



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Meeting

Molalla Civic Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
July 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of July 27, 2022 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 7:00pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Jody Newland, Councilor Elizabeth Klein, Councilor Leota Childress, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Crystal Robles (via telephone), and Councilor Eric Vermillion.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Christie Teets, City Recorder; Chris Long, Police Chief; Bobby Call, Lieutenant; City Attorney, Chad Jacobs.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Budget Committee Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2022
- B. MURA Budget Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2022
- C. City Council & Planning Commission Joint Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2021

A motion was made by Councilor Childress to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Vermillion. Vote passed 6-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

- A. Swearing-In of Sergeant LaPointe
- B. Swearing-In of Officer DeLuna
- C. Commendation of Agency Officers
- D. New Police Facility Update

Mayor Keyser made a brief announcement that Item C would take place first. Then he read the following Commendation:

“On July 4th, 2022, the Molalla Police Department and partner agencies in Clackamas County participated in traffic control with the annual 4th of July parade. At approximately 10 am, the police department received reports of a wrong way driver that was heading towards the front of the parade. The driver disobeyed multiple orders to stop and continued to advance on to the head of the parade. As the driver met with the head of the parade, he started driving around the parade towards the sidewalk which was filled with hundreds of spectators. The Molalla Police Department and Molalla Fire Department immediately acted and pinned the vehicle in so it would not be able to move. With the assistance of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, they were able to negotiate with the subject and convince him into shutting the vehicle off and exiting the vehicle. The suspect was taken into custody, and nobody was injured from the results of his actions.

We would like to commend the Molalla Police Department, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, and the Molalla Fire Department for their quick and decisive actions on July 4th, 2022, which undoubtedly prevented what could have been a very tragic day.”

Following Commendation, Mayor Keyser swore in Officer Nigel DeLuna and Sergeant Anthony LaPointe.

Joshua Dodson of OTAK gave a brief presentation on the new Police Facility, describing the timeline for construction. Substantial completion is scheduled for December 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. CM/GC (Construction Manager/General Contractor) Draft Findings of Fact

A Public Hearing was held for the CM/GC Draft Findings of Fact. Mayor Keyser opened the Public Hearing at 7:22pm.

Mr. Dodson informed Council that all notice requirements had been met. Mayor Keyser asked if there were any audience members to speak for or against the item. Seeing none, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:23pm.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2022-14: Granting Exemption from Competitive Bidding for Construction of the New Molalla Police Facility

Mr. Dodson explained to Council that the City and OTAK are seeking authorization for Council to utilize the CM/GC process as an alternate method of contracting based upon the Findings.

A motion was made by Councilor Vermillion to approve Resolution No. 2022-14, seconded by Councilor Klein. Vote passed 6-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

B. Ordinance No. 2022-03: Declaring a Ban on Psilocybin Service Centers and the Manufacture of Psilocybin Products

City Manager Huff explained to Council that there are two Ordinances in their packets regarding the Psilocybin Service Act. One is to ban them, one is to put a temporary ban on manufacturing and services. Council also has the option to do nothing, which would allow manufacturing or services to begin on January 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilor Childress to direct staff to prepare a Two-Year Temporary Ban on the Psilocybin Act, seconded by Councilor Shankle.

Discussion began with Council President Newland describing why she preferred to direct staff to ban them completely. She is concerned that the 15% tax does not go to the City, as well as usage not being prescribed by a medical doctor. Council President Newland also did 'not want our town to be a guinea pig' on this subject.

Councilor Shankle felt that citizens may be more likely to pass a two-year ban, opposed to banning it altogether. City Attorney Jacobs explained to Council that they can take the Measure to voters only in a year holding a General Election. Therefore, the next time it could go to voters is in November 2024.

Mayor Keyser stated he would prefer that Molalla not being involved in Psilocybin, preferring a ban altogether. After much discussion by Council, Councilor Childress called the vote.

City Recorder Teets called the vote on the Two Year Temporary Ban. Vote failed 2-5. Voting Aye were Councilors Childress and Shankle. Councilors voting Nay: Mayor Keyser, Councilor Vermillion, Council President Newland, Councilor Klein, and Councilor Robles.

A motion was motion was made by Councilor Vermillion directing staff to prepare documents to Ban the Use of Psilocybin Services, seconded by Council President Newland. Vote passed 6-1. Voting Aye: Mayor Keyser, Councilor Vermillion, Councilor Shankle, Council President Newland, Councilor Klein, and Councilor Robles. Voting Nay: Councilor Childress.

A motion was made by Council President Newland to hold the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-03, Declaring a Ban on Psilocybin Service Centers and the Manufacture of Psilocybin Products, seconded by Councilor Vermillion. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

Discussion followed with the option of the Second Reading. Councilor Childress stated that she did not realize that she was voting for the First Reading. Mr. Jacobs explained the process, and all parties agreed to the Second Reading and adoption being held at the August 10th meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Architect Selection – New Policy Facility

City Manager Huff shared the selection process for the Police Facility architect. The overwhelming response by the Police Facility CPC to recommend the firm Mackenzie to Council.

A motion was made by Councilor Vermillion to approve Mackenzie as the Architect for the new Police Facility, seconded by Councilor Klein. Vote passed 6-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- City Manager Huff shared his recent experience at the OCCMA Conference. There was good conversation about League of Oregon Cities, and the relationships between Council and Administration. He thanked Council for the conversation regarding mushrooms, and appreciates that they are willing to make difficult decisions. Mr. Huff introduced the new Executive Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Baughman, to Council.
- City Attorney Jacobs stated that it was great to be at the meeting and wished Councilors a great summer.
- City Recorder Teets announced that there are now four candidates running for a Council seat in November. They are Ashly Hansen, Martin Ornelas, Councilor Leota Childress, and current Planning Commission Chair Rae Botsford.
- Police Chief Long thanked Council for their support on the new Police Facility project and is excited about the progress that is already being made.
- Lieutenant Bobby Call had nothing to report.

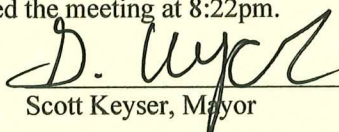
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Vermillion announced the upcoming dates for the MRSD Board Meetings. He does not have a report from Chamber of Commerce, as he has not been in communication with them.
- Councilor Shankle was happy to share that the Chamber Parade was a huge success. Councilor Shankle is working on a project for Celebrate Molalla. She has painted over 100+ bowling pins from the Bowling Alley, for kids to paint at the event. Some that she has painted will also be for sale. Money donated will be deposited into the Parks Fund.
- Councilor Childress announced that this would be the largest Celebrate Molalla ever and encouraged folks to attend. She offered her thanks to the Police Facility CPC members, City Staff, and Mr. Dodson for all of their hard work in preparing for construction of the new police department. Councilor Childress announced that the Molalla Hope Warming Center will now be called the Molalla Hope Extreme Weather Center. It is a place for people to escape extreme heat, cold, and wildfire smoke.
- Council President Newland asked Chief Long about National Night Out. It is being held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at Clark Park. There will be a large National Guard tank coming. She asked Mr. Huff about the status of Fox Park. He explained that although a project appears to be complete, it isn't quite yet. There are a few finishing touches to Fox Park before it can be safely open. Council President Newland also announced the next Parks CPC meeting.
- Councilor Robles is excited about the Fundraising opportunities and ideas that will be discussed at the next Parks CPC meeting.
- Councilor Klein announced that the Beautification & Culture Committee is narrowing down some art pieces for Strawberry Park, and will present them to Council in the near future.
- Mayor Keyser reported that today Councilors and City Staff met with ODOT regarding Hwy 211 and Hwy 213. Parties took a walk along Hwy 211, discussing paving needs. The majority of Hwy 211 will be repaved this summer. In some areas, there will be rut paving, in other areas it will be pothole filling. There will not be a complete repave for a few years.

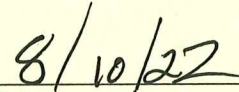
For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube
"Molalla City Council Meetings – July 27, 2022"

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.



Scott Keyser, Mayor



Date

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, City Recorder