

City of Durham
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 27th 2021

A. OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. Mayor Schirado opened the meeting at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

B. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. *Councilors present:* Mayor Gery Schirado, Council President Chris Hadfield, and Councilors Keith Jehnke, Leslie Gifford, Chuck Van Meter.

Staff present: City Administrator Linda Tate and Administrative Assistant Emily Baker.

Public provided with a link to the meeting: Jes Larson from Washington County Supportive Housing Services Program, Chief Bill Steele, Tualatin Police Chief, Don Hudson, Assistant City Manager/ Finance Director from Tualatin, and Robert Curry and Ryan Abbot, residents of Durham.

C. COUNCIL MINUTES. Councilor Gifford moved to approve the minutes from the March 23rd, 2021 Council meeting. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0). **MO 042721-1**

D. Mayor Schirado read the CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.

- **Tuesday, May 4, 2021**, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:30 PM via zoom
- **Tuesday, May 25, 2021**, Budget Meeting is cancelled.
- **Tuesday, May 25, 2021**, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:30 PM via zoom

E. PUBLIC FORUM. There was no public forum.

F. PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE. There was no meeting in April.

G. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES (SHS) MEASURE IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW. Jes Larson gave a presentation to the Council on the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) measure that was approved by voters in May 2020 and its implementation.

Mayor Schirado pointed out that Durham is in the County's service district. Larson apologized for the mistake and said that she would be happy to come back and give the Council the full presentation for cities that are going to be impacted by the SHS measure. Mayor Schirado asked Larson to send the information to Tate so that it can be shared with the Councilors. Larson said that the main difference from the presentation she gave and the presentation provided to cities in the Metro service district is that the taxes will impact Durham residents and the City can take full use of the program's services.

Councilor Van Meter asked Larson how the program will be audited and who will control it. Larson said that Metro is the facilitator of the tax collection and is contracting with the City of Portland for the technical tax collection. She added that the counties will be setting the goals and providing the policy and program guidance, as well as making the budgetary commitments to run the program. Councilor Van Meter asked Larson if there were any other programs that they intend to have a similar tax. Larson said that this is the first tax of this kind in the region. Councilor Van Meter followed up by asking who the service providers are. Larson said that they are working with nonprofit organizations and service providers in the region. Councilor Van Meter clarified that they are looking at organization partners, not individuals. Larson said that some of the services come from organizations, but the rent assistance and vouchers will come from the Washington County Housing Authority. Councilor Van Meter asked about the relationship between this measure and the homeless camps in the Portland area. Larson said that it will directly impact those camps and that the increase in homelessness is due to rising housing costs, which the program will help to address by making rent more affordable as well as helping households overcome prolonged homelessness.

Councilor Jehnke asked if they know who they are helping and the special needs that are present among the homeless community. Larson said that homelessness is caused by a lack of housing options and that is hard to get back into housing with criminal records or active mental health and addiction conditions. She said that these issues cannot be separated and the people experiencing homelessness need individualized help. She added that the focus of the program is on creating housing options for individuals who do not have access to housing.

Councilor Hadfield asked Larson to clarify the voucher program. Larson said the financial resource is paid to the landlord, but the voucher is a tool that a prospective tenant is able to use while seeking housing. He followed up asking that time frame of the vouchers, and Larson said it is a monthly process. Larson explained that the national housing program is based on income eligibility and serves 1 out of 5 people experiencing homelessness. She said that this new program will be based on income eligibility as well as homeless status.

H. DISCUSSION WITH POLICE CHIEF STEELE ON THE RENEWAL OF THE IGA FOR POLICE SERVICES. Mayor Schirado explained the Council's conversation at the last City Council meeting and their decision to talk with Chief Steele. Don Hudson explained how they came to the cost of the current and last two police contracts. Mayor Schirado asked Hudson what accounts for the department's usual 7% increase in police costs. Hudson said part of it is the cost-of-living increases, PERS, health and dental insurance, as well as officers moving up in rank. Mayor Schirado asked if the medical and dental is flat across Tualatin and Hudson said it is different because of the police association.

Chief Steele said that Tualatin has 29 officer positions and 23 of those officers are at different pay steps and are above the pay step in the contract. He added that step

four, which is the step budgeted for in the contract, usually means the officer has been on the job for about four years. As they take the steps to get more certifications, then they get a higher pay rate. Mayor Schirado asked how Tualatin stacks up with the region with regard to officer retention and recruitment, as well as pay and incentives. Chief Steele said that they are not the highest on pay and benefits, but they have a good working environment for officers and that they get applicants when they have openings.

Councilor Hadfield asked if the Tualatin Police Department would have to lose an officer if they did not service Durham. Chief Steele said that it would not be that simple and that they would have a hole in their budget that they would need address. Councilor Hadfield followed up by asking if there were any negative aspects to them servicing Durham. Chief Steele said that Tualatin has the proximity of being next door to Durham and provided the full resources of the department. Councilor Hadfield said they are happy with the service they are receiving but need to make sure they are getting a good deal for the residents of Durham. Chief Steele gave the Council an overview of a similarly sized city and the costs of their policing services and that some are hit financially hard.

Mayors Schirado asked Chief Steele what the police do when they encounter a homeless person. Chief Steele said there is no one-size-fits-all approach that can be taken, so when they come into contact with a person facing homelessness, they can direct them to resources to help them and that they address each situation on a case-by-case basis.

Mayor Schirado asked about the community conversations the City of Tualatin had and if they had any changes to the City's policing policies. Chief Steele said that they had great conversations with community members and opened the policy manual to anyone who wanted to look at it. He said there were many questions about policing policies around the country and in Tualatin and that they tweaked their policies to ensure the department was being as transparent as possible. He said that their policy manual gets updated frequently based on case law, best practices, and suggestions from the community. Chief Steele said that there is a tremendous amount of pressure on the officers and that it is his responsibility to make sure the officers are trained well. Councilor Van Meter said there are a lot of conversations going on around all the services police are expected to provide and he wanted to know how Chief Steele would answer a resident asking what they get from the police service they get. Chief Steele said that they get a community where they feel safe and where they can expect the police to help them when they need it.

Mayor Schirado said that Durham has had a long relationship with the Tualatin Police Department and the Council has not had any complaints from Durham residents. The Council expressed their gratitude for the police services Tualatin provides.

I. RESOLUTION 636-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE DURHAM CITY COUNCIL CERTIFYING THE CITY OF DURHAM'S ELIGIBILITY STATUS FOR THE RECEIPT OF STATE-SHARED REVENUES UNDER ORS 221.760. Councilor Hadfield moved to adopt Resolution 636-21, a resolution of the Durham City Council certifying the City of Durham's eligibility status for the receipt of state-shared revenues under ORS 221.760. Councilor Gifford seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0). **MO 042721-2**

J. RESOLUTION 637-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE DURHAM CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE 2021 SMALL CITY ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Councilor Van Meter moved to adopt Resolution 637-21, a resolution of the Durham City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2021 Small City Allotment agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation. Councilor Jehnke seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0). **MO 042721-3**

K. RESOLUTION 638-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE DURHAM CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE OREGON PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY RESPONSE COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. Councilor Gifford moved to adopt Resolution 638-21, a resolution of the Durham City Council authorizing the Mayor to sign the Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance agreement. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0). **MO 042721-4**

L. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT.

➤ In-N-Out: There was no update on the In-N-Out plans for a Tualatin location.

M. FINANCIAL REPORTS. Councilor Gifford moved to approve payroll checks 609 to 610, vendor checks 16844 to 16854, and electronic fund transfers totaling \$6490.98. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0). **MO 042721-5**

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS. Tate asked the Council if she can put the Police IGA on the next agenda with the current figures. Mayor Schirado said that in 2011 when they went and looked at other police options, the bottom line was that all the numbers came out the same and that he does not have a problem putting it on the next agenda. He added that he thinks Tualatin has provided the City a good deal and that Durham residents do not have to be concerned about the officers serving the city. Councilor Jehnke agreed.

Councilor Jehnke asked about Chief Steele's comment about how much the City pays to TVF&R. Tate said they are paid through property taxes and Councilor Gifford added that a lot of it is through outside bonds. Mayor Schirado added that TVF&R is one of the best fire departments in the country. Councilor Hadfield said that before this new police contract is due to expire, they should send out some requests for bids and Councilor Gifford agreed. Mayor Schirado said they should

always be looking out for the interest of the City first, especially on large expenditures like the police contract.

Councilor Hadfield asked when the council meetings can take place again at City Hall. Tate said that staff still needs their second vaccine shots, which will be in mid-May, then it will depend on the risk category of the county and how large of gatherings they allow.

O. ADJOURN. Mayor Schirado adjourned the meeting at 9:16 PM.

Approved:

GERY SCHIRADO, MAYOR

Attest:

LINDA TATE, CITY ADMINISTRATOR/RECORDER