



City of Molalla
City Council – Work Session
Minutes – July 10, 2024
Molalla Civic Center | 315 Kennel Ave. | Molalla, OR

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Work Session of July 10, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 6:00pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Jody Newland, Councilor Leota Childress, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Eric Vermillion, Councilor RaeLynn Botsford, and Councilor Darci Lightner.
Student Council Liaison, Grace Peterson.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Mac Corthell, Assistant City Manager; Christie Teets, City Recorder; Kyle Murphy, Code Compliance Specialist

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Molalla Municipal Code Chapter 10.42 – Overnight parking in City owned lots

Assistant City Manager Corthell opened discussion focused on code enforcement, particularly regarding parking regulations in City-owned lots. Mr. Corthell noted there were minimal issues with overnight parking in City lots, however, establishing clear, enforceable rules within the Code would be the objective. The main challenge was defining "overnight" to ensure consistency and fairness in enforcement. City Council and staff discussed examples of concern such as nearby apartment residents, whom leave cars in City lots long-term to avoid street parking violations. While a permit system was previously discussed, there is still uncertainty regarding enforcement details, such as defining time restrictions for permits.

The current parking enforcement policy states that vehicles parked overnight without a permit are immediately subject to a ticket, and if left for 72 hours, they are eligible for towing. Ticket fines range from \$20 to \$50, with the highest fine applying to parking in front of a fire hydrant. While the City code allows fines up to \$100, the ticket books currently in use cap fines at \$50. The key issue is defining specific hours; establishing hours would help address 'overnight' parking in City lots.

After extensive discussion, the City Council reached a consensus to define "parking time" between the hours of 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM. The consensus provided City Staff with a clear timeframe to begin addressing overnight parking regulations in City-owned lots and explore potential revisions or clarifications to the existing code in the future.

For the complete video account of the Work Session, please go to YouTube
["Molalla City Council Work Session – July 10, 2024"](#)

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the Work Session at 6:40pm.



Scott Keyser, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, CMC - City Recorder