

Minutes
Rivergrove City Council October 11, 2021

STANDING ITEMS

1. Call to order and attendance (Mayor, Councilors, and Guests)

Present were Council President Pierce, and Councilors Barhyte, Lahsene, and Tuttle.

City Manager (CM) Kibbey was present.

Guests from I-205 Tolling Project: Garet Prior, Ariella Dahlin, Zoie Wessenburg

Guests were J Joyce, M Hawkins, Landon and Jude, M Salch, B Kibbey, D McLean, Coleen and Arne Nyberg, Jason Donaldson, Kellen Russell, C Bahrman, Andy Gordon, Jeff Williams

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

There were a couple of questions regarding the minutes as presented, so approval was postponed to the next meeting. [OPEN]

3. Approval of City financials

The CM stated she will be working with Tabor Accounting to provide a quarterly review that provides a more detailed review than the current review of financials.

Councilors Barhyte and Lahsene reviewed the statements and found no issues. Counselor Lahsene moved for approval, Counselor Tuttle seconded, and they were approved 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - 3 minute limit per person

There was no comment by the public on non-agenda items.

**PRESENTATION BY THE I-205 TOLLING PROJECT COMMUNICATION GROUP
PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:**

The representatives from the I-205 tolling project reviewed their slide show presentation and answered questions from those attending the meeting. The presentation also included Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) study of the I-5 corridor from the Boone bridge to the Columbia River. ODOT was directed by the State Legislature to do this. The presentation can be found on the City website's link to this meetings zoom recording.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC) REPORT: Planning Commissioner Vice Chair Kellen Russell

1. A brief summary of the last Commission meeting's items and actions

The new City Planner (CP) was introduced and participated. There was consideration of a Type III Hearing for 19777 Sycamore. It was continued to fully consider more information.

2. A brief summary of the revision of the Land Development Ordinance

The new CP will meet with DLCD to discuss the City's actions to date and develop a strategy to move forward. After this, the CP will meet with the Mayor and PC to brief them.

The CP will be generating a track changes document to the current draft code.

3. Any other pertinent Commission matters to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Continuing Discussion of Matters associated with Operation and Use of the City Stark Boat Ramp. Some decisions may or may not be made at this meeting.

Lead Individual: Council President Pierce Council will further consider the following concerns and their possible solutions:

- o Parking on local streets

*Councilor Lasene reviewed the actions and discussions held to date. After extensive discussion Council President Pierce stated he felt that we have not met County criteria for the proposed solutions and that pursuing this further would be fruitless. He then made a motion, seconded by Councilor Barhyte that we no longer consider the parking issue. The motion passed 4-1 with Councilor Lahsene dissenting. **[closed]***

- o Fishing, picnicking, and swimming uses at the boat ramp

*After discussion, Councilor Barhyte proposed we allow fishing and swimming, but no open flames, barbeques, tables or chairs, and that people are to yield to those launching or retrieving watercraft. Councilor Tuttle seconded with the caveat that Councilor propose sign language to be presented at the next meeting. Motion carried 4-0. **[OPEN]***

- o Ramp entry gates being left closed or open during operational hours

*The Council was in favor of installing a motorized gate like other(s) in the Metro area and would be willing to allocate funds for it. It would appear to be a win/win solution. Council President Pierce made a motion and Councilor Tuttle seconded that Councilor Barhyte form a subcommittee to explore this including an opinion from the City Attorney as to legal requirements. Motion carried 4-0. The subcommittee will include Mike Salch, Arne Nyberg and Doug McLean. **[OPEN]***

2. Discussion Regarding responsibilities for maintenance of Childs Road and sidewalks west of 65th. Informational meeting item. Lead Individual:

*Councilor Lahsene had Nothing to report. **[OPEN]***

3. Clarification of “enforcement” of posted signs – defensible immunity. Lead Individual:
Councilor Barhyte reported that it was his finding that if a Councilor acted outside of what would be considered their normal function or duty, they could be held liable. [closed]
4. Decision (required by Oct 31) about spending of \$82,000 Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant.
City Manager Kibbey reported that we now have a reprieve, and the decision is not due until The City Manager suggested we give it another month before considering item suggested. [OPEN]

NEW BUSINESS

1. Administrative support for the City Manager: Lead Individual: Mayor Williams
Mayor Williams was unable to attend, so no report. [OPEN]

COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Councilor Lahsene: Transportation report (recurring)
 - I-205 tolling project
see ODOT presentation above
 - Stafford -Childs intersection
see ODOT presentation above
2. Councilor Pierce: Parks report (recurring) and any other matters
*Some potential “widowmakers” at our Parks need attention
Blackberry removal needs to be done at Minor Park.*
3. Councilor Barhyte: Giving Program (recurring) and any other matters
Nothing to report at this time
4. Councilor Tuttle: City Code (recurring) and any other matters
Nothing to report at this time
5. Mayor: Mayor’s Report
Mayor Williams was unable to attend, so no report. [OPEN]

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The backflow devices for the city park water systems were approved.

PENDING ITEMS (to be discussed at a later date but kept on the agenda while Council deals with higher priority items first.)

1. Status of Contracting out City Development Code Inspection Services: Lead Individual: Mayor Williams
City must have new Development Code to proceed.
2. Discussion Regarding How Sewer might be Brought to Unserved Properties, Exploring the Issues. Lead Individual: Councilor Tuttle

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tuttle moved and Councilor Barhyte seconded that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.