



# STAFF REPORT

## CITY OF TUALATIN

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

**FROM:** Nicole Morris, Deputy City Recorder

**DATE:** 11/13/2017

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Approval of the Minutes for the Work Sessions and Regular Meetings of October 23, 2017

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### **ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

The issue before the Council is to approve the minutes for the Work Sessions and Regular Meetings of October 23, 2017.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully recommends that the Council adopt the attached minutes.

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**Attachments:** [City Council Work Session Minutes of October 23, 2017](#)  
[City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2017](#)



Present: Mayor Lou Ogden; Council President Joelle Davis; Councilor Nancy Grimes; Councilor Paul Morrison; Councilor Jeff DeHaan; Councilor Robert Kellogg

Absent: Councilor Frank Bubenik

Staff Present: City Attorney Sean Brady; Police Chief Bill Steele; Finance Director Don Hudson; Deputy City Recorder Nicole Morris; Assistant City Manager Alice Cannon; Management Analyst II Kelsey Lewis; City Engineer Jeff Fuchs; IS Director Bates Russell

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### 1. ***Transportation Funding: Neighborhood Safety & Local Congestion Relief.***

Assistant City Manager Alice Cannon and Finance Director Don Hudson presented information on transportation funding. Manager Cannon recapped the Council priorities list from the Advance in February of 2017. Director Hudson provided a list of potential improvement projects that could be funded and potential revenue sources. Potential revenue sources included state and local transportation revenue from the 2017 State Transportation Package, the Washington County Vehicle Registration Fee, and potential local funding from a city utility fee. Bond options that could be considered include a revenue or full, faith and credit bond or a general obligation bond. Director Hudson explained the city has traditionally funded projects like this through the "pay as you go" process but bonding could be an option.

Mayor Ogden asked if there is a practical minimum amount for a general obligation bond. Director Hudson stated there isn't a minimum amount.

Councilor Kellogg stated his option would be the full, faith, and credit bond.

Councilor Morrison asked what a realistic dollar amount the City could raise through a bond would be. Director Hudson states the City does have a debt limit so it would not be able to exceed that amount.

Councilor Kellogg stated some of the example projects appear both in the Transportation Systems Plan and Capital Improvement Plan, he asked how those projects would be shifted around for funding. Director Hudson stated they are both planning tools, which means they are not necessarily funded.

Councilor DeHaan asked if the City could borrow the funds needed and use the new incoming funding from the State and the County to pay it back. Director Hudson stated that is possible.

Councilor DeHaan asked if the projects funded would realistically deliver value to

transportation in Tualatin. Manager Cannon stated outreach and opinion research would have to be conducted on the projects to gauge priority with citizens.

Council President Davis stated she feels the full, faith and credit bond is the best route for Tualatin. She would also be in favor of exploring a city-wide utility fee.

Councilor Morrison asked if the funding from the State and County is only for maintenance or if it could be used for capital projects. Manager Cannon stated the City has a dedicated maintenance fee already but the new dollars could be comingled between maintenance and capital improvement.

Councilor DeHaan stated he is in favor of a vote on a bond.

Councilor Kellogg asked if the county funding has any growth built into it. Director Hudson stated he is unsure of the exact number but there is anticipated growth in those dollars.

Mayor Ogden cautioned against spending all of the new incoming funds on transportation projects. He would like to see some research done of the public's feelings regarding this before going forward with a bond.

Councilor Kellogg would like to see some of the new funding put into traffic calming projects.

Manager Cannon stated staff will conduct opinion polling in small meetings and town halls to compare traffic issues against other city issues.

Councilor Grimes stated she would like to see the safety and traffic mitigation problems separated. She would only be interested in sending the traffic mitigation issues to a bond.


### ***Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.***


None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The work session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

 / Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

 / Lou Ogden, Mayor