



City of Molalla
City Council - Regular Meeting
Minutes – March 13, 2024
Molalla Civic Center | 315 Kennel Ave. | Molalla, OR

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of March 13, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 7:01pm.

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, Assistant City Manager; Water Treatment Plant Manager, Seth Kelly.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Recorder Teets announced a correction to Presentation Item D. The presentation should be listed as “YES for Molalla Kids” PAC Presentation, opposed to “Molalla River School District – Bond Presentation”.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Work Session Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2024
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2024
- C. Library Board Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2023
- D. Library Director Report – February 2024

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Newland, Robles, Botsord, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

- A. Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU) – Staff Recognition

Heath Cokely and Monty Norris with Oregon Association of Water Utilities presented the 2024 Wastewater Treatment Operator of the Year Award to employee James Clifton. This outstanding recognition is for going above and beyond in his field of work. WWTP Manager Kelly shared that over the past few years, Molalla has experienced significant growth. More responsibilities to water and wastewater management are a result of the increase population. James has been integral in developing Operation & Maintenance procedures, along with Standard Operation Procedures for both plants. James is now working primarily at the Water Treatment Plant and WWTP Manager Kelly is grateful for his contributions. City Council and Staff thanked James for his contributions and congratulated him on the recognition by OAWU.

- B. OLCC License Request – Cindy’s Cafe

Cindy’s Cafe desires to obtain an OLCC license in order to serve beer, wine, and spirits. City Recorder Teets stated that this item has been approved by Police Chief Long and staff recommends approval.

ACTION:

Council President Newland moved to approve the OLCC License Request for Cindy’s Cafe; Councilor Vermillion seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Newland, Robles, Botsord, Keyser.

NAYS: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

C. Molalla Elementary School – 5th Grade Project Presentation

Principal Womack thanked Council for inviting the 5th grade class to share their Park Presentation. Mr. Womack described the Project Based Learning approach for students as a hands on, lifeskill with real-world application. Mr. Hewitt, 5th Grade class teacher and Mr. Womack recently invited City Manager Huff and Assistant City Manager Corthell to the class to offer input on the students Park plans. Mr. Huff and Mr. Corthell viewed the seven presentations, then requested that the students work together to create one final presentation to bring to Council. Areas of focus for the project were: Park Project Standards, Park Areas, Feelings and Purpose of the Park, and a map of the prospective park. Mr. Hewitt allowed each student present their focus area to Council. (Photos attached to Meeting Minutes)

D. Molalla River School District – Bond Presentation

Kattie Riggs and Roxie Smith, Molalla residents, provided Council with the YES for Molalla Kids PAC Presentation. The presentation covered the need to build a new middle school, costs involved, and impact on the students and community. (Presentation attached to Meeting Minutes.)

Mayor Keyser asked for Public Comment on this item. City Recorder Teets informed Council that Molalla resident Carissa Ross submitted an email that will be reflected in the Meeting Minutes.

(For the complete video account of the YES for Molalla Kids Presentation, go to minutes 26:58 – 58:20)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Mann, MRSD Superintendent, thanked City Manager Huff, City staff, and City Council for their time with the 5th Grade students. He expressed the importance of life beyond education, and the importance of students being exposed to various careers; whether it's college, technical, or trade school. Mr. Mann also invited Council to tour the Middle School during the next month and a half, including asking questions of Board Members or staff. He feels it is important to have an informed citizenry regarding voting for the Middle School Bond.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- Water Treatment Plant Operator Kelly had nothing to report.
- City Manager Huff noted that the 5th Graders all wanted ponds in their parks, and that parks attract Ducks! He is inspired by the students work and is hopeful that staff will continue to work with students.
- City Recorder Teets announced a last call for Budget Committee applications. They are due on Thursday, March 21, 2024.
- Assistant City Manager Corthell announced that the Quarterly Community Development report will be available at the March 27, 2024 meeting. He also shared that the Public Comment period on the environmental has closed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant funding, placing us closer in the funding process. All of this will help in lowering cost to the consumer. Mr. Corthell also praised the 5th Grade class for bringing one park design to Council for consideration. The items presented will be taken into consideration for the Parks Master Plan.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

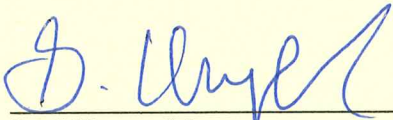
- Councilor Botsford announced the next Chamber of Commerce of meeting on March 14. She also expressed her gratitude for the office staff of our schools, as they are responsible for behind the scenes work.
- Councilor Vermillion announced the next MRSD Board meeting and offered his thanks to Mr. Hewitt's class.
- Councilor Robles shared the Code Compliance contact information for citizens regarding Parking Limitations and code violations.
- Councilor Shankle reminded citizens that Molalla Aquatic Center is offering free swim lessons during Spring Break. She also announced Spring Clean-Up and encouraged the community to participate.

- Councilor Childress thanked the 5th Grade students and enjoyed it immensely. She appreciated that Mr. Huff and Mr. Corthell directed the students to narrow it down to one park design.
- Council President Newland shared the next Town Hall Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 21, 2024. The theme is “Where Does Our Tax Money Go?” and other Budget questions. She also encouraged people to get involved in community government via School Board meetings and City Council meetings.
- Mayor Keyser shared that a Meet & Greet for Lynn Schoenfeld will be held on March 21st, at Molalla River Brewing. Lynn is running for Clackamas County Sheriff.

For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube
“Molalla City Council Meetings – March 13, 2024”

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.



Scott Keyser, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, CMC - City Recorder