



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Work Session

Coleman Ranch

15545 S. Feyrer Park Road, Molalla, OR 97038

January 25, 2020 8:30am

THE MOLALLA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION RETREAT was called to order by Mayor Keith Swigart at 8:36am. In attendance were:

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
Councilor Crystal Robles - Present

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager - Present
Christie DeSantis, Interim City Recorder - Present
Alice Cannon, Planning Director - Present
Chaunee Seifried, Finance Director - Present
Diana Hadley, Library Director - Present
Gerald Fisher, Public Works Director - Present
Frank Schoenfeld, Police Chief - Present
Chris Long, Lieutenant - Present

The focus of this Work Session Retreat was to set goals for the 2020-2021 calendar year through the recently adopted Molalla Area Vision and Action Plan 2030.

The five Focus Areas of the VAP (Vision and Action Plan) are as follows:

1. Molalla is a resilient community that passionately recognizes and builds on its history, culture, and location
2. Molalla is a welcoming, friendly and vibrant community with an attractive hometown feel that is safe, hospitable, and inclusive of all residents, businesses and visitors
3. Molalla is an economically sound and growing community which is evident in the diversity of businesses, partnerships, education, innovation, and the strong work ethic of its people
4. Molalla is a full-service hub of resources
5. Molalla is a beautiful and tranquil area where people are deeply connected to its unique natural resources

City Council and Staff discussed each focus areas at length. A reoccurring theme for the entirety of the meeting was the need for a new Police Station.

Councilors and Staff also acknowledged and appreciate the revitalization efforts that are going into the downtown area via business owners. Ken Feters, owner of The Main Shop, has played a very large role in inspiring community members more to be involved. Ken and four other members have been recently appointed to the Community Program Committee for Culture and Arts. Staff and Council agree that the work that they have been doing and continue to do will benefit the community greatly.

Near the end of the Work Session Retreat, the Goals created for each of the five Focus Areas agreed Council and Staff are:

1. **RESILIENCE, HISTORY, CULTURE, LOCATION:** Sign and Mural Code, Emergency Response Plan
2. **WELCOMING, FRIENDLY, SAFE, INCLUSIVE:** Update Disaster Emergency Plan, Awareness Campaign for Understanding the Need of a New Police Department, Vacant Property Standards, Hold a City Council Meeting at the High School
3. **ECONOMICALLY SOUND, MANAGED GROWTH, BUSINESS, EDUCATION:** Economic Development Plan, Develop Zoning Regulations, Organize City Wide Clean-Up,
4. **RESOURCE HUB:** Hire Vision Coordinator, Quarterly Newsletter
5. **BEAUTY, TRANQUILITY, NATURAL AREAS:** Creamery Creek Park, Bike & Ped Path thru Bear Creek Byway, Molalla Forest Road and Molalla River Corridor

Councilor Robles inquired about how once goals have been identified and prioritized, if there is a check point as to whether we are on track. Councilor Klein explained that it has been done yearly in the past. Councilor Childress explained that we can start reporting on a quarterly basis through the Vision Coordinator.

A Visioning Coordinator will be hired through a grant provided by the Ford Family Foundation to assist the Community with the Vision and Action Plan. The Vision Coordinator is required to provide quarterly reports with the progress of each Focus Area.

A motion was made by Councilor Palumbo to adjourn the Work Session Retreat at 2:52pm, seconded by Councilor Klein. Vote passed 7-0.


Keith Swigart, Mayor

July 22, 2020
Date

Respectfully Submitted:


Christie DeSantis, City Recorder