



**MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL**

**Monday, July 14, 2025
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
930 Chemawa Road NE
Keizer, Oregon**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Shaney Starr, Council President
Soraida Cross, Council Vice
President
Kyle Juran, Councilor
Daniel Kohler, Councilor
Lore Christopher, Councilor

Staff:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Tim Wood, Assistant City Manager
Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Melissa Bisset, City Recorder

Absent:

Marlene Parsons, Councilor

a. Discussion regarding Sidewalk Gap & Repair Program

City Manager Adam Brown provided maps of where there were and were not sidewalks within the City. There was discussion about the number of feet and pricing. The number of feet would be determined and provided to the Council. Discussion ensued regarding various neighborhood designs in relation to sidewalks.

There was a question if there were priority areas. Public Works Director Bill Lawyer felt that the City should look at areas that prioritize kids and safety. Mr. Lawyer suggested that the Traffic, Safety, Bicycles, and Pedestrian (TSBP) Committee help with the prioritization.

Discussion ensued regarding providing a framework for the TSBP to use to determine the priority areas. Mr. Lawyer noted that knowing how much funding was available would be important in the prioritization process. There was a suggestion to look at national standards.

Mr. Brown reviewed other common local government sidewalk repair and sidewalk infill programs.

Mr. Lawyer explained the complaint process related to sidewalk repairs. It was noted that sidewalk liability falls to the homeowner.

Discussion ensued regarding right-of-way in relation to sidewalks. Mr. Lawyer shared that the County Tax Assessor's Office has easily accessible maps online that show right-of-ways. There was a suggestion to update the City's map to include if the City has right-of-way.

Mr. Lawyer explained that a Local Improvement District had been used as a means of financing for new sidewalks for neighborhoods desiring them in public right-of-ways that have curbs. Mr. Lawyer commented that it was a very successful project.

Mr. Brown reviewed sections of the City Code related to ownership and liability highlighting that homeowners have liability for damages related to sidewalks.

Mr. Brown shared options for repair, such as grinding, removing, replacing, and expanding foam concrete. There were comments about the various reasons causing sinking and raising of sidewalks.

There was discussion about standard sidewalk widths and street trees. Mr. Lawyer shared about how the City has managed street trees that are damaging sidewalks. Discussion regarding liability ensued.

Reimbursement cost/share programs for sidewalk infill were discussed. Mr. Brown explained that all sidewalks do not have to be uniform types, but the type should be consistent with the neighborhood.

Possible funding was discussed. There would be a \$1 million repayment to the Street Fund from Area B and \$100,000 would be available to be used for a proof of concept program.

Staff had a preference for focusing on infill as the cost of repairs could go through funding quickly.

Mr. Lawyer suggested a sidewalk repair loan program. There was discussion about various terms that could be used in a sidewalk repair loan program.

There was a suggestion to do the proof of concept for a sidewalk repair loan program in the south and west. Mr. Lawyer felt that an income-based process would be there for those that need it most. There was a suggestion to work with Marion County to see if there were ways to partner.

It was suggested that the City determine where the City has right-of-ways, have a subject-matter expert look at priority guidelines and methodology for infill, and then take it to the TSBP to use the guidelines to create a list of infill locations. There was a suggestion to consider continuity, right-of-way and stormwater. Concern was expressed about renters and how renters could be supported if the program was income-based. There were comments about the potential of landlords raising rent and affordability.

There were comments about education and reporting complaints.

Mr. Brown shared that these were options that weren't currently available and would hopefully be

in reach for those who needed assistance.

There would be another work session on the topic in the next three months.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes approved: _____

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