



## MINUTES

Monday, August 7, 2023

Work Session

Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: September 27, 2023

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Matilda Novak, Ray Kopczynski, Jackie Montague, Marilyn Smith, and Ramycia McGhee (virtual)

Councilors absent: Councilor Steph Newton was excused.

City Manager Peter Troedsson introduced International City Managers' Association Fellow Dr. Thomas Easterly, who is visiting from Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

### Business from the Public

Shannon Brunson said workers for Ziplly Fiber have done disruptive work on her property without giving her notice. She said she filed a vandalism report with the police.

Lise Grato, executive director of the Albany Downtown Association, said she had witnessed destructive behavior by a Ziplly employee at Central School.

Angela McArt spoke about illegal fireworks in her neighborhood. On July 4, people were shooting off M80s until 3:00 a.m. They disturb neighbors and raise the risk of wildfire.

### Transportation Funding Discussion

**4:12 p.m.**

Public Works Director Chris Bailey showed slides.\* She said the council and public works department have discussed transportation funding for decades. They will restart the conversation this fall, looking for effective and sustainable sources of funding the community will support. The discussion will be limited to streets.

Bailey summarized the history of attempts to fund street repairs. She outlined the proposed steps in the conversation. She said there are two questions for the council this week: how should the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) be involved? And how much of the analytical information does the council want to receive?

The council agreed that they would like to receive input from the TAC, but they also want to receive all of the information given the TAC.

Letters to Members of Congress about Large Trucks

Troedsson said the letters included in the agenda packet are trimmed down from those presented by the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks. They will be on the consent agenda for Wednesday's meeting for approval.

Business from the Council

**4:52 p.m.**

Councilor Jackie Montague said the Human Relations Commission is waiting for the council to ask them for suggestions for a new name for the group. She asked if the council would like to request them to bring suggestions to the council.

City Manager Report

**4:56 p.m.**

Troedsson said the Human Relations Commission has a long history of service. He asked if the council wished it to be renamed.

Councilor Marilyn Smith said when the group was formed, the council discussed the name at length and decided on "Human Relations Commission" because they wanted a positive focus.

The council agreed that they are willing to hear the Human Relations Commission's suggestions.

Troedsson said the organizers of the League of Oregon Cities' annual meeting have asked Albany to name a designated voting representative, and he proposed Mayor Johnson II and Council President Marilyn Smith as primary and alternate representatives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse  
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson  
City Manager

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