



City of Tigard
Tigard City Council Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2015

1. WORKSHOP MEETING

- A. Mayor Cook called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Deputy City Recorder Alley called the roll:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Cook	✓	
Councilor Goodhouse	✓	
Councilor Henderson	✓	
Council President Snider	✓	
Councilor Woodard	✓	

- C. Mayor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Mayor Cook asked Council and Staff for any Non Agenda Items to be heard. City Manager Wine advised she had a report for Non Agenda items.

2. PRESENTATION ON WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LIBRARY LEVIES

Washington County Undersheriff Jeff Mori and Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) Director Eva Calcagno presented a PowerPoint highlighting key components of the county levies to be on the November 2016 ballot.

Mr. Mori reported the public safety levy will be on the November 2015 ballot and is a renewal of an existing measure. The first measure passed in 2000 and subsequently renewed every time it has been on the ballot, the last time in 2010. Citizens receiving services from the levy are city neighborhoods, urban unincorporated and rural neighborhoods. The levy pays for special enforcement teams; victims' assistance and prosecution services; parole, probation and juvenile services; operation of jail; full capacity of the work-release center which minimizes early release of offenders; and emergency shelters for woman and children who are victims of domestic violence. Since the levy, there has been a drop in crime amongst juvenile offenders. The levy also pays for a mental health response team to help ensure people in crisis get medical help rather than being taken to jail.

Ms. Calcagno reported there are nine cities and two nonprofits that benefit from the library levy. 61 percent of Tigard's library budget is from this levy. Just like Tigard, the levy would pay to maintain library operations and avoid cuts in services at 15 libraries, add hours at some libraries, and provide operational support for new and expanded library outlets. It will provide continued support for the Children's Reading Programs with over 280,000 child visits annually. Also, the levy will continue supporting book purchases and e-books, maintain central support and outreach services that link libraries together, and increase efficiencies in service courier delivery. The levy provides funding for outreach to homebound residence and outreach to Spanish speaking residence.

Mr. Mori stated this is a five year levy, renewing the current levy which expires June 2016, with a rate of .42 per \$1,000 assessed value which is unchanged for the public safety levy. This works out to be about 16% of the county wide budget. The library levy is .22 per \$1,000 of assessed value which is an increase of .05.

Mr. Bodeen testified he represents the People for Libraries Political Action Committee and is before the council to support the levy and thank the council for supporting the campaign.

City Manager Wine recognized Tigard's Library Reader Services Division Manager Molly Carlisle and stated she looks for and provides services and programs to meet Tigard's needs. Ms. Carlisle thanked the council for the opportunity to be at the meeting and asked if there were any questions.

Councilor Woodard noted that libraries take on more responsibility and services that schools used to provide and asked what changed to cause the shift. Ms. Carlisle answered ages three to ten is probably the main focus of our children's services, which most may not necessarily be in school. With the tutor program, we can provide something children without technology may not have.

Mayor Cook asked council if they would support approving a resolution supporting the measures. Consensus was to bring forth two resolutions supporting the levies.

3. DISCUSSION ON HOMELESSNESS

Assistant City Manager Newton introduced special guest Ms. Darla Samuelson from Just Compassion, Inc. Ms. Samuelson introduced Mr. Rob Watson, Shelter Coordinator from St. Francis Church in Sherwood and TVF&R paramedic; Ms. Sue Stephens, Shelter and Community Café Coordinator from St. Anthony Parrish; and Tigard Police Lieutenant McDonald. Ms. Samuelson presented a PowerPoint highlighting Just Compassion, Inc.'s programs and outreach to the Tigard, Tualatin and Sherwood communities. Just Compassion's mission is to create a safe and hospitable environment by networking, resourcing and responding to adults without homes and living in poverty.

Mr. Watson encouraged council to support bringing a day center to Tigard. He stated the homeless are kind, caring, very appreciative, a lot of fun to hang out with and are friends. He said when he interacts with them during TVF&R callouts the homeless are generally belligerent, drunk, passed out, and vulnerable. A homeless person was either directly or indirectly involved in 433 emergency responses from April 2014 to April 2015. A day center could provide the services to help prevent some of the calls by providing a place of refuge and needed rest.

Ms. Stephens reported the face of homelessness appears as people on Pacific Highway with signs, asleep on a park bench, inebriated, with worn clothes and shoes, bad teeth and bad personal hygiene. The homeless are people experiencing very difficult times possibly due to a loss of a job, mental illness or addictions. They struggle with a place to sleep, food to eat and get protection over their head. Some look to addictions to ease their pain. Many are aware of their personal hygiene, but have few options. They look for resources in the community to help them with housing and to get them out of the elements. It is very hard to find and get to resources when they are relying on walking, biking, seeking rides, or getting bus tickets. They are exhausted after a few tasks because they do not sleep well. A pet provides them with love, but also has additional needs of food and vet care. A center could provide a safe and secure place to store backpacks; charge electronics; receive and launder clothing; access a computer, printer and telephone for employment; shower; receive money for over the counter drugs that are not covered through food stamps and service their bicycles. These basic needs will help them to get back on their feet. Just Compassion is a coalition of members that really cares about helping this population. We would like to help by having a centralized location to provide the necessities needed. There is not another center around for 30 miles of Tigard. Just Compassion filed for nonprofit 501(c)(3) status and is seeking the city of Tigard's collaboration and support.

Ms. Samuelson highlighted a few points the coalition is requesting the city to collaborate on:

- Endorsement – the city of Tigard to acknowledge this is a need and to provide this to those in our community.
- Credibility – collaboration would help with Just Compassion's credibility as a day center is being developed and the resistance from the community.
- Building – help identify and support a location for a building that is ideal.
- Finances – support in any way possible.
- Grants – help with applying for grants and providing incentives to businesses who support this effort.

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- Connections and Resourcing – the city utilize the day center as a resource by directing people there and getting the word out to the community.
- Community Centered Response – help the public with what to expect when encountering the homeless population.

Ms. Samuelson said at minimum Just Compassion needs the endorsement of the council to pursue the endeavor of opening a day center which would change the face of homelessness and contribute to a positive impact.

Lieutenant McDonald reported one of the challenges police faces is availability of resources to address the challenges with the homeless and the outlining issues, like mental illness, that could be a cause of homelessness. Police officers build relationships with Tigard's homeless population and try to provide the resources we can, but there is a limit to what can be done.

Council President Snider asked if Just Compassion asked other cities for support and money and if the day center will only service Tigard. Ms. Samuelson responded Tigard is the desirable location to serve all three areas and had not talked to Tualatin or Sherwood yet.

Council President Snider asked staff if there were funding source recommendations. Ms. Newton answered staff had not identified any city funds, but was initially looking to begin with education on appropriate zoning for this type of use. Other areas the city can support Just Compassion are by helping lobbying efforts to prioritize grants through CFM consultants, providing connections to the business community, and taking this program into consideration when staff applies for social services grants.

Councilor Goodhouse asked why Just Compassion is choosing Tigard as the central location and if they were planning on talking to Tualatin or Sherwood to obtain regional funding. Ms. Samuelson responded the most resources are in Tigard, the population primarily served lives in Tigard and it is easy to get around in Tigard with the transit. Councilor Goodhouse asked where the closest ones were. Ms. Stephens answered Hillsboro, Oregon City, Gresham and Corvallis. Mayor Cook said other than Corvallis the rest are county organized and most in different counties than Tigard. Tigard is the big city on the east of Washington County and may be the reason it is the focus. All the other shelter locations are a long way for people to travel to. Mayor Cook assured Just Compassion the city could support them with lobbying for federal grants and applying for social service grants.

Councilor Woodard said he would support the city looking into to helping with resources. The city can consider Just Compassion's program to see if they qualify for grants and help with applying for grant funding.

Councilor Henderson said Just Compassion is working in a direction of collaboration and identifying what people mostly need like food, clothing, and shelter. He reiterated the city's support to help seek grants.

Ms. Newton said staff will work with Just Compassion to talk about appropriate zoning, work with the director to look at grant options, talk with the city's economic development manager about potential business connections and work with Just Compassion and police to provide information to the general population regarding how to relate and respond to the homeless population. She assured the council there would be a written report over the next few months.

Mayor Cook thanked Just Compassion for coming and for all they do in the community as it serves and helps many lives.

4. UPDATE ON THE FIELDS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROJECT

Economic Development Manager Purdy reported there is a need to update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and Trammell Crow that was approved last December. The timeline in the MOU was ambitious and needs to be updated to reflect a more realistic timeline. Current project progress is a lot line adjustment

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review to provide 18 acres for Trammell Crow to work with and 24 acres for someone else. The lot line adjustment precedes a Comprehensive Plan amendment the planning commission and council will review. Trammell Crow continues to pursue funding and will hear from the state by end of July. Mr. Purdy introduced Trammell Crow Representative Wells and Fields Trust Representative Hossaini.

Mr. Wells reported there have been quite a few things to deal with on the property such as the rail spur, roads and the wetlands to name a few. These are seasonal improvements that must start by August and we are reviewing what can be accomplished by that time. Leveling the hill is a huge endeavor, and they are not able to accomplish that this season due to the amount of site work necessary. They are currently reviewing a traffic study which was positive in most respects. They considered constructing office buildings on half the property, but the traffic breaks the property up in a way that cannot be fixed. They are a couple weeks from submitting a wetlands plan. They are waiting in order to include the storm plan. Tramel Crow should have the wetland permit by the end of the year. Site plans have been submitted which are shown in the report handed out (report was submitted into the record) showing some changes to the structures. There is interest with a tenant or buyer on the Building C site and expect an offer soon. The two biggest challenges, other than getting the infrastructure priced and the dollars to work, are obtaining right of way on the rail spur and the county's transportation development tax (TDT). It took two years to negotiate this deal and the TDT was assessed when the project began; there is concern about getting all the costs in place. The market is good and they believe building will begin in the summer of 2016 assuming they can get all the costs in place.

Councilor Henderson asked if the spur could be utilized. Mr. Wells answered no because they cannot build heavy industrial in that area which is what the spur would service. In order to make it usable all the buildings would have to be backed to Wall Street to load into the spur. Also, the railroad does not want to service that spur for economical use.

Councilor President Snider asked what the city was doing to address the TDT and increased project costs. Mr. Wells responded the concern is the city adding the system development charge (SDC) to the county's TDT. Mayor Cook said since starting this project the county TDT increased and then the city's SDC has been added, both unanticipated costs. Mr. Wells agreed and stated the costs add up and may load the project to a point that is more than Trammell Crow could bear.

Ms. Wine said the discussion tonight is to get council's direction to amend the MOU for an extended timeline to the end of next summer and to place it on a future business meeting consent agenda. Consensus by council was to have it on a consent agenda.

5. PRESENTATION ON PHOTO RED LIGHT

Lieutenant Frisendahl and Captain Rogers reviewed the basic concepts of the photo red light program explaining how the cameras capture images and how the citations get issued. They stated advantages of photo red light are 24/7 enforcement at a single location, reduction in injuries caused by traffic crashes and reduction in red light violations. It could also help with intersection violations at intersections that make it difficult for a traffic officer to navigate into traffic. Disadvantages of a system are not being able to educate a citizen because there is no contact, adverse reaction from citizens when there is no personal interaction, and a need for additional staff to implement and defend the system. Other cities using the system are averaging a 36 percent reduction in people running red lights, 10,000-12,000 citations issued a year, 50-60 percent collection rate and 30 percent reduction in intersection crashes.

Council President Snider recommended having a financial analysis done to prepare an effective plan in becoming revenue neutral. He asked what capital and fees the city should expect. Lt. Frisendahl responded one option is having the vendors install the equipment and then the vendor receives a percentage of the citation.

Council President Snider stated he supported moving forward and requesting the staff continue with research in installing a system for the sake of reducing injuries. Ms. Wine said staff's next step would be to look at program design, prepare a cost analysis, assess impacts and decide what the city wants to achieve from the program.

Councilor Woodard expressed his concerns with too much government or “big brother” oversight, the loss of an education opportunity with customer contact and the expenses associated with hiring additional full time staff. He suggested staff look into using volunteers to enforce violations instead of a photo red light system.

Councilor President Snider requested information on what the minimum standard or statute definition to what a sworn personnel would be, the number of hours it would take for a traffic officer to issue 5,000 citations and the amount of time for the red light to issue 5,000 citations.

Mayor Cook said he heard it was hard to patrol the intersections the red light would be installed at, so it may not be possible to add people to those to patrol them. Mayor Cook added he felt it was not just crash safety but the safety of the officers when they pull someone over was also a consideration. The education part is good and the system could capture more people who are not getting anything at all now allowing for additional educational opportunity.

Council consensus was to direct staff to look into the program further and provide additional information as previously mentioned and how a customer education element could be built in.

6. NON AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager Wine reported that at a prior presentation the council asked if River Terrace was inside the TriMet payroll tax area. Staff looked into this and identified yes River Terrace is inside the payroll tax area although it is not being levied at this time. TriMet will need to true up the boundaries and levy those taxes appropriately.

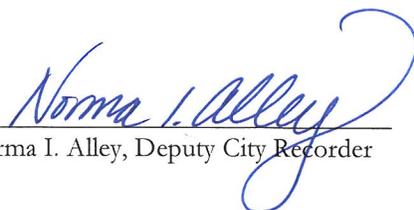
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cook called the executive session to order at 8:56 p.m. to discuss real property transactions under ORS 192-660(2)(e) held in the Red Rock Creek Conference Room. Chair Cook closed the executive session at 9:49 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:49 p.m. Council President Snider motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Goodhouse seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of city council.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mayor Cook	✓	
Councilor Goodhouse	✓	
Councilor Henderson	✓	
Council President Snider	✓	
Councilor Woodard	✓	


Norma I. Alley, Deputy City Recorder

Attest:



Mayor, City of Tigard

Date: July 28, 2015