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WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 11, 2011

[Call to Order Citizens' Budget Committee Meeting & Pledge of Allegiance](#)

[Distribute 2011-2012 Proposed Budget to the Citizens' Budget Committee Members](#)

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Assistant City Manager Kirsten Wyatt Staff Report.

[Announcement of Upcoming Citizens' Budget Committee Meeting Dates](#)

The next budget meeting is April 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

There is also one scheduled for May 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, if needed.

These meetings will be televised and streamed online.

[Adjournment of Citizens' Budget Committee Meeting](#)

[Call to Order City Council Meeting](#)

Council Present:

Mayor John Kovash, Councilor Mike Jones, Councilor Teri Cummings, and Councilor Jenni Tan.

Staff Present:

Assistant City Manager Kirsten Wyatt, City Recorder Kathy Mollusky, Deputy City Recorder Teresa Zak, Special Projects Planner Zach Pelz, and City Attorney Jeff Bennett.

Approval of Agenda

Councilor Mike Jones moved to approve the agenda for the April 11, 2011 West Linn City Council Meeting amending it to delete Agenda Bill 2011-04-11-02 Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation Carrier Division from Consent Agenda. Councilor Teri Cummings seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Councilor Mike Jones, Councilor Teri Cummings, and Councilor Jenni Tan.

Nays: None.

The motion carried 4 - 0

Proclamations, Recognitions and Scheduled Presentations

West Linn/Tri Met Officer Atkeson Commendation

Mayor Kovash and Chief of Police Terry Timeus awarded Officer Chad Atkeson the Distinguished Service Medal.

Consent Agenda

Agenda Bill 2011-04-11-01 Resolution 2011-07: Clackamas County Dog Licensing and Services
[Clackamas County Dog Licensing and Services](#)

Agenda Bill 2011-04-11-02 Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Division

[IGA with ODOT](#)

Councilor Mike Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended for the April 11, 2011 West Linn City Council Meeting. Councilor Jenni Tan seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Councilor Mike Jones, Councilor Teri Cummings, and Councilor Jenni Tan.

Nays: None.

The motion carried 4 - 0

Community Comments

Chris Arnesen would like Council to approve the Electric Vehicle (EV) project. He wants Council to look at charging stations that can charge all EV and Bicycles (power outlets) rather than ones

that only charge two kinds of vehicles. He wants Council to look at using existing outlets.

Alice Richmond supports the EV project and supports Chris Arnesen's comments. She does not want electricity given out for free.

Bob Thomas asked the Council to allow more time for the public to speak during community comments.

Report from the City Manager

The City Manager has nothing to report at this time.

Business from the City Council

Councilor Tan asked Mr. Arnesen if an electric vehicle could be plugged into any standard outlet. Mr. Arnesen said yes. The charging stations allow for faster charging; however they cost more.

Councilor Tan and Councilor Cumming's visited Rosemont Ridge Middle School for career day. The teens love West Linn, they would like an area to call their own, a hang out place; currently they hang out at Safeway.

Councilor Cummings thanked everyone who turned out for Arbor Day, there were events happening all week throughout the City.

Councilor Cummings attended the Parks Board Meeting and learned the draft of the Trails Master Plan is going before the Planning Commission April 16. Citizens can comment on the Plan on the website.

The Lake Oswego-Portland Train project meeting is tomorrow Lake Oswego City Council at 6:00 p.m. Citizens will be given two minutes to testify.

Councilor Cummings attended the Stafford Hamlet Meeting. Hamlet members were asked for input regarding supporting concept planning for the Borland area or the entire Stafford area.

Councilor Cummings also attended the Metro Climate Leadership Conference. There was an article in the Portland Tribune April 7 about polling of citizens and leaders.

She wanted to remind citizens that SOLV will be cleaning up Mary S. Young Park this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Jones discussed the Emergency Preparedness Fair. Citizens need to get together with adjacent neighbors and create an emergency plan. Email Grant Oakes, volunteer, at grantoakes@gmail.com for information.

Councilor Jones attended Three Rivers Charter School to talk about local government. If citizens are interested (schools, scouting group, etc.) Council will talk to your group. Email bsaladino@westlinnoregon.gov.

Appointments to Boards and Committees

Mayor Kovash would like to appoint Thane Eddington to the Historic Review Board, Nicole Alexander to the Sustainability Advisory Board, Chuck Boman to the Public Safety Advisory Board, and Councilor Mike Jones to the Clackamas Cable Advisory Board.

Councilor Mike Jones moved to approve the appointments to the West Linn Advisory Boards and Committees. Councilor Jenni Tan seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Councilor Mike Jones, Councilor Teri Cummings, and Councilor Jenni Tan.

Nays: None.

The motion carried 4 - 0

Mayor Kovash reminded citizens that after the February 28 West Linn Council meeting with Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette, Council wrote a letter to Metro stating they missed out on some of the discussion and would like to be in on future discussions regarding Highway 43. Lake Oswego sent a similar letter to Metro. Today the Mayor met with Metro, Lake Oswego, Clackamas County Commissioners, various engineers, Portland, and ODOT. The City of West Linn would not want to be responsible for Highway 43 without money to upgrade and maintain it. Mayor Kovash suggested the engineers and accountants for ODOT, the County, and anyone else who wants to participate get together and explain to ODOT the amount of money needed to bring Highway 43 up to standards and maintain it. Neither the City nor ODOT has the budget to bring the highway up to standard.

Councilor Cummings inquired as to when we can discuss this.

Mayor Kovash wants staff to talk to Clackamas County and then have a work session. Council has stated to Clackamas County our position on Highway 43.

Councilor Cummings would like to make a motion to show that Council is behind the letter they wrote and would like to pass a resolution so it is very clear that the offer Council heard about is inadequate.

Mayor Kovash reminded Councilor Cummings the letter was written from the Council. West Linn would like to enter into negotiations with the people who understand engineering and finance. Elected officials are not effective in moving forward, expertise in roads and finance is required.

Councilor Jones shares many of Councilor Cummings concerns. Minor point-of-order, he would

like to place it on the next work session agenda to consider any motion or resolution.

Mayor Kovash agrees. Suggests staff work with the County and then bring to a work session.

Councilor Jones reiterated he would like to discuss a motion or resolution at the next work session.

Councilor Tan stated Council wrote the letter so obviously they support the letter. She would like to get all the information for next week to make a strong resolution if that is the direction Council chooses.

Councilor Teri Cummings moved to support the letter signed by Mayor Kovash. The motion did not receive a second and was lost.

Councilor Teri Cummings moved to allot each Councilor another five minutes to offer as they please. Councilor Jenni Tan seconded the motion.

Assistant City Manager Kirsten Wyatt reminded Council their rules allow the Council to allow additional time as needed.

Councilor Tan suggested we discuss at a work session.

Mayor Kovash agreed.

Councilor Tan withdrew her second.

Business Meeting

[Agenda Bill 2011-04-11-03 Recommending the Library Strategic and Work Plan](#)

[Library Strategic Plan](#)

Library Director Diane Satchwell Staff Report.

Tom Miller stated this is the first time in West Linn library's history that staff and citizens have been engaged in the future of the library with the stakeholder forum. He urges Council to adopt the plan.

James Milne stated the strategic plan is very important for business to have a direction. The library director was optimistic that staff could put a plan together since there are not any funds. He recommends approval of this plan.

Councilor Tan asked if there are any outstanding accounts of greater than \$250.00.

Library Director Satchwell does not have the information with her. It is more important for the library to get the materials back than collect outstanding fines.

Councilor Jones is on the library foundation board and endorses the plan and implementation of the plan. He personally thanked Tom Miller for his many years of service given to West Linn.

Councilor Cummings thanked the community that participated and is very happy to see the strategic plan.

Councilor Teri Cummings moved to direct the West Linn Public Library to implement the initiatives in the Strategic Plan as appropriate. Councilor Jenni Tan seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Councilor Mike Jones, Councilor Teri Cummings, and Councilor Jenni Tan.

Nays: None.

The motion carried 4 - 0

[Agenda Bill 2011-04-11-04 Resolution 2011-06 Authorizing the Electric Vehicle Project](#)

[Electric Vehicle Project](#)

Special Projects Planner Zach Pelz Staff Report.

Councilor Jones inquired if the purchase of this vehicle is replacing purchasing an additional vehicle.

Assistant City Manager stated the Prius would be repurposed and an older vehicle would be taken out of the fleet.

Councilor Tan inquired if the electric charging station breaks even and how are people charged.

Mr. Pelz replied for first couple of months EcoTality oversees the stations. After that, site hosts can charge for the parking space so all cites charge the same. Some revenue will be in place.

Councilor Tan inquired about the cost differential when replacing the fleet car.

Mr. Pelz informed the Council that the City gets volume purchasing costs so it will be around \$34,000. The City can sell back \$9,000 tax credit to the dealer.

Councilor Cummings stated that would make it equivalent to purchasing a \$25,000 vehicle. She inquired if we a have way to plug into the system and charge for use.

Mr. Pelz answered citizens will be charged by unit. They need to work out security issues to

charge bank accounts or they may be on a prepaid system.

Councilor Cummings inquired if in one year these issues will be ironed out, the ability to charge people for electricity.

Mr. Pelz answered we currently have the ability to charge. We are holding off providing an incentive for people to learn the system. EcoTality wants to collect real data. They know people will use the system differently if it is free. The City has to discuss the free period with them.

Mayor Kovash asked when they can see the vehicle. Mr. Pelz said it is in the budget. All the work is almost done at City Hall. He is hoping to have operational charging stations by the middle of summer. Ms. Wyatt and Mr. Pelz will work together to get the word out on locations of stations to citizens.

Councilor Mike Jones moved to authorize the purchase of a Nissan LEAF Electric Vehicle and two publicly-available EV charging stations at City Hall. Council also directs Staff to continue to explore the feasibility of EV charging units at other locations in West Linn. Councilor Jenni Tan seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Councilor Mike Jones, Councilor Teri Cummings, and Councilor Jenni Tan.

Nays: None.

The motion carried 4 - 0

[Adjourn](#)