



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 16, 2023
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Laura Reid, Councilor
Shaney Starr, Council President
Kyle Juran, Councilor
Robert Husseman, Councilor
Daniel Kohler, Councilor
Youth Councilor Grayton Woodard

Staff:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Tim Wood, Assistant City Manager
Shane Witham, Planning Director
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Andrew Copeland, Police Chief
Melissa Bisset, City Recorder

Absent:

Councilor Soraida Cross

Absent:

Shannon Johnson, City Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

**SPECIAL ORDERS
OF BUSINESS**

Mayor Clark requested to add an informational only presentation by the Keizer Fire Chief. *Ryan Russell*, Fire Chief, Keizer Fire District noted that they had been sharing space at the Clear Lake Station with Marion County for better fire and emergency response on the North end of Keizer. This has also helped with the interoperational relationships of the Marion County and Keizer staff. This collaborated work with Marion County Fire Chief Kyle McMann has been good, and they would continue to work together by looking at the future and focussing on how to best serve the community.

With the population growth and development, he stated that they would not be able to continue to serve the community in the way they expect without additional funding. As such, they are proposing an increase to the current Operating Levy.

Kyle McMann, Fire Chief, Marion County, shared that they had a great partnership and were proud to be able to sit side by side in collaboration, and they have had many success stories working together. They also have a Local Option Tax Levy that has enabled them to return even stronger and

have filed a replacement levy on the 2024 ballot. Call volume continues to dramatically increase as they have additional population growth.

Mayor Clark thanked the Fire Districts and their Boards for leading a wonderful relationship and providing service to the communities.

- a. **Promotion of Tim Hein to Lieutenant** Chief Copeland introduced Lieutenant Tim Hein and spoke on Mr. Hein's background with him starting his career at the Silverton Police Department, and he has been with the Keizer Police Department for three years. He has been a leader, always does the right thing, and he treats the public with respect.
- b. **Marion County Economic Development Strategy Update** *Kelli Weese*, AIC, Economic Development Program Manager for Marion County, reviewed the Economic Development Program, which promotes efforts to grow the economy, increase employment, and improve the standard of living. She explained the funding structure of the program and the various partnerships. She reviewed the timeline for the Economic Development Strategy Project. Ms. Weese asked that staff, Councilors, and the public provide feedback on the Strategy. Discussion ensued regarding the Travel Salem contract ending and possible grant funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Clark stated that Councilor Cross emailed her that she wished to reappoint Carrie Brown to Position #4 on the Community Engagement Diversity Committee.

Lisa Cejka, Parks Advisory Board Member, provided an update and noted that there was still a grant opportunity. They had their first grant request for the year. She shared a potential Eagle Scout Project by using a durable, prototype trash can and building more trash cans for the parks. She updated the progress of the memorial plaque that was on a water fountain at Keizer Little League Park. The Park's Advisory Board is recruiting for a Youth Liaison. Youth Councilor Woodard would help provide with Youth Liaison Recruitment.

Robert Becker, Keizer Heritage Foundation President, provided an update on the electronically-activated, ADA doors. With the work of Tammy Wild, they were awarded a grant for an upcoming exhibit. They have made incremental steps to redesign their display case and better lighting to tell the Keizer Story. The Keizer Heritage Museum has been accepted into the Oegon Heritage Minor Program to modernize their museum. He expressed his gratitude for the support of the Council. Mayor Clark thanked Mr. Becker and expressed excitement for the transformation.

Barbara Miner, Keizer Community Library Member, reported that the Semi-annual Book Sale was coming up and there were approximately 650 participants in the 2023 Summer Program. She provided a graph displaying Library Visitors from January 2022 through September 2023. Ms. Miner reviewed the types and amounts of books bought, requested, and checked

out.

Sara Hutches, Planning Commission Member, reported on swearing in two new members and stated that Mr. Witham presented the Walkable Mixed Use Area plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS *Richard Walsh*, Keizer Resident, provided a map of Keizer Rapids Park and handed out a current plan. He felt that the change to the original plan significantly changes the character of the park. He stated that there would no longer be an indoor recreational facility because it's being made into parking spaces and future rights would be removed. He stated there is a massive parking lot to accommodate community activities that would be significantly reduced to a size that would no longer handle large events. The designated green area is now being used for a storage shed that the public would not have access to. He felt that there needs to be green space in between the fields for children to play outside the fields.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION None.

CONSENT CALENDAR Council President Starr moved that the Keizer City Council approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Starr, Reid, Husseman, Kohler, and Juran (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cross (1)

- a. **RESOLUTION** - Authorizing the City Attorney to Sign Oregon Supplement to Statewide Allocation Agreement and Future Agreements in the National Opiate Litigation Settlement
- b. **RESOLUTION** - Directing Finance Director to Take no Further Action to Refund or Refinance Bonds Related to Keizer Station Area A Local Improvement District
- c. Approval of September 18, 2023 Regular Session Minutes.
- d. Approval of September 18, 2023 Work Session Minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Municipal Judge Report** Mayor Clark noted that she observed Judge Myers in action. Mayor Clark found that everyone is treated with a great deal of dignity and respect. He's painstakingly thorough and educates those who do not understand why they are appearing in court.

STAFF UPDATES City Manager Brown shared that he met with Mr. Walsch earlier in the day to

discuss his concerns about the plans for Keizer Rapids Park.

Chief Copeland reported that they are busy and have a cool event on October 28th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Plaza Morelia. They had a fun event last weekend called Faith and Blue. He had conversations with other Police Chiefs and Sheriffs on Measure 110, which will be back on the ballot. This measure allows for citations to be issued for illegal drugs and is a helpful tool to get folks off of drug addiction.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilor Juran attended the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Annual Conference.

Council President Starr attended the Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association (GGNA) Meeting and the Volunteer Coordinating Committee Meeting. She expressed excitement about the Miracle of Lights Event to continue this year, which is a great partnership between the City, the GGNA and Marion-Polk Food Share.

Councilor Kohler attended the Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association Meeting and discussed the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. He attended the Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association Meeting and discussed the sidewalks and trees, noise complaints, and that they don't want a fence at the park. He also attended the Scout Patch event and raised over \$6,000 to help people get to Scout Camp. The Book Sale and Community Dinner would be coming up. The Claggett Creek Watershed Council and the Keizer Rotary Satellite Club would do the fall clean up on the 28th at the Wallace House Park.

Councilor Husseman attended the League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference, noting that he viewed Phil and Penny Knight Campus for accelerating scientific impact tour, the Center for Advanced Materials in Oregon on the University of Oregon Campus and summarized their science advancement work, along with the public and private partnerships to help Oregon with its industrial future. He also toured the Oregon County Fair and learned about Emergency Management, logistics, infrastructure, and other endeavors. He noted the upcoming Traffic Safety, Bikeways, and Pedestrian Committee meeting and the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association meetings this week.

Councilor Reid provided an update on the work of the Public Arts Commission in which they voted on the contract renewals for the art sculptures on River Road. They discussed signage for Rosalie's Silly Cows and getting the utility boxes wrapped. She attended the League of Oregon Cities Conference, the Keizer Big Band in Silverton, and the Keizer Heritage Foundation Board Meeting, and she chaperoned Homecoming.

Youth Councilor Woodard shared an update for McNary High School, including Homecoming, recent testing days, the upcoming varsity soccer and

football, performing arts with the orchestra and choir concerts, and the Play That Goes Wrong.

Mayor Clark reported that she has been working with the Mid-Willamette Area Commission on Transportation. There is a two-year work plan regarding future goals for the various regions, infrastructure needs, how to identify projects and advocate them to the Oregon Transportation Commission for funding for such projects with an equity and safety lens. She attended the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Conference and toured the Eugene Airport.

She was voted in to serve another term on the Board for the Women's Caucus for the LOC. She attended the Oregon Mayors Association Directors Board of Directors and presented on property tax and housing and brought back materials on Measures 5 and 50 containing a lot of mathematics. The City and County Commission meeting is Thursday. The Homeless Alliance Board would meet on the 19th, and she thanked service providers working together with governments because more people were being sustainably housed. She would meeting with the West Extension and convening with the Council of Governments on the commuter rail from Wilsonville to Salem and Keizer. She would attend the Let's Travel Council at their annual restoration Dinner.

AGENDA INPUT

Meeting on Monday, October 23rd at 6 p.m. for a Work Session on right-of-way and franchise fees.

Meeting on Monday, November 6th at 7 p.m. in Regular Session

Meeting on Monday, November 13th at 6 p.m. for a Work Session for a Community Center Management update.

Meeting on Monday, November 20th at 7 p.m. in Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

Councilor #4 – Soraida Cross

Councilor #2 – Shaney Starr

Councilor #5 – Robert Husseman

Councilor #3 – Kyle Juran

Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: _____

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