



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Meeting

Molalla Civic Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
January 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of January 11, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 7:00pm. The Flag Salute directly followed.

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; Mac Corthell, Community Development Director; Andy Peters, Public Works Division Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2022
- B. Work Session Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2022

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

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

- A. Swearing – In of Councilors and Councilor Elect

Mayor Keyser administered the Oath of Office to Councilor Childress and Councilor Shankle. He then swore-in newest Councilmember RaeLynn Botsford. Mayor Keyser invited Councilor Botsford to join the Council at the dais, and proceeded with the remainder of council appointments.

- B. Council President Appointment

A motion was made by Councilor Vermillion that Councilor Newland serve as Council President for 2023. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

- C. Council Chamber Liaison Appointment

A motion was made by Councilor Vermillion to appoint Councilor Botsford as the 2023 Chamber of Commerce liaison. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

- D. Council Library Liaison Appointment

A motion was made by Councilor Botsford to appoint Councilor Robles as the 2023 Library liaison. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

- E. Council Parks CPC Liaison Appointment

A motion was made by Councilor Botsford to re-appoint Councilors Newland and Robles as the 2023 Parks CPC liaisons. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

F. Council Police Facility CPC Liaison Appointment

A motion was made by Councilor Childress to re-appoint Councilors Shankle and Newland as the 2023 Police Facility CPC liaisons. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

G. Council Beautification & Culture CPC Liaison Appointment

A motion was made by Council President Newland to appoint Councilors Childress and Shankle as the 2023 Beautification & Culture CPC liaisons. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

H. Council Molalla River School District Board Liaison Appointment

A motion was made by Councilor Robles to appoint Councilor Vermillion as the 2023 MRSD Board liaison. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

I. Council C4 Liaison and Alternate Appointment

A motion was made by Councilor Robles to appoint Councilor Vermillion as the 2023 C4 Alternate to Mayor Keyser. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment/Citizen Concern: Ron Higginbotham

Mayor Keyser referred Council to a comment submitted by Ron Higginbotham that is provided in the meeting packet. He then asked if the item would be placed on the next agenda.

Coral Villareal and Randy Baker, Molalla Residents, are concerned about the unlawful activity that is taking place around Molalla HOPE. They are witnessing drug use, public nudity, and are worried about kids and the skate park. The couple would like to know if there is anything that can be done by staff or council in order to create a safer space for residents in the area. Mayor Keyser and City Manager Huff spoke to the couple about State Laws, and that informed them that their concerned will be addressed at an upcoming meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 2023-01: Electing to use the Sequential Urban Growth Boundry Amendment Process in ORS 197.626(3)

A motion was made by Council President Newland to adopt Resolution No. 2023-01, Electing to Use the Sequential Urban Growth Boundry Amendment Process. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Contract Award: On-Call Paving

Public Works Division Manager Peters gave a brief explanation of how an On-Call Paving contract works. He feels confident that this will ultimately save the City money, while extending the life of city streets.

Councilor Robles stated that the importance of this contract is that it is a good option for our community and will ultimately save tax payers money. Mr. Peters stated that it was more than a bandaid, it is the right thing to do for our streets. He also explained that this process will help the life of our streets for at least 10 years.

A motion was made by Councilor Vermillion to approve the On-Call Paving Contract Award. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

B. Amendment to Personnel Policy – Section V – K

City Manager Huff explained to Council that some language in the Personnel Policy that was adopted recently was left out. During the recent ice storm, there was confusion about employees reporting to work, and if they could not, what personal time was to be used (ie. vacation pay, comp time). Mr. Huff shared the amendment regarding CCPOA and Teamsters employees needing to refer to their contract.

A motion was made by Councilor Robles to approve the amendment to the City of Molalla Personnel Policy. Vote passed 7-0, with all Councilors voting Aye.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- PW Division Manager Peters reported that a meeting is taking place soon that will help reduce the water pressure in town in certain areas. The American Water Works Association states that 70 pounds of pressure is plenty, and some areas are 100-140 pounds of pressure. This is also a strategy for conserving water.
- Community Development Director Corthell commended Public Works employees Richard Landreth and Wyatt Kylo for fixing a curb stop blow-off on Christmas Eve. Mr. Corthell thanked them for helping the citizens affected to have a good Christmas.
- City Manager Huff provided homework to Council for the Goal Setting Conference, which are Focus Areas on the Molalla Area Vision and Action Plan.
- City Recorder Teets reminded Council of the upcoming Goal Setting Conference. She also informed them that at the January 25, 2023 Work Session, Planning Commission applicants will be interviewed.

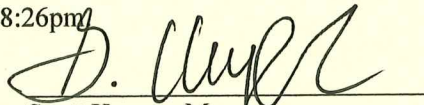
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Botsford shared that the Chamber of Commerce will hold their first Lunch & Learn next week for those that are interested. She also reminded folks that the Annual Banquet is coming soon.
- Councilor Robles shared an update on Library programs; a teen program, winter reading program, and citizenship classes.
- Council President Newland welcomed Councilor Botsford to Council. She also announced that she has more bowling pins available for purchase.
- Councilor Childress announced that the grant that the Beautification & Culture Committee applied for recently was not approved. She assured the group that there would be another way to raise money for Christmas banners. Councilor Childress discussed the City Wide Clean-Up day that is held in the Spring.
- Councilor Shankle had nothing to report.
- Councilor Vermillion announced meeting dates for the Molalla River School District. MRSD is considering sending a bond to voters soon for facility needs.
- Mayor Keyser attended a C4 meeting recently, where the homeless/houseless issue was the topic. Clackamas County is purchasing an old hotel to create a turn-key project. Mayor Keyser read an announcement regarding Facebook activity, ARPA money, and Council involvement. (attached to these meeting minutes) Mayor Keyser congratulated City Recorder Teets for recently being awarded with her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation.

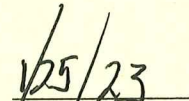
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“Molalla City Council Meetings – January 11, 2023”

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm

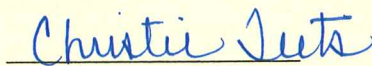


Scott Keyser, Mayor



Date

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, CMC
City Recorder