major achievement. Ms. Comer also explained that the County does a lot of 'scene-finding' for productions, with help from city staff around the region so that the business can be shared with multiple jurisdictions. She discussed the newly-created Countywide Unified Permitting Process, available online, as a successful tool to streamlining and creating one permitting process for the whole county which saves the production companies quite a bit of time. She noted that the County has received the

2013 Governor's Award for Film Advocacy for bringing this new system to the communities as an economic development program, as well.

Councilors thanked Ms. Comer and Ms. Johnk for their hard work, noting that what they were doing was very helpful for communities and their economic development. They also discussed that this model for the film industry could be used for other industries as well and congratulated them on what they had accomplished. Councilor Collette discussed this as a great example for what communities can accomplish regardless of how much space or how large the community is and that this was a great example of "blue collar creative".

Councilor Harrington commented on an upcoming film festival coming up on garbage, as it relates to the discussion on the local film industry. She discussed how Metro has engaged local film makers in a film-making contest on trash: where it goes and what becomes of it. She invited all to attend the Film Festival in November at the Portland Art Museum, noting that it would be free on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (more information available on the Metro website).

#### **4. MAIN STREET OREGON CITY PRESENTATION**

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Jonathan Stone, Executive Director of Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA) (recently renamed from Main Street Oregon City). Mr. Stone discussed how Oregon City, specifically Downtown Oregon City, has come a long way with its revitalization. He highlighted the Illuminate Oregon City project, citing the Oregon City elevator as an important symbol in Oregon City and noting that the revitalization has been important to residents and is a source of a great pride in the city. Mr. Stone explained that DOCA is only one of two nationally accredited "Main Streets" in Oregon and discussed work they are doing to provide incentive programs for downtown businesses, including being a part of the Metro Enterprising Places Pilot Program.

Councilors congratulated Mr. Stone on the work being done in Downtown Oregon City. Councilor Harrington discussed the transformation in Oregon City over the years that she has seen and indicated how personally proud she was of the hard work and dedication of Mr. Stone. Mr. Stone thanked the Council and noted that the City has been very important and supportive, and without that support, this work wouldn't have been possible. Councilor Collette noted the great bones of Oregon City, beautiful buildings, and stated that she was very grateful that the Council and Metro staff have been able to help.

#### **5. NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN OREGON CITY**

Council President Hughes introduced Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Natural Areas Program Director, who provided a Natural Areas Program update for projects in Oregon City. Ms. Brennan-Hunter thanked all of the volunteers and staff that have worked on Canemah Bluff and discussed the progress of restoration of the area. She also provided an update on the Canemah Bluff overlook development project and other recent improvements to the park.

Ms. Brennan-Hunter also provided an update on the Newell Creek Canyon area, the planning and community participation process currently going on. She noted that the next public meeting will be on October 28<sup>th</sup>, where the public can learn more about the area as well as provide input on potential uses and improvements to the area. Ms. Brennan-Hunter also shared news that they have finally been able to secure a new site that will provide much better public access to the canyon.

**6. WILLAMETTE FALLS LEGACY PROJECT UPDATE PRESENTATION**

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Jim Desmond, Sustainability Center Director, to update the Council on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. Mr. Desmond gave a brief update on the riverfront part of the project. He explained that the riverfront area, currently called the Riverwalk, will be the primary link and economic development for the area and that the Memorandum Of Understanding had now been signed by all parties, then showed a short film on the project. He noted that the early planning and organizing of a project team will begin in late 2014 through early 2015, then work to secure funds by mid-2015. Mr. Desmond introduced Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Planning Staff from the City of Oregon City. Ms. Robertson-Gardiner indicated that she was very excited by unanimous support from both the Oregon City Commission and the Planning Commission, as well as provided more details on the project.

Councilors congratulated Metro Staff and Oregon City Staff on their work, noting that they were very excited by the project and calling it a major regional project, as well as the entire state.

Council President Hughes recognized William Gifford, President of the Oregon City Business Alliance, who invited Council to attend the next meeting. Council President Hughes also recognized Mayor Doug Neeley and invited him to speak. Mayor Neeley discussed his time as mayor and the changes he's seen in Oregon City, as well as how proud he was of the progress made with the Willamette Falls project. Mayor Neeley thanked Jim Desmond and the Metro Council for being a partner from the beginning.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2, 2014**

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| Motion: | Councilor Carlotta Collette moved to adopt Council Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2014. |
| Second: | Councilor Craig Dirksen seconded the motion.  |

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| Vote: | Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Harrington, Dirksen and Collette voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> . |
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**8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events and topics: Westside Economic Alliance Land Use Committee meeting, Metro All-Staff meeting with keynote speaker, Marisa Madrigal, the reopening of Blue Lake Park and the Salmon Homecoming event on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Oxbow Park.

**9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or items: JPACT Finance Subcommittee Meeting, upcoming OMPOC Annual Retreat on October 17<sup>th</sup>, a request for support from Transportation For America, the Future of Estate Capital event on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and final open

house for Council Creek Trail. Councilor Collette also pointed out several new key projects in/near Oregon City including the new light rail station and nearby native plantings and improvements along Riverfront Park.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 6:45p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, October 23 at 2 p.m. in the Metro Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexandra Eldridge".

Alexandra Eldridge, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCT. 16, 2014**

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