



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Regular Meeting

Molalla Adult Community Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
February 26, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

The Molalla City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Swigart at 7:01pm.

2. ROLL CALL

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE:

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Citizens are allowed up to 3 minutes to present information relevant to the City but not listed as an item on the agenda. Prior to speaking, citizens shall complete a comment form and deliver it to the City Recorder.)

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

6. CONSENT AGENDA

(This section allows the City Council to consider routine items that require no discussion and can be approved in one comprehensive motion. An item may only be discussed if it is pulled from the consent agenda.)

- A. Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2020
- B. Resolution Number 2020-02: Budget Transfer for FY 2019-2020; Update to Resolution Number 2020-03: Budget Transfer for FY 2019-2020

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

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Revision to Chapter 13.02 Utility Payments for Public Services (Fisher)
- B. Revision to Chapter 13.08 Sanitary Sewers (Fisher)
- C. Revision to Chapter 13.12 Sewer and Water Main Extensions (Fisher)
- D. Revision to Chapter 13.13 Surface Water Management (Fisher)

Public Works Director Fisher presented Council with four code revisions that need to be amended in order to align with current standards.

Chapter 13.02 Utility Payments for Public Services; recognized Water, Sewer, and Storm Water utility. In reviewing Code language, it was determined that code was not saying that sewer had the same rules in place as water, and storm was impeded partially with sewer and had its own category. Staff created language so that each would become its own distinct utility.

Chapter 13.08 Sanitary Sewers; there are two main changes. The first goal is to create sewer customer classes; Residential, Commercial 1, 2, 3, and 4, and Industrial. Each class has a concentration effect on the WWTP.

There was brief discussion about classifications for churches and schools, Mr. Fisher described the criteria for each. Councilor Newland appreciated that the City is working to anticipate what sort of establishments that we could expect in the future. Mr. Fisher explained that all Commercial businesses will be closely monitored.

Chapter 13.12 Sewer and Water Main Extensions; are requirements for developers to extend services to the end of their properties. There is a provision for folks that live in the City, but do not receive City services. This is a requirement in most Cities.

Chapter 13.13 Surface Water Management; until now, there hasn't a been Surface Water Management Code in place. A few items have been imbedded with other parts of Code, but it is time for Surface Water to have rules of its own. DEQ requires permits, including the City being required for specific projects. The importance of this Code update specifically identifies that folks have proper discharge permits from DEQ (1200C Permit). If they do not, the City has the force of the Code to stop the illegal discharge that is taking place. The 1200C Permit is an Erosion Sediment Control Permit provided through DEQ.

As an aside, Mayor Swigart asked Mr. Fisher if he had heard anything regarding the Pipe Bill being brought forward. Mr. Fisher reported that the Bill is dead. There was overwhelming opposition with the Bill. The Bill was taking control away from local agencies for engineers to make the decisions for what is best for their City.

A motion was made by Councilor Newland for staff to bring the revisions to Council in Ordinance form, seconded by Councilor Robles. Vote passed 6-0.

9. REPORTS

A. City Manager and Staff

Public Works Director Fisher – ODOT is moving forward with the signal project that is coming soon to Molalla. A signal is needed at Molalla Avenue and Main Street. Left turn pockets will need to be made. Through this design review process, it is noted that there is 12,500 cars going east to west on OR211 each day, and it continues to grow. ODOT met with the Fire Department and Fire Marshall in regards to what requirements will be needed.

Once the signal is in place, the question of trucks will have to be revisited. The TSP identifies a route around Molalla Avenue once the signal is in, as this is separate from the signal project. An Ordinance will have to be adopted that does not allow through trucks on Heintz through Section.

City Recorder DeSantis – Nothing to report.

City Manager Huff – Attended a Kiwanis meeting where he had a chance to present the Molalla Area Vision and Action Plan 2030. He appreciated that Ken Fetters, owner of The Main Shop, was there to talk with the group about the Community Program Committee relating to the Vision Plan.

B. Mayor

Mayor Swigart sent an email to Representative Lewis regarding the Cap and Trade Bill. Republicans have not been in Senate, as they want this Bill taken to the voters in November.

C. City Councilors

Council President Childress spoke with a group from Plaza Los Robles in hopes to create better community involvement from the Hispanic Community.

Celebrate Molalla planners will begin meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 10:00am at City Hall. The celebration date has been scheduled for September 19, 2020.

Councilor Klein shared her excitement about the Public Works Facility, as she had toured the new Shops. She feels this will be a huge asset to our community.

Councilor Klein and Bill Flood will be meeting with MHS Leadership in March, to review the adopted Vision and Action Plan. Councilor Klein is looking forward to meeting with the students.

Councilor Newland – Nothing to report.

Councilor Shankle – Nothing to report.

Councilor Robles – Nothing to report.

Student Liaison Litchfield shared that students are preparing for Finals. There was a Unified Basketball game held during the week, our students competed against Oregon City. Molalla FFA Members competed in Sectionals in Burns recently. Two students will be competing at the State level for Job Interview Competition, Miss Litchfield and one other student. The Share the Love event raised a total of \$147,695. Three families will benefit from the proceeds.

10. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilor Klein to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm, seconded by Councilor Robles. Vote passed 6-0.


Keith Swigart, Mayor

March 11, 2020
Date

ATTEST: 
Christie DeSantis, City Recorder