



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Regular Meeting

Molalla Adult Community Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
October 9, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

The Molalla City Council Regular Meeting of October 9, 2019 was called to order by Mayor Keith Swigart at 7:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Keith Swigart – Present
Councilor Elizabeth Klein – Present
Councilor Leota Childress – Present
Councilor DeLise Palumbo – Present
Councilor Terry Shankle – Present
Councilor Jody Newland – Present
Vacant Seat
Student Liaison Natalee Litchfield - Absent

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager - Present
Christie DeSantis, City Recorder - Present
Gerald Fisher, Public Works Director - Absent
Chaunee Seifried, Finance Director - Absent
Alice Cannon, Planning Director - Absent
Diana Hadley, Library Director - Present

3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peggy Smith of 222 Section Street, expressed her concern about the need of a four-way stop at the corner of Section Street and Hart Avenue. Ms. Smith stated that log trucks and other vehicles are running the stop signs on Section Street and she is concerned that someone could get seriously injured. Ms. Smith requested that the City and the Police Department visit the area, and complete a preliminary traffic study.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*A motion was made by Councilor Newland to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Childress.
Vote passed 6-0.*

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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*A motion was made by Councilor Childress to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Newland.
Vote passed 6-0.*

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Art Commission Ordinance Discussion (Huff)

City Manager, Dan Huff presented Council with three versions of existing Arts Commission language, proposed Arts Committee language and Community Program Committee language. Mr. Huff explained the process for each item, and Council followed with discussion of options.

***Dave Jackson, Dave Jackson Photography**, former Arts Commissioner. Mr. Jackson applauded the Council and Staff for the great conversation and encouraged them to move forward in making a decision regarding an Arts Committee Program.*

***Ken Feters, The Main Shop**, expressed his support to City Staff and Council. Mr. Feters appreciates the work that he has done with City Staff and finds staff to be very helpful and accomodating. He encouraged Council and Staff to make a decision, so that area artists can move forward with a program.*

***Jude Strader, Artist**, submitted an email to Mr. Huff for Council consideration. (Exhibit A)*

Council generally supported the idea of a Community Program Committee.

Conversation continued regarding the resident to non-resident requirements of the Arts Committee, as well as the Committee policies and procedures. Council requested a few language changes and asked that the new version be brought to Council at an upcoming meeting.

***Linda Brewster Rodgers, Author/Illustrator/Designer, Mulino** suggested that the Council consider creating a Directory of Artist in the area, so that others could contact them for services.*

B. Clackamas County Library District Task Force (Hadley)

Library Director, Diana Hadley shared that the Board of County Commissioners has given direction to convene a Library District Task Force. The Task Force will focus on three areas, to be addressed by a subcommittee. They are Library Serives, Library Funding, and Library District Governance.

Director Hadley requested that Council appoint her and City Manager, Dan Huff to the Task Force Committee.

A motion was made by Councilor Palumbo to appoint Ms. Hadley and Mr. Huff to the Task Force Committee, seconded by Councilor Shankle. Vote passed 6-0.

9. REPORTS

A. City Manager and Staff

Library Director Hadley shared that Oregon Business Magazine 2019 has a great article for Libraries in Communities for anyone interested. It covered the importance of keeping Libraries open to the public. Mayor Swigart thanked her for her hard work and dedication in providing an excellent Library program to the City of Molalla.

Ms. Hadley also informed the public that the Library is hosting a Pumpkin Slime event, and all are welcome to attend.

City Recorder DeSantis spoke with Council about the balance of the calendar year and asked for direction regarding upcoming holidays. It was decided by Council to cancel meetings on the fourth Wednesday's of the months of November and December.

City Manager Huff told Council that ODOT had sent an email to Public Works Director, Gerald Fisher regarding the installation of 35mph signs on OR213, coming from the south approaching City limits. (Exhibit B)

Mr. Huff shared with Council that the director from Pudding River Watershed Council contacted him recently. The Watershed Council would like to know if there is a resident, staff or council member from Molalla that would be willing to participate in their meetings. Pudding River Watershed Council would like this to be an appointed position by Council.

Mr. Huff stated that it would be a conflict for Council and most City staff, as these meetings coincide with Molalla City Council.

***Mike Simmons, resident of Molalla,** stated that the Molalla River flows into the Pudding River, not the Willamette. (Mr. Simmons spoke from the audience and it was difficult to decipher all of his statement.) There was discussion between Mr. Simmons, Mayor Swigart, and Mr. Huff about how the river flows. It was determined to view a map at a later time.*

B. Mayor

Mayor Swigart reported that he may have an interested party for the open Council seat.

C. City Councilors

Councilor Klein commented about the importance of having all open Commission and Council vacancies in the same place. City Recorder DeSantis stated that she would place the information on the City's website.

Councilor Klein gave an update regarding the ODOT presentation regarding OR211 Bike and Pedestrian Improvements that took place on October 2, 2019 at the Molalla Public Library. She was pleased with the turnout and hopes that people will continue to be involved.

Councilor Childress thanked City Staff for office space, administrative assistance, and overall support for their involvement of Celebrate Molalla. She also stated that the City is hosting Chamber Breakfast on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

Councilor Childress informed everyone of the Pianos in the Park program that is coming to Molalla. She felt that having the pianos fills part of our Visioning Statement, with regard to Art and Culture being available to our community.

Councilor Palumbo – Nothing to report.

Councilor Newland thanked the community as a whole for attending Celebrate Molalla. She also thanked the vendors, as well as anyone that stopped at the City booth for great conversations.

Councilor Newland encouraged drivers to review their Driver's Manual for a few reminders on the Rules of the Road. She is concerned that many drivers are in too much of a hurry, along with being extremely distracted. Councilor Newland expressed her concern for the safety of all involved.

She also shared that the final installation of the Art Heritage Walk was placed at Clark Park last week, and encouraged citizens to go check it out. The final installation of this series is the Basket Start.

Councilor Shankle reminded the community that Downtown Trick-or-Treating will be held on October 31, 2019. She requested that people slow down and watch out for little ones darting about.

10. ADJOURN

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm by Councilor Newland, seconded by Councilor Palumbo.
Vote passed 6-0.**


Keith Swigart, Mayor

October 23, 2019
Date

ATTEST: Christie D. Santis
Christie DeSantis, City Recorder