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# **WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES October 14, 2013**

## **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Council Present:**

Mayor John Kovash, Council President Mike Jones, Councilor Jody Carson, Councilor Thomas Frank, and Councilor Jenni Tan.

### **Staff Present:**

City Manager Chris Jordan, Assistant City Manager Kirsten Wyatt, City Recorder Kathy Mollusky, City Attorney Tim Ramis, and Planning Director John Sonnen.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Council President Mike Jones moved to approve the agenda for the October 14, 2013 West Linn City Council Meeting. Councilor Jody Carson seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Council President Mike Jones, Councilor Jody Carson, Councilor Thomas Frank, and Councilor Jenni Tan.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

## [Proclamations, Recognitions and Presentations](#)

\*Municipal Judge Rhett Bernstein Swearing-In\*

## [Consent Agenda](#)

### [Agenda Bill 2013-10-14-01: Approve September 9, 2013 Meeting Notes](#)

[Draft Notes Information](#)

### [Agenda Bill 2013-10-14-02: Resolution 2013-18 Certifying Election Results](#)

[Election Information](#)

### [Agenda Bill 2013-10-14-03: Managing Oregon Resources Efficiently Intergovernmental Agreement](#)

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Council President Mike Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the October 13, 2013 West Linn City Council Meeting which includes the September 9, 2013 Meeting Notes, Resolution 2013-18 Certifying Election results, and the Managing Oregon Resources Efficiently Intergovernmental Agreement. Councilor Thomas Frank seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Council President Mike Jones, Councilor Jody Carson, Councilor Thomas Frank, and Councilor Jenni Tan.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

## [Community Comments](#)

Roberta Schwarz commended the Planning Commission's handling of the Cut the Red Tape Project, the upcoming White Oak Savanna fundraising events, and articles written about the White Oak Savanna.

Michael Monical spoke about the Lake Oswego-Tigard project and submitted pictures, traffic analysis memo, and DKS lane width information.

[Michael Monical submittal](#)

Shanon Vroman spoke out against the Lake Oswego-Tigard project and submitted her comments.

[Shanon Vroman submittal](#)

Yvonne Davis shared her concerns about the Lake Oswego-Tigard project construction and submitted photos.

[Yvonne Davis submittal](#)

Jana Rea is concerned about the Lake Oswego-Tigard project construction traffic, the cranes they are going to use, and the construction/neighborhood meeting times.

Sam Stephens is concerned about the Lake Oswego-Tigard construction dump truck sizes.

Steve Wilson is building a house next to the Lake Oswego-Tigard project and is upset that the project was allowed to move forward.

Robert Stowell does not feel staff is following Council goals, specifically Goal two, citizen involvement.

Steve & Julie Blake are concerned about the Lake Oswego-Tigard project construction traffic and submitted pictures.

[Steve & Julie Blake submittal](#)

Vicky Smith requests the Lake Oswego-Tigard project be a regular City Council agenda item and would like the permitted project online so citizens can access it.

Lamont King is concerned about the Lake Oswego-Tigard project construction traffic and that the conditional use Intergovernmental Agreement has not been negotiated yet.

Scott Gerber stated the backup beepers were not what was agreed to at first, the neighbors complained, and now they are.

Eric Jones is concerned about his mother's safety so he is selling her house and moving her. He asked Council to reconsider the project after the LUBA appeal comes back.

Jenne Henderson is concerned about the safety of walking around the Lake Oswego-Tigard construction project, that the neighbor's have to police the project (like the backup beepers) to make sure Lake Oswego-Tigard complies, and that they have not been paid for the lawsuit they settled.

Karie Oakes requests that the City Manager's evaluation be made public.

Teri Cummings shared concerns about the 2008 Council decisions and other past City Council's performances.

Robert Thomas provided Council his comments from 2009 and 2010 regarding the City Manager. He spoke about the urban growth boundary; he feels the attorney the City hired represents developers and the City should have hired Peggy Hennessy.

[Robert Thomas submittal](#)

Gary Hitesman asked Council questions about the City Manager and executive sessions. He wants Council to look at the benefits and problems of the Lake Oswego-Tigard project when it is remanded.

#### [Gary Hitesman submittal](#)

Kathleen Conroy thinks Council should all be recalled for allowing the ballot measures. Two measures were redundant, the City had already voted on them and one of them was about eliminating the March and September ballots and this was on the September ballot. The other one was about Council not interfering with the City Manager and the Staff. She feels Council should manage the City Manager, City business, and City Staff. She wants to know how Council is going to respond to citizens who have questions about the City Manager or City Staff.

Alice Richmond stated neither Council nor City Management are listening to citizens.

#### [Report from the City Manager](#)

City Manager Chris Jordan reminded everyone we are taking applications for the West Linn Leadership Academy, applications are online and due November 15. Neighbors Helping Neighbors is December 14. This year the City is offering a Youth Leadership Academy for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The Haunted Trail at Mary S. Young Park is October 25 and 26.

#### [Business from the City Council](#)

Councilor Jody Carson responded to the citizen comment that there was an election in September because it is required in the Charter to have the election. The other items were to clarify language since the language in the Charter was vague and has caused issues. The Willamette Falls and Lock Fest were very successful.

Councilor Thomas Frank welcomed a new addition to their family and showed pictures of their daughter, Lila. Councilors Carson and Frank attended the League of Oregon Cities Conference. There is a Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Treatment Plant meeting 8:00 a.m. tomorrow at Burgerville. The Library does Terrific Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. This next Tuesday Penny Puppets will be there.

Councilor Jenni Tan offered her congratulations to the Frank Family. She shared pictures of Oktoberfest, the Tualatin River elected officials river race where Councilor Frank and she came in first, the tour of Willamette Falls, and the Lock Festival. She answered the citizens question that if a citizen were to complain to her about the City Manager she responds to that citizen.

Councilor Mike Jones stated the ballot measure is regarding Council not interfering with the staff because Council is a policy making body. Council is responsible for hiring and evaluating the City Manager. The City Manager is responsible for hiring staff. Some previous Councilors have tried to pressure the City Manager to hire someone for a position or a Contractor which is

entirely inappropriate. If a citizen expressed concern about someone on staff, Council would take it to the City Manager. If there was a concern about the City Manager, Council would discuss it as a group. The ballot measure did not change anything the City Manager does, it reduced the chance a policymaker would exert undue influence on a City Manager.

Mayor John Kovash stated there is no single answer to her questions. People complain about the City Manager, if it is serious, Council will investigate. City Council made the decision to hire an in-house attorney.

Mayor John Kovash and City Manager Chris Jordan offered to meet with the citizen or any other citizens that have questions about how the City functions.

Mayor John Kovash apologized that it took so long for Lake Oswego to fix the back up beepers. He will ask Councilor Frank to bring the beeper issue, construction truck concerns, and alternating meeting times to the Lake Oswego construction meeting tomorrow.

### **Business Meeting**

#### **Agenda Bill 2013-10-14-03: Approve Proposed Planning Docket**

##### **Planning Projects Information**

Planning Director John Sonnen staff report.

Council President Mike Jones moved to approve the proposed Planning Docket. Councilor Jenni Tan seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor John Kovash, Council President Mike Jones, Councilor Jody Carson, Councilor Thomas Frank, and Councilor Jenni Tan.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

### **Adjourn**