



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Meeting

**Molalla Civic Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
November 8, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of November 8, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 7:00pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Jody Newland, Councilor Leota Childress, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Crystal Robles, Councilor Eric Vermillion, and Councilor RaeLynn Botsford.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Christie Teets, City Recorder. Jon Legarza, Healthy Sustainable Communities.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2023

ACTION:

Councilor Childress moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Councilor Vermillion seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Newland, Robles, Botsford, Keyser

NAYS: None

ABSENTIONS: None

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kattie Riggs, unincorporated Molalla resident, spoke to Council regarding a community information and engagement session on November 15, 2023 at Molalla River Middle School. The session is to promote the rebuilding of Molalla Middle School.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) Grant Discussion

Jon Legarza with Healthy Sustainable Communities, spoke to Council about additional funding that would benefit the building of the new water reservoir and intake. The grant would benefit capital projects related to the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, therefore Mr. Legarza is seeking support from Council.

ACTION:

Councilor Childress moved that the City Council support staff for the submittal of a BRIC Grant application to study, design, and construct a new 2.0 million gallon water reservoir and water intake, further moving that the Mayor is authorized to sign a letter of support for these grant projects, and the City Manager is authorized to sign the necessary application documents; Councilor Vermillion seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Newland, Robles, Botsford, Keyser

NAYS: None

ABSENTIONS: None

B. Molalla Municipal Code Chapter 17-2.2.030 Bars and Taverns – Discussion

City Manager Huff shared a section of the current MMC regarding Bars and Taverns from 2010 stating “must not be located within 500 feet of another Bar or Tavern.” This item was presented to Planning Commissioners on October 4th, who provided a recommendation to Council. The recommendation was to remove the 500-foot standard and merge the Bars and Taverns use with the same category used for restaurants – Commercial and Retail Sales and Services.

Mayor Keyser suggested that Council follow the recommendation made by Planning Commission, with the remainder of Council agreeing via consensus.

C. Civic Center Bathroom and ADA Improvements Contract Award

The City of Molalla earned a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for ADA improvements at the Civic Center. Items identified for improvements are the public restroom, sidewalk ramps, and ADA ramp placement at the Civic Center front door. The parking lot is not approved for replacement with these funds.

The responsible bid is by ATK Construction and staff is seeking Council approval. Councilor Robles asked if there was a concern about the bid being significantly lower. Mr. Huff stated that it can be concerning, and staff thoroughly looked at all details. This particular bid is not of concern, as all items were addressed in the bid.

ACTION:

Councilor President Newland moved to accept the bids outlined in the recommendation letter and award the contract to ATK Construction; Councilor Vermillion seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Newland, Robles, Botsford, Keyser

NAYS: None

ABSENTIONS: None

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- City Recorder Teets had nothing to report.
- City Manager Huff had nothing to report.


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Botsford reminded those that placed a Middle School Cookie Dough order to pick them up. She also announced a fundraiser for a young girl that died tragically last week.
- Councilor Vermillion announced upcoming MRSD Board meeting dates. He also announced the upcoming Food Drive that Molalla Fire Department is hosting.
- Councilor Robles shared that the next meeting at Plaza los Robles will take place on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. She also stated that Molalla Elementary School is holding a Coin Drive to help purchase groceries for local families for Thanksgiving.
- Councilor Shankle had nothing to report.
- Councilor Childress shared that she attended the grand opening for Fair Winds and Flying Axes and felt it will be a great addition to the community.
- Council President Newland had nothing to report.
- Mayor Keyser shared that Trent Beaver was acknowledged by the Country Music Awards, and that his video highlighted Molalla and the surrounding area.

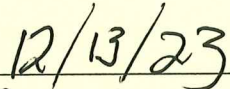
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"Molalla City Council Meetings – November 8, 2023"

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm.




Scott Keyser, Mayor



Date

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, CMC
City Recorder

Minute Attachments:

- Rebuilding Our Molalla Middle School

REBUILDING OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL



Community Information & Engagement Sessions



The Molalla River School District is hosting a series of community sessions to inform, engage and inspire our community around the potential that exists for our Middle School.

During each session, you can expect to :

- Learn about the plan to rebuild the middle school
- Participate in a "gallery walk" to identify elements and concepts that should be considered in the potential rebuild of our middle school.
- Provide input on design element, concepts and ask questions on the development of new space
- Understand the next steps in the process

DOORS OPEN: 5:30
SESSIONS: 6:00-8:00 PM
LIGHT APPETIZERS WILL SERVED
CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED

SCHEDULE:

- 10/25: Mulino Elementary School
- 11/2: Rural Dell Elementary
- 11/15: Molalla River Middle School
- 11/20: Clarkes Elementary
- 11/21: Molalla Elementary School

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