



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 20, 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
Marlene Parsons, Councilor
Lore Christopher, Councilor
Felicia Guphill, Youth Councilor

Staff:

Tim Wood, Assistant City Manager
Shane Witham, Planning Director
Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Tim Hein, Police Lieutenant
Garrett Klever, Human Resources
Director
Melissa Bisset, City Recorder

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

a. PROCLAMATION: Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Ashley Carson, Executive Director for Center for Hope and Safety, and Brendan Murphy, Marion County Chief Deputy District Attorney shared about domestic violence services.

Mayor Clark read the Proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Carson and Mr. Murphy.

b. Announcement of the 2025 Keizer Public Arts Commission Holiday Card Contest Winner - Kaitlin McDaid

Mayor Clark announced that this year's winner of the holiday card contest was Kaitlin McDaid, and her artwork was named "A Christmas Dog."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kim Steen, Keizer Public Arts Commission Chair, reviewed their most recent meeting and newest members.

Lisa Cejka, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Member, reviewed their most recent meeting. She expressed excitement and appreciation for the improvements made at Palma Ceia Park by a local volunteer group led by former Councilor Laura Reid.

Fausto Ramos, Community Diversity Engagement Committee Member, reviewed their most recent meeting and work.

Mike De Blasi, Traffic Safety/ Bikeways/ Pedestrian Committee Chair, reviewed their most recent meeting. There were comments about Safe Routes to School Program and the Pilot Pedestrian Flag Program.

Rhonda Rich, West Keizer Neighborhood Association President, reported on their recent activities. She commented on recent vandalism in the park. She expressed her thanks to the City for the new website and the placement of the Neighborhood Associations on it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Philbrick, Keizer, Traffic Safety/ Bikeways/ Pedestrian Committee Member, shared about concerns the committee had heard at their meetings about speeding in particular residential areas, like Verda, Mandarin, and Park Meadow. He believed that there would be a reduction in speed if the speed limit were lowered. He felt that the real and perceived safety and livability of our streets would be noticeably improved. He encouraged the City Council to consider lowering the speed limit to 20 mph in residential areas.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: Clark, Starr, Cross, Kohler, Juran, Christopher, and Parsons (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

a. Approval of October 6, 2025 Regular Session Minutes

b. **RESOLUTION** - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract with West Coast CIPP Supply LLC for Storm Drain Rehabilitation (Candlewood Drive NE)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. **RESOLUTION** - Amending the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee; Amending Resolution No. R2012-2256; Repealing Resolution R2025-3553

Public Works Director Bill Lawyer summarized the staff report.

Councilor Christopher moved to rename the Traffic Safety/ Bikeways/ Pedestrian Committee to the Transportation Safety Committee. Mayor Clark seconded.

Councilor Christopher supported the name change to Transportation Safety Committee to reflect a modern, comprehensive, and unified mission. She explained that transportation now includes a broad range of modes beyond cars, bicycles, and walking—such as e-bikes, e-scooters, and emerging technologies. She felt the new name ensured the committee remains relevant and adaptable as mobility options evolve.

Councilor Christopher noted that the current name, Traffic Safety, Bikeways, and Pedestrian (TSBP) Committee, was fragmented and overly specific, potentially excluding other important areas like transit, parking design, school zones, and emergency vehicle access. She suggested a single, streamlined title reduces confusion, promotes clarity, and aligns with regional and national best practices. Many cities have adopted broader titles to support a multi-modal approach, improving interagency coordination, public understanding, grant competitiveness, and community engagement. Councilor Christopher emphasized that a unified name makes it easier for residents to report safety concerns without needing to categorize them, thereby encouraging broader participation.

Council President Starr offered a friendly amendment to that motion and suggest that it be the Multi-Modal Safety Committee. Councilor Christopher declined the friendly amendment.

Councilor President Starr felt that Multi-Modal was the term that was being used in transportation, traffic work, and in planning.

Councilor Kohler asked why the name was being changed. It was noted that the TSBP Committee requested to change the name and the Council agreed that they could make a suggestion on a new name.

Mayor Clark felt that safety should be emphasized.

Council President Starr motioned to amend the motion to read Multi-Modal Safety Committee. Councilor Parsons seconded. Motion failed as follows:

AYES: Starr, Parsons (2)

NAYS: Kohler, Christopher, Clark, Cross, Juran (5)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

The original motion was voted on. Motion failed as follows:

AYES: Cross, Christopher, Juran (3)

NAYS: Parsons, Kohler, Clark, and Starr (4)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Councilor Christopher moved to reconsider the change of this committee to Multi-Modal Safety Committee. Councilor seconded by Council President Starr. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Cross, Starr, Juran, Christopher, Parsons, Clark, and Kohler (7)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

The motion was back on the table to change the name to Multi-Modal Safety Committee, and it was voted on. Councilor seconded by Council President Starr. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Cross, Starr, Juran, Christopher, Parsons, Clark, and Kohler (7)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

b. Discussion regarding 20 mph speed limit

Public Works Director Bill Lawyer summarized the staff report. Discussion followed regarding perception on speeding. Mr. Lawyer shared that the threshold could be lowered in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and then traffic-calming could be considered. Lieutenant Hein explained Officer discretion in relation to speeding enforcement and the citation process.

There were suggestions that the variety of tools available should be discussed and considered including enforcement.

It was noted that the Traffic Safety Unit was fully staffed.

Youth Councilor Guptill shared that she had not felt unsafe as a bicyclist and was a new driver on Park Meadow. She felt that the cost was high and felt that speeders would not slow down if the signs were changed.

There were suggestions about conducting education outreach, town halls, and the importance of safety and speeding in the community, and public outreach on speeding.

The Council reached consensus to include questions about speed limits in an upcoming City survey, increase public outreach regarding speeding, and have the Multi-Modal Safety Committee revisit the criteria in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

c. RESOLUTION - Appointing Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem

City Attorney Joseph Lindsay summarized the staff report. Aaron Hisel introduced himself and hoped for a long-term relationship with the City.

Council President Starr moved to adopt Resolution R2025- Appointing Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Cross, Kohler, Starr, Juran, Christopher, and Parsons (7)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

d. Discussion regarding deeming it important that Councilor Parsons appear electronically and be considered "in attendance" for the November 3, 2025 City Council Meeting (Council Rules of Procedure Section 3.10 - Attendance Duty)

Councilor Parsons would like to appear electronically and be considered "in attendance" for the November 17, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Moved to allow for Councilor Parsons to appear electronically and be considered "in attendance" for the November 17, 2025, City Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilor Kohler. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Starr, Cross, Kohler, Juran, Christopher, and Parsons (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

STAFF UPDATES

Assistant City Manager Wood reminded residents on the south side of town to save water due to the sewer reset period underway, and they could possibly have their sewer rates reduced for the upcoming year.

Lieutenant Tim Hein reported on staffing at the Police Department.

City Attorney Joseph Lindsay reported that he recently attended the Employment and Labor Law training and FEMA ICS training.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Clark and the Councilors each reviewed the events and meetings that they had attended as well as upcoming events.

AGENDA INPUT

Monday, October 27, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session - Sidewalk Gap and Repair

Monday, November 3, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

City Council Regular Session

Monday, November 10, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Long Range Planning Task Force

Monday, November 17, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

City Council Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark announced that the Keizer City Council would be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to ORS192.660 (2) (e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the

governing body to negotiate real property transactions. The Council would not be taking any action after the executive session.

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes approved: _____

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