

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of March 12, 2025, was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 6:00pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Present: Councilor Leota Childress, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Eric Vermillion, Councilor RaeLynn Botsford, Councilor Martin Bartholomew, Councilor Doug Gilmer, and Mayor Scott Keyser.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Mac Corthell, Assistant City Manager; Chris Long, Chief of Police; Christie Teets, City Recorder; Diana Hadley, Library Director; along with selected Planning Department, City Hall, and Library Staff.

ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE

Planning Commission, Beautification and Culture Committee, and Parks CPC Committee Members were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

A. Oregon Government Ethics Commission - Public Meetings Law Training

Representatives from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC), Ruth Sylvester and Chris Brubaker, led an indepth training session on Oregon's Public Meetings Law, emphasizing its complexity due to overlapping statutes, charters, and local policies. The session aimed to provide attendees with a broad understanding of the law and key resources for continued guidance.

The OGEC training covered a wide range of topics during the meeting. The presenters emphasized the definition of Governing Body meetings, explaining that a meeting is a gathering of members where decisions or deliberations occur. Public Comments were also addressed, highlighting how the public can engage with governing bodies during meetings.

Other key topics included Recordings and Minutes, Serial Meetings, Media involvement, Noticing Requirements, which stressed the importance of proper public notification to ensure transparency and participation. The Grievance Process detailed steps for addressing issues or violations of Public Meetings Law. Accommodations and Accessibility were also highlighted, ensuring meetings are accessible to all individuals, regardless of disabilities. The session concluded with information on Executive Session and enforcement of Public Meetings Law.

The presenters reminded attendees that members are personally liable for violations, not staff, with fines that cannot be paid using public funds. Overall, the training provided a comprehensive overview of Public Meetings Law and the resources OGEC has available to help navigate complexities and further understanding.

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:35 pm.

For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube

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Scott Keyser, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Christie Teets, CMC, City Recorder