

**City of Durham**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 26, 2021**

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- A. OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.** Mayor Schirado called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.** *Councilors Present:* Mayor Gery Schirado and Councilors Keith Jehnke, Leslie Gifford, Chuck Van Meter  
*Councilors absent:* Council President Chris Hadfield  
*Staff present:* City Administrator Linda Tate and Administrative Assistant Emily Baker  
*Public provided with a Zoom link for this meeting:* Brian Watko, 17022 SW Tookbank Ct.
- C. OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILORS KEITH JEHNKE, LESLIE GIFFORD AND CHUCK VAN METER.** Councilors Keith Jehnke, Leslie Gifford, and Chuck Van Meter recited the Oath of Office.
- D. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT.** The councilors voted for the position of Mayor and Council President for 2021 using paper ballots delivered to City Hall. Tate collected and tallied the votes. The councilors elected Gery Schirado to serve as Mayor and Chris Hadfield to serve as Council President for 2021.
- E. COUNCIL MINUTES.** Councilor Van Meter moved to approve the City Council minutes from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Councilor Jehnke seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0). **MO 012621-1**
- F. Tate read the CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.**
- Tuesday, **February 2, 2021**, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:30 via Zoom
  - Tuesday, **February 23, 2021**, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:30 via Zoom
  - City Hall will be closed **Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** for Presidents Day
- G. PUBLIC FORUM.** Brian Watko requested that the City Council consider fencing off the dog park area in the City Park. Mayor Schirado explained that the off-leash dog park has been a point of contention for years to the City. He said if the problem is becoming a nuisance again, the Council may look back into it, but they need to have more than one resident give input on this issue before they make any decisions.
- H. PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE.** There was no discussion.
- I. RE-APPOINTMENT OF TERESA BRAUN TO A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.** Councilor Van Meter moved to reappoint Teresa Braun to a three-year term on the Budget Committee. Councilor Gifford seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0). **MO 012621-2**
- J. RE-APPOINTMENT OF BRAD HENRY TO A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.** Councilor Gifford moved to reappoint Brad Henry to a three-year term on the Budget Committee. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0). **MO 012621-3**
- K. POTENTIAL DISCUSSION ON TREE ORDINANCE.** Councilor Jehnke asked for a list of things that were causing confusion in the Ordinance and tree removal process from Tate. Tate said that the process has been going more smoothly since the joint workshop. She stated that it has been helpful requiring arborist reports and working with the Planning Commission when a tree permit needs to go in front of them, but she added that the primary

issue was the meaning of “economically beneficial,” which had been brought up at the work session in September 2019.

Mayor Schirado asked Tate if she had seen a change in the how the Planning Commission makes decisions on tree removals. Tate said the Commissioners have started pushing back on some tree removals and referenced the January Planning Commission meeting. Mayor Schirado asked if residents are getting tree removal permits or just cutting trees down without them. Tate said that she does not know of any recent residential illegal tree removals. The January meeting illegal removal was a commercial property that removed 11 trees and additional shrubs because of a misunderstanding of which trees needed permits.

Mayor Schirado discussed an article he read about the diminishing urban forests across the country.

**L. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT.**

- **Update on Comp Plan work goals 6, 7, and 8.** Tate provided the Councilors with the current draft of the Comprehensive plan the Planning Commission has been working on.
- **Update on In-N-Out.** Tate said there is nothing new to report on this. In-N-Out’s application expired, but they are most likely going to re-apply. Mayor Schirado said In-N-Out has refocused their development on areas other than Tualatin, like Beaverton.
- **Update on roster.** Tate pointed out the updated City Committee roster and requested the Councilors let her know if anything needs to be changed.
- **Night Lighting Proposal.** Tate asked Councilor Van Meter is he had any additional proposals. He said he intends to get her two more.

**M. FINANCIAL REPORTS.** Councilor Gifford moved to approve payroll checks 603 to 604, vendor checks 16788 to 16814, and electronic fund transfers totaling \$7,912.07. Mayor Schirado seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0). **MO 0126214**

**N. COUNCIL COMMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.** Mayor Schirado told the Councilors that Oregon State Senator Reiley is proposing a statewide special district to finance children after school activities. He said the mayors in Washington county are against creating another special district, and they feel that the state’s emphasis should be on pre-schools.

Councilor Jehnke gave an update on the water building appraisal and told the Councilors he is including them in his correspondence on it so they can stay in the loop.

**O. ADJOURN.** Mayor Schirado adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Approved:**

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**GERY SCHIRADO, MAYOR**

**Attest:**

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**LINDA TATE, CITY ADMINISTRATOR/RECORDER**