



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Work Session

City Hall Conference Room – Virtual Meeting

117 N. Molalla Ave., Molalla, OR 97038

April 30, 2020 5:00-6:00pm

THE MOLALLA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION of April 30, 2020 was called to order by Mayor Keith Swigart at 5:00pm.

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager - Present
Christie DeSantis, City Recorder - Present

Mayor Swigart called a Work Session of City Councilors to discuss the reopening of the City due to Covid-19 shutdowns. He met with the four rural Mayors yesterday, (Canby, Estacada, Sandy and Molalla) to talk about how their rural communities are being affected by being in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.

Currently Clackamas County reopening plans include committees being formed. Mayor Swigart explained that in accordance with the guidelines in place, that it could be 18 months to three years before some businesses could open. He feels that the perception in town from the citizens is that the City and Council are doing nothing.

Mayor Swigart would like to begin talking with area business owners to see how they would feel about reopening.

Mr. Huff explained that the County released an article regarding reopening vs. recovery and what that could mean for small businesses. A group of local business owners put together a draft social distancing plan and submitted it to Commissioner Humbertston, explaining what their processes would be.

Meetings are being scheduled by the County to create a plan to submit to the Governor's office. Councilor Klein suggested that we only submit our guideline/plan once it is solid. We must demonstrate to CDC, OHA, and OSHA that we are making wise decisions. Discussion surrounded following the Governor's orders and making sure that Molalla is moving forward in compliance.

Councilors Childress and Klein suggested we have a plan that is separate from a Resolution. All Councilors agreed.

The next step is to begin speaking with business owners for their opinions of how to safely reopen. Concerns are adequate PPE and social distancing measures.

Councilors discussed having another meeting on May 6th if necessary. (Meeting was not held)

Mayor Swigart adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.


Keith Swigart, Mayor

May 27, 2020
Date

ATTEST: 
Christie DeSantis, City Recorder