

City of Durham
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 25, 2020

A. OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. Mayor Schirado opened the meeting at 7:30 PM at Durham City Hall.

B. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. *Councilors Present:* Gery Schirado, Chris Hadfield, Leslie Gifford, Chuck Van Meter
Councilors Absent: Keith Jehnke
Staff Present: Linda Tate, City Administrator and Emily Baker, Administrative Assistant.
Public Present: Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen

C. COUNCIL MINUTES. Councilor Hadfield moved to approve the minutes from the January 28th 2020 meeting. Councilor Gifford seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0)

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D. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS. Mayor Schirado read the Calendar of Meetings.
Tuesday, March 3, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:30, Durham City Hall
Tuesday, March 31, 2020, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:30, Durham City Hall; the meeting was later changed to March 24, 2020.

E. PUBLIC FORUM. None.

F. PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE. None.

G. PRESENTATION BY METRO COUNCILOR DIRKSEN ON TRANSPORTATION BALLOT MEASURE. Metro Councilor Dirksen provided the Council and staff a PowerPoint presentation packet and gave background on the bond measure that will be on the ballot in the upcoming election. He went over the 13 regions around Portland where they have identified projects to improve transportation and congestion and the potential economic effect it would have; including job creation for the duration of the construction.

The Councilors discussed the issues around the Rose Quarter/Albina neighborhood, such as congestion and a proposed cap over the freeway. Councilor Gifford asked about the idea of putting a toll on the freeway, if they do not have the capacity to know how much the project will cost. Dirksen said it is a catch-22, because they can only toll a freeway if it is to pay for capacity improvements, but they do not have the money to make the improvements to be allowed to toll.

Dirksen continued his presentation and went over the focus areas in Northeast and Southeast Portland. Councilor Van Meter asked about the type of bike lanes that were being proposed for the Hwy 212/Sunrise Corridor project. Dirksen said they will probably just be striped, and that Metro does not have the authority to dictate the street design a city has to use. He said he prefers having the streets laid out with the travel lane, then parking lane, and then bike lane next to the sidewalk. Councilor Gifford expressed she has issues with this layout because it obstructs the view of pedestrians and cars entering the roadway.

Dirksen briefly discussed the SW Corridor project and the work that would be done on Barbur Blvd. He then talked about 185th Ave in Beaverton. Councilor Van Meter asked about the type of street 185th would be and how the intersections would look. Dirksen said it would look similar to portions of McLoughlin Blvd through Gladstone. Councilor Van Meter asked about funding for

transit projects and if TriMet would contribute funds. Dirksen said their funds are not included in the figures presented, but there is room for a partnership with them.

Dirksen discussed how these improvements will make the corridors more desirable and could threaten the affordable housing currently there. He said some of the money from the bond will go to protecting affordable housing along the corridors. The money would be used through the housing authorities in the areas. Councilor Van Meter asked about the funding of housing authorities and Dirksen explained the different avenues they get funds.

Dirksen discussed some future projects Metro is looking at, including improvements on Hwy 99 W through Tigard, Tualatin, and King City. Mayor Schirado said that, second to the SW Corridor, Durham is concerned with Hwy 99 W. Dirksen and the Councilors discussed other avenues of funding the projects. Councilor Van Meter asked about improvements on the Boone Bridge and Tualatin-Sherwood Hwy and Dirksen discussed some possibilities with these two areas.

Councilor Van Meter asked Dirksen about Metro's 1% Homeless tax that will be on the ballot in the upcoming election. The Councilors and Dirksen discussed the details of how the proposed 1% tax would be collected and used. Mayor Schirado said he would keep the Council updated on the measure as more information comes out. Councilors Hadfield and Gifford brought up ways that everyone is affected by the problem.

H. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT RESOLUTION 627-20, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING UPDATED PUBLIC CONTRACTING RULES. Tate said the Public Contracting Code has changed since the original ordinance was passed and the Council needs to make some changes. The City attorney looked through the ordinance and made some suggestions and notes for the Councilors to consider. Tate said the goal of this discussion is for the Council to make decisions that she can take back to the attorney to create a resolution to vote on. It was recommended by the attorney to repeal the ordinance and replace it with a resolution, which is easier to update and change.

Councilor Gifford asked if the limits were currently higher than the state's threshold and Tate said that 2.5 in the draft has to stay at \$10,000, which is the threshold, but the second amount in that section can be higher. Tate went over the additional attorney comments. In Section 4.1, the Council can change the \$10,000 figure and in section 4.3, the Council should put in a threshold and clarify who can make changes. Councilor Hadfield asked if they need to increase the amount and Tate said it can be whatever the Council is comfortable with. Councilor Gifford recommended raising the amounts in Section 2.5 to \$15,000, from \$12,250, and in Section 4.2 to \$15,000, from \$10,000. Councilor Hadfield suggested keeping the \$10,000 in Section 4.1. Tate said under Section 4.2, if a personal service contract exceeds the amount they set in Section 4.1, the City will have to solicit three bids. The Councilors discussed the current audit fees and they agreed on increasing the amount to \$15,000 in sections 2.5, 4.1, and 4.2.

Tate said she now needs to get clarification on who can extend and amend a personal service contract in Section 4.3. Councilor Van Meter suggested they should all go to the Council, Mayor Schirado and Councilor Gifford suggested any changes over \$15,000 should go to the Council. Councilor Hadfield asked if they would need to get the three bids if they made changes over \$15,000 and Tate said she believes if there is already a contract in place, they don't have to get the bids. The Council decided that any change over \$15,000 would go through them.

I. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT.

Baker gave an overview of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and discussed forming a committee in the City to develop an ERM plan with the Council.

J. FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Councilor Gifford moved to approve payroll checks 581 to 582, vendor checks 16626 to 16636, and electronic fund transfers totaling \$5,463.35. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0). **MO 022520-2**

K. COUNCIL COMMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

Tate reminded the Council that the next meeting is March 31st. Mayor Schirado and Councilors Gifford and Van Meter said they will not be able to attend the meeting. Since there would be no quorum, Councilor Gifford suggested moving the meeting to the 24th. Tate said there is already a presentation scheduled on the 31st, but she can see if it can be rescheduled to the 24th.

Mayor Schirado discussed the ongoing situation surrounding the West Linn police department. He said he hopes that if anything were to happen in Durham, everyone feels comfortable enough talking to one another and making sure laws and individuals' civil liberties are not being violated. He also said that he has spoken with the Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD) and that they would like to start giving regular updates to the Council, adding that TTSD will be presenting to the Council at the April meeting. Tate added that at the April meeting, there will also be a Budget Committee meeting.

Councilor Hadfield brought a copy of the February 2020 Tigard Times to share an article about the Tigard Police and an upcoming vote on a public safety levy. The Councilors discussed the number of police on duty at a given time and the Tualatin Police's treatment of Durham as one of their neighborhoods.

L. ADJOURN. Mayor Schirado adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Approved:

GERY SCHIRADO, MAYOR

Attest:

LINDA TATE, CITY ADMINISTRATOR/RECORDER