

**City of Durham**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**December 20, 2022**

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- 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:* Mayor Gery Schirado, Council President Chris Hadfield, Chuck Van Meter, Keith Jehnke, Leslie Gifford  
*Councilors absent:* None  
*Staff present:* City Administrator Linda Tate and Administrative Assistant Becky Morinishi  
*Visitors:* Forrest Boleyn of Oakenshield Ct.
- C. COUNCIL MINUTES.** Councilor Gifford moved to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2022 City Council meeting. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

**MO 122022-01**

- D.** Mayor Schirado read the **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.**
- **Monday, January 2, 2023,** City Hall will be closed for the New Year Holiday
  - **Tuesday, January 3, 2023,** Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:30 PM via Zoom
  - **Monday, January 16, 2023,** City Hall will be closed in observance of M. L. King Day
  - **Tuesday, January 24, 2023,** Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- E. PUBLIC FORUM.** Durham resident, Forrest Boleyn, shared his concerns about the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in Durham. Boleyn stressed the high decibel levels and the pollution created by gas-powered blowers are unhealthy and negatively impact livability in Durham. He shared information on the comparison in noise and air pollution between gas-powered and electric blowers, and noted that 100 cities in the United States have already banned gas-powered leaf blowers. Boleyn acknowledged that it would be a challenge for Durham to ban the gas-powered blowers completely, and suggested the City consider establishing specific hours when gas-powered blowers can be used, preferably during the hours when children are in school.

Councilor Jehnke noted that school hours are also the hours that many residents are working, so they would not be able to do their yard work during that time. Boleyn responded that there are other solutions available, like using an electric blower or a rake. The Council requested Boleyn send City staff additional information and studies about the pollution and noise levels, and how other communities in Oregon are dealing with gas-powered leaf blowers. The Council invited Boleyn to return to a future Council meeting with more information.

- F. PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE.** No comments from Council.
- G. RE-APPOINTMENT OF KRISTA BAILEY TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.** Councilor Gifford moved to reappoint Krista Bailey to the Planning Commission. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

**MO 122022-02**

- H. RE-APPOINTMENT OF GARY PAUL TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.** Councilor Gifford moved to reappoint Gary Paul to the Planning Commission. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

**MO 122022-03**

- I. APPOINTMENT OF CHERI FRAZELL TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.** Councilor Gifford moved to appoint Cheri Frazell to the Planning Commission. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

**MO 122022-04**

- J. RESOLUTION 655-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DURHAM AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES.** Councilor Gifford moved to approve Resolution 655-22, a resolution of the City of Durham authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Washington County for control of mosquitoes. Councilor Jehnke seconded the motion. Councilor Van Meter asked if there is a way to be notified when the treatments are applied. Administrator Tate responded that the treatment is ongoing and City Hall is not notified. Councilor Jehnke asked how the water is treated. Tate responded that there are various methods and one includes treatment in storm drains. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

**K. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Tate said that Tualatin has nothing new to report on In-N-Out.
- Tate reminded the Council about the election for Mayor and Council President in January.

**L. FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

- Councilor Gifford moved to approve payroll checks 643-644, vendor checks 17207-17222, and electronic fund transfers totaling \$5,715.88. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

**MO 122022-06**

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- Mayor Schirado updated the Council on the letter that was sent by the Oregon Mayors Association to the Oregon Legislature asking to allocate funds to Oregon cities to use for local homelessness response programs. He shared that he and Administrator Tate had a Zoom meeting with a League of Oregon Cities (LOC) contractor to discuss a planned one-pager for the City of Durham. Schirado noted that, if passed, the funds would be available annually. He reiterated that the City does not have to accept the funds. Alternately, the City would have the option to redirect the funds to neighboring cities or nonprofits.
- Council President Hadfield expressed concerns about the potential impact on traffic to Durham residents if an In-N-Out is built in Tualatin. He proposed further research and discussion by the Council to come up with a plan to address the issue. Mayor Schirado stated that it would be appropriate to invite a Tualatin City Planner to a Durham Council Meeting to brief the Council on the status of the In-N-Out.
- Mayor Schirado and the Council thanked retiring Council President Hadfield for his years of service to the City.

**N. ADJOURN.** Mayor Schirado adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM

**Approved:**

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**GERY SCHIRADO, MAYOR**

**Attest:**

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**LINDA TATE, CITY ADMINISTRATOR/RECORDER**