

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## OCTOBER 14, 2024

**DATE** COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, CITY OF WOODBURN, COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF OREGON, OCTOBER 14, 2024

**CONVENED** The meeting convened at 7:04 p.m. with Mayor Lonergan presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Lonergan	Present
Councilor Cantu	Present
Councilor Cornwell	Present
Councilor Schaub	Present
Councilor Morris	Present – via video conferencing
Councilor Cabrales	Absent
Councilor Wilk	Present

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Derickson, City Attorney Granum, Assistant City Administrator Row, Police Chief Pilcher, Special Projects Director Wakeley, City Recorder Pierson, Community Services Director Cuomo, Deputy Chief Millican, Economic Development Director Johnk, Human Resources Director Gregg, Public Affairs and Communications Manager Guerrero, Community Relations Manager Herrera

### **APPOINTMENT**

**Schaub/Cornwell...** appoint Isabella Baldisseri to the Student Member position on the Recreation and Park Board. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Hardcastle Shelter Update – Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action** –Andrew Marshall Associate Director of Sheltering for Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency provided background information on the agency and an update on how it has been going at the Woodburn location. He noted that there have been 90 individuals served between May 2024 and October 13, 2024, and 2,155 bed nights. Community Services Director Cuomo added that the City was able to contribute ARPA funds to help Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action get established and the investment is paying off in the community.

**Oregon Department of Forestry - Emerald Ash Borer** – City Administrator Row provided a flyer to the Council on the Emerald Ash Borer. Kat Bethea and Matt Mills from the Oregon Department of Forestry provided information on the Emerald Ash Borer, a brief history of its detection across the United States, the signs and symptoms of an infected Ash tree and ways to manage the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer. Kurt Berning, Executive Director of the Pudding River Watershed Council provided information on the grant that he is working on with Special Projects Director Wakely that will help address the issue with the Emerald Ash Borer in Woodburn.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Woodburn City Council minutes of September 23, 2024,
- B. Building Activity for September 2024.

**Schaub/Cantu...** approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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### COUNCIL BILL NO. 3263 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOODBURN AND THE WOODBURN POLICE ASSOCIATION FOR A CONTRACT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

**Schaub** introduced Council Bill No. 3263. City Recorder Pierson read the bill by title only since there were no objections from the Council. City Administrator Derickson provided a staff report. City Attorney Granum and Human Resources Director Gregg provided comments on the bargaining process and noted some of the highlights in the contract. On roll call vote for final passage, the bill passed unanimously. Mayor Lonergan declared Council Bill No. 3263 duly passed.

### AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT VEHICLE PURCHASE

Assistant City Administrator Row provided a staff report. **Schaub/Cornwell**... authorize the City Administrator to purchase a 2024 Toyota Sienna Hybrid modified minivan from Northwest Bus Sales for \$84,939 pursuant to the ODOT/ Washington contract vehicle procurement program. The motion passed unanimously.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The City Administrator reported the following:

- League of Oregon Cities annual conference takes place this week. Jamie and her team will be presenting on the City's tourism program at the conference.
- Plans are being made to go back to Washington DC to meet with our federal delegation in mid-November to lobby for federal funding for a significant park project that would enhance the proposed Community Center project.
- There was an article from Willamette Week that discussed the rise of human trafficking and prostitution within the massage industry, particularly in Portland. The City of Woodburn is involved in an ongoing issue with the Oregon Massage Licensing Board concerning a local business accused of facilitating prostitution and trafficking. Efforts to investigate this business have been hindered by state legislation that restricts the sharing of public records between government agencies. Woodburn is considering supporting a bill backed by the League of Oregon Cities, the Oregon District Attorneys Association, and law enforcement associations, which would mandate better information sharing among agencies.

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Schaub stated that she is pleased that the League of Oregon Cities is taking that issue up because she was very concerned about the human trafficking part of our experience and never getting any answers. She also stated that she is pleased that Councilor Wilk will be attending the LOC conference and that it is a great opportunity.

Councilor Wilk stated that our administration is committed to supporting staff in Woodburn, including their participation in conferences for valuable learning opportunities. He added that he also appreciates Scott bringing forth the issue of human trafficking here in town and noted that we do have nonprofits at work here in Woodburn trying to combat and provide support for victims and survivors of human trafficking, in particular, the Center for Hope and Safety. He also noted that today is Indigenous Peoples Day.

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Councilor Cantu stated that this was a great meeting and is shocked about all the things she gets educated on at the meetings.

Mayor Lonergan stated that the Marion County Voters Pamphlet went out last week and there were 19 letters of support for Measure 24-504.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Cornwell/Schaub**... move to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Lonergan adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

APPROVED Frank J. Lonergan

FRANK LONERGAN, MAYOR

ATTEST Heather Pierson  
Heather Pierson, City Recorder  
City of Woodburn, Oregon