

- Mayor Dirksen said he identified three *priorities*:
  - *A. The Jobs/Economic Development Initiative that supports funding for industrial site development.* Councilor Woodard also noted he marked this item. City Manager Wine advised this was also of interest to the executive staff.
  - *D. Restore equity in our property tax system by resetting assessed value to real market value when a property is sold or constructed.* Councilor Wilson said he is unsure about this as a priority given the parameters now in effect with Measure 50. Discussion followed about the disparities in the amount of taxes paid by residents in similarly valued properties that are occurring. Councilor Wilson said this also area for which he feels he does not have sufficient background on whether to support this as a priority. He referred to the need to know the ramifications of choosing a particular option with regard to financial/taxation legislation. City Manager Wine offered to forward council more information if members feel they need more information before selecting the priorities from the LOC list.
  - *N. Continue to support the development of greenhouse gas emission toolkits and scenario planning models and standards for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) cities as long as they are funded with new revenue and do not expose cities to additional litigation.* The mayor said this subject was among his top priorities; however, he did not care for the way it is worded. LOC's focus will be on the impact to cities and he thinks as we move forward in meeting the requirements of the state mandate to look at greenhouse gas emission, the economic impact needs to be considered in general. Councilor Wilson agreed with Mayor Dirksen. City Manager Wine said staff could forward the priorities with additional information; i.e., proposed changes to the wording of the priority. If the City Council decides it cannot identify priorities, input on the list can be forwarded to the League.
  
- City Manager Wine reviewed additional priorities of interest to the executive staff:
  - *F. Reform the court fines system in a manner that recognizes the value of both state and local courts.*
  - *K. Pass legislation renewing the 9-1-1 tax.*
  - *L. Defeat legislation mandating the consolidation of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).*
  - *M. Defeat legislation that would extend or make permanent the moratorium on raising existing or levying new local gas taxes and/or any legislation that proposes to restrict or preempt cities' ability to charge any transportation-related fee or tax. (However, this language should be strengthened.)*
  - *P. Support legislation to supplement and perhaps eventually replace the gas tax as the principle road user fee funding the state's road and highway system. (Also, strengthen this wording.)*
  - *R. Support state authority for Oregon Water Resources Department to act as contracting agency with federal entities to facilitate water procurement.*

Councilor Henderson supported the gas tax legislation as a priority. There was discussion about the need to look beyond the gas tax as a source of revenue for

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highway/road infrastructure with the declining funds generated because of better gas mileage and electric vehicles.

Councilor Wilson, in response to City Manager Wine's request for input, said that he would support legislation that preserves the cities' flexibility – there are a number of such proposals in the League's list of priorities. He said the League should work to safeguard cities' control over its own resources; i.e., raising the gas tax. Mayor Dirksen noted he supports this one, too.

Councilor Wilson said with regard to Human Resources legislation, he has always been frustrated with the binding arbitration rules.

Councilor Wilson commented that even if it is likely there will be not be the required support at the legislature to act on issues raised by cities, these matters should continue to be raised so they are at least talked about – it might take a few sessions before action is achieved. Costs are going up faster than cities can pay for them and, eventually, will require attention by the legislature. He pointed to the recent changes to the Transportation Planning Rule, which took about seven years to accomplish.

Councilor Woodard commented on the proposed legislation to replace the gas tax. Discussion followed on potential alternatives under consideration by legislators. Some methods include tracking mileage on vehicles and the feelings of privacy invasion. This priority is not at the top of the council's priority list.

Mayor Dirksen said he is not hearing a consensus of the council on four priorities. City Manager Wine said she could follow up with more information on the following:

- Areas of community development.
- Binding arbitration.
- Ability to levy new local gas taxes.

After further discussion, council members agreed to support (letters reflected in italicized lists above) A., M.

Councilor Woodard raised a potential priority in item "O," which is: *While supporting the creation of a dedicated, non-roadway transportation fund, oppose any attempt to fund it from existing revenue streams – especially transfers from local governments to the state.*

Councilor Henderson called attention to "B," which is *Energy Efficiency Strategy for Public Buildings.*

Assistant City Manager Newton reminded the council if it chooses four priorities, the city can still weigh-in and register its opinion on any piece of legislation under consideration.

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Mayor Dirksen said when the city responds to the League on this matter that a cover letter be attached noting the difficulty the council had coming to a consensus, not necessarily because of the topic, but because of the phrasing of the proposed priority.

Councilor Woodard referred to priority “C,” which is *Allow local governments a more flexible use of transient lodging tax revenue*. Mayor Dirksen said this might be of more importance to other cities since Tigard does not have a lot of hotels/motels and this is not amount to a great deal of revenue.

City Manager Wine said staff would draft a letter for the mayor’s consideration, identifying A. and M. Additional discussion on legislative priorities is scheduled for September.

In response to a comment from Councilor Wilson about lack of familiarity on all these bills, City Manager Wine proposed that LOC staff could be invited to talk about the proposed priorities and answer council members’ questions. Senator Burdick and Representative Burdick would also be able to explain the political realities of some of these proposals and help the council prioritize those that are best for the City of Tigard.

- 7. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: None.
- 8. NON AGENDA ITEMS:
- 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not held.

 City Council convened into a Study Session discussion in the Red Rock Conference Room on Agenda Item No. 10.

Motion by Councilor Woodard, seconded by Councilor Wilson to adjourn the business meeting.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of City Council present.

Mayor Dirksen	Yes
Council President Buehner	Absent
Councilor Henderson	Yes
Councilor Wilson	Yes
Councilor Woodard	Yes

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