



City of Tigard  
Tigard City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2013

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1. BUSINESS MEETING

- A. Council President Buehner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- B. Roll Call – Council President Buehner asked City Recorder Wheatley to call the roll.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor-elect Cook	✓	
Councilor Buehner	✓	
Councilor-elect Henderson	✓	
Councilor-elect Snider	✓	
Councilor Woodard	✓	

- C. Pledge of Allegiance - Boy Scout Troop 423 - Flag Ceremony
- D. Council Communications & Liaison Reports: None
- E. Call to Council and Staff for Non-Agenda Items: None
2. ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE TO MAYOR JOHN COOK, COUNCILOR MARLAND HENDERSON AND COUNCILOR JASON SNIDER
- Municipal Court Judge Michael O'Brien administered oaths of office individually to:
    - Mayor John Cook
    - Councilor Marland Henderson
    - Councilor Jason Snider

From this point forward, Mayor Cook presided over the meeting.

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### 3. INAUGURAL REMARKS

- Councilor Marland Henderson

Paraphrased highlights of Councilor Henderson's remarks:

- *My daily guidance is drawn from the Serenity Prayer and the three powerful messages contained within:*
  - *Accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed.*
  - *Courage to change the things that should be changed.*
  - *Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.*
- *Acceptance of the things that cannot be changed is the most difficult and those things include:*
  - *An economy that needs to get better.*
  - *Acceptance of loss of personal goals.*
  - *The differences in philosophy between public and private enterprises.*
  - *The responsibility borne by prior councilors.*
- *Courage to change things is frightening when faced alone. Establish civility, trust and cooperation to work with others constructively. Speak and act with honesty and integrity as a representative of the public.*
- *Wisdom usually comes from experience. Things take time. A councilor gets his or her check and power from the people. Half the people don't know what I do and the other half don't care (laughter).*
- *My mission is to "leave it better than how I found it."*
- *My accomplishments for the first year – everything changed from what I wanted to do:*
  - *The budget changed.*
  - *There were reductions in income.*
- *My second year, I witnessed with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The city increased the parks and improvements budget by \$17 million. As budget reserves continued to fall, so did our economy.*
- *For year three, I was no longer a new councilor. There were drastic changes on staff including the retirement of the city manager along with several department leaders. This was inopportune for the City of Tigard as it grew larger in size with the annexation of River Terrace.*
- *Year four – along with the annexation of River Terrace's 500 acres, Tigard added several large parks to its inventory. For the first time in many years, the city reached outside the city for new talent by hiring the new city manager. The greatest partnership, to date, has been Tigard's partnership with Lake Oswego to secure a water source that the city has been trying to lock-in for a long time.*
- *Where do we go from here? For the next year, we will struggle with our uncertain economy. We need to support the people's No. 1 priority: the downtown and its identity. We need to continue to build a better council with a new member and an interim mayor. We must prioritize an economic development strategy by employing an economic development director to assist and implement the efforts of our new community development director and his department.*
- *I thank all of those who allowed me to return as Tigard's City Councilor for four more years. Special thanks to those who responded to my request for comments last August. "...Your voice was heard by me and...I will echo it as your representative and councilor."*

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- Councilor Jason Snider

Councilor Snider's remarks:

*I want to thank all of the residents of Tigard for trusting me with the leadership of our city and community. I am committed to the efficiency and transparency of our local government. I believe difficult problems are best solved through creativity, ingenuity and teamwork. Over time, I found that simple solutions are often the most effective. As I serve, I am going to balance situations as I see them through the lenses of my unique experiences.*

*In my healthcare profession, I am a practical scientist and this will lead me to ask for data that supports a statement or assumption and will often ask 'why.' For these reasons, I am going to pray for the city staff to have patience with me.*

*Last, I would like to personally thank my wife family for supporting me with the time it will take to serve effectively as a councilor. Thank you.*

#### 4. INAUGURAL REMARKS - MAYOR JOHN COOK

Mayor Cook's remarks:

*Good evening and thank you all for attending tonight. It's an honor to be able to serve as your Mayor. I would like to thank the citizens of Tigard for their vote of confidence and look forward to working with you on the issues that are most important to the city. We are fortunate that Mayor Dirksen has left the city in very good shape. The council has been working hard on several initiatives that I plan to keep moving forward, and we have several pending issues that need to be addressed.*

*Later this week, the council will be setting goals for the year. During the campaign, I spoke with many of you about your concerns; the issues that you feel most pressing; the reasons that you choose to live in Tigard; your hopes for the future; and from those long-time residents, the things that you miss about our changing city. I will be bringing these to the table as we plan for the future, and I look forward to chatting with you further at a Fireside Chat or a Town Hall.*

*Growing up in Tigard, the one thing I could always count on is that small town, neighborly feel. While we all would like to keep that atmosphere, we have to recognize that Tigard is a major player in the Metro region now. We will likely have some big decisions to make related to growth and livability. I see three areas that we'll be taking a hard look at:*

- **Transit** – Working on the SW Corridor plan with our neighbors, and to address transportation issues in the 99W/Pacific Highway region. This discussion will include what type of high capacity transit our citizens will want for Tigard.
- **Water** – Continuing to work to secure an ownership in a water source for Tigard. Currently, we are working with Lake Oswego to accomplish this.

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- **Growth** – *The annexation policy for the council, including a large part of Bull Mountain that residents are asking to be included in Tigard later this month.*

*So, there's work to do to maintain the livability in our city and I'm ready to get started. I look forward to talking with you and continuing to have Tigard be A Place to Call Home!*

5. ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SERVE JANUARY 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014

The Tigard City Charter states: At its first meeting of each odd-numbered year, the council by ballot shall choose a president from its membership. In the mayor's absence from a council meeting, the president shall perform the duties of the office of mayor and preside over it. Whenever the mayor is physically or mentally unable to perform the functions of office, the president shall act as the mayor pro tem.

City Recorder Wheatley distributed ballots, which were filled out and signed by the Mayor and City Council members. City Recorder Wheatley tallied the ballots and submitted the results to Mayor Cook who announced that Councilor Henderson was elected to serve as the City Council President.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 7:48 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Woodard, seconded by Councilor Buehner, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Mayor Cook	Yes
Council President Henderson	Yes
Councilor Buehner	Yes
Councilor Snider	Yes
Councilor Woodard	Yes

/s/ Catherine Wheatley  
Catherine Wheatley, City Recorder

Attest:

/s/ Marland H. Henderson  
Mayor, City of Tigard  
Council President

Date: February 26, 2013

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