



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, April 27, 2026
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 (via Zoom)
Kyle Juran, Councilor
Daniel Kohler, Councilor
Marlene Parsons, Councilor
Lore Christopher, Councilor
Felicia Guptill, Youth Councilor

Staff:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Tim Wood, Assistant City Manager
Shane Witham, Planning Director
Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney
Keare Blaylock, Public Works Director
Andrew Copeland, Police Chief
Garrett Klever, Human Resources
Director
Melissa Bisset, City Recorder

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

a. Discussion on deeming it important that Councilor Cross appear electronically and be considered "in attendance" (Council Rules of Procedure Section 3.10 - Attendance Duty)

Mayor Clark asked the Council to consider deeming it important that Council Vice President Cross appear electronically and be considered "in attendance" pursuant to Council Rules of Procedure Section 3.10 - Attendance Duty.

Council President Starr moved to deem it important that Council President Cross appear electronically and be considered "in attendance" (Council Rules of Procedure Section 3.10 - Attendance Duty) Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Kohler, Starr, Juran, Christopher, and Parsons (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cross (1)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. Reconsider the motion directing "staff to apply for the economic development grant and work with the identified City Councilors that are willing to help put this grant together for the DMO grant from Marion County".

Mayor Clark asked the City Council to reconsider the motion directing staff to apply for the economic development grant and work with the identified City Councilors who were willing to help put this grant together for the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) grant from Marion County.

Council President Starr moved to reconsider the motion directing staff to apply for the economic development grant and directing them to work with the identified City Councilors that are willing to help put the grant together for the DMO grant with Marion County. 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)

Since the motion was placed back on the table, there was a re-vote.

Council President Starr moved to that the Keizer City Council direct staff to apply for the economic development grant and work with the identified City Councilors that are willing to help put the grant together for the DMO grant with Marion County. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion failed unanimously as follows:

AYES: None (0)

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

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

b. Consider a request by the Keizer Chamber of Commerce for a letter of support for their application for a "Marion County Grant for Chambers, Cities, non-profit organizations, and businesses" grant.

City Manager Adam Brown explained that the Chamber hoped that the City would support their grant application to fund their eat, play, stay material, listing places to eat, lodging, and things to do while visitors were in town to attend games and enjoy the parks.

Dan Clem, Executive Director, Keizer Chamber of Commerce shared about the grant application, explaining that the Chamber was looking to take tourism to the next level and to bring more tournaments to Keizer.

It was noted that there was a lot of investment in the two sports facilities.

There was discussion about the decision to make the grant application.

Council President Starr moved that the Keizer City Council write a letter of support for the Keizer Chamber's application for the Marion County Tourism Grant. 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)

It was noted that Mr. Chico from the Holiday Inn Express would be issuing a letter of support.

Council President Starr moved to suspend the rules to take up another request for the letter of support from Travel Salem. Seconded by Councilor Kohler. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

Council President Starr moved that the Keizer City Council authorize writing a letter of support for the Travel Salem's application for the Salem-Metro Area grant for Marion County's Tourism Grant Program. Seconded by Councilor Christopher.

It was clarified that this was not a competing grant. Appreciation was expressed to the Chamber of Commerce and Travel Salem.

Motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes approved: _____