



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Special Work Session

**Molalla Civic Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
November 15, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Special Work Session of November 15, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 5:30pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

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, and Kyle Murphy, Code Compliance Specialist.

Guest speakers: Vahid Brown and Adam Brown, Clackamas County Health, Housing, and Human Services, and Nunpa, Antfarm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Antfarm Discussion

Nunpa is the founder and executive director of Antfarm, a licensed Occupational Therapist, dealing with those that have issues with mental health and addiction. Nunpa is from the Sandy/Estacada area, where he identified a need for social services for youth. Their accomplishments to date include a café and bakery, cultural arts center, education center, work force program and more. The Antfarm recently opened an office in Molalla, to create outreach services for people in our community.

Vahid Brown, Clackamas County Health, explained the importance of programs like Antfarm partnering with the County. Vahid described areas that would be the County’s responsibility, as funding is available with Council support. Adam Brown acknowledged that rural communities are currently underserved, therefore hoping to partner with agencies such as the Antfarm. The County is seeking a letter of support form the City for a Resource Center in Molalla.

Councilors shared concerns that a Resource Center would be viewed as a Warming Center by some in the community and do not want to create the issues that took place last winter. Adam Brown and Nunpa explained the resources they could provide would assist the ‘whole person’, not just the issue of houselessness. Vahid Brown expressed that the City gets to determine what sort of services are provided.

Council will continue discussion at the next Regular Session.


[For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube “Molalla City Council Special Work Session – November 15, 2023”](#)

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the meeting at 6:23pm.



Scott Keyser, Mayor



Date

ATTEST: 

Christie Teets, City Recorder