

Board of County Commissioners Business Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 08/10/2023

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Thursday, August 3, 2023 – 10:00 AM

In person and via virtual technology (Zoom)

PRESENT: Chair Tootie Smith
Commissioner Mark Shull
Commissioner Paul Savas
Commissioner Martha Schrader
Commissioner Ben West

CALL TO ORDER

I. READING AND ADOPTION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LAND USE ORDINANCE

- A. Adoption of Previously Approved Comprehensive Plan and Zoning and Development Ordinance Amendments, ZDO-283 – Minor and Time Sensitive Comprehensive Plan and Zoning and Development Ordinance Amendments

County Counsel Stephen Madkour briefed the Board on the proposed ordinance, which was previously approved on July 12, 2023. No questions or comments were heard from the Board.

Commissioner Shull: "I move we read ZDO-283 by title only." Commissioner Schrader seconded the motion. No discussion was heard.

Clerk called the poll
Commissioner Savas Aye
Commissioner West Aye
Commissioner Shull Aye
Commissioner Schrader Aye
Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 5-0.

Clerk read Ordinance ZDO-283 by title only.

Commissioner West: "I move that we adopt ordinance ZDO-283 as previously approved at the July 12, 2023 land use hearing." Commissioner Savas seconded the motion.

Commissioner West commented on the public engagement in this process.

Chair Smith commented on the return of land use rights to the public based on these changes.

Clerk called the poll
Commissioner Schrader Aye
Commissioner Shull Aye
Commissioner West Aye
Commissioner Savas Aye
Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 5-0.

- B. Adoption of Previously Approved Zoning and Development Ordinance Amendments, ZDO-287 – Zoning and Development Ordinance Amendments Related to Places of Worship

County Counsel Stephen Madkour briefed the Board on the proposed ordinance, which was previously approved on July 26, 2023.

Chair Smith commented on her appreciation for the proposed changes.

Commissioner Shull: "I move we read ZDO-287 by title only." Commissioner Savas seconded the motion. No discussion was heard.

Clerk called the poll
Commissioner Savas Aye
Commissioner West Aye
Commissioner Shull Aye
Commissioner Schrader Aye
Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 5-0.

Clerk read Ordinance ZDO-287 by title only. No further discussion was heard.

Commissioner West: "I we adopt ZDO-287, as previously approved at the July 26, 2023 land use hearing."
Commissioner Savas seconded the motion.

Clerk called the poll
Commissioner Savas Aye
Commissioner West Aye
Commissioner Schrader Aye
Commissioner Shull Aye
Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 5-0.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Elected Officials

1. Approval of Previous Business Meeting Minutes – *BCC*

B. County Administration

1. Approval of a Subrecipient Grant Agreement with the Clackamas 800 Radio Group to support emergency response systems and to fund emergency response projects. Grant value is \$2MM. Funding is through County-allocated American Rescue Plan Act Funds. No County General Funds are involved.

C. Juvenile

1. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority for Providing Funding for Juvenile Crime Prevention Basic Services and Diversion Services. Agreement value is \$2,105,315 for 2 years. Funding through the Oregon Youth Authority. No County General Funds are involved.

D. Health, Housing, & Human Services

1. Approval of a Revenue Grant Agreement from the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care to continue Coordinated Enrollment services for families eligible for publicly funded preschool programs. Agreement value is \$390,500 for 2 years. Funding is through the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care. No County General Funds are involved.
2. Approval of a Revenue Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon for the Operation of Community Developmental Disability Services for Clackamas County. Anticipated agreement value is \$29,394,999 for 2 years. Funding is through Federal Medicaid Funds and State General Funds. No County General Funds are involved.

E. Transportation & Development

1. Approval of Annual Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to Implement the FY 23-24 Annual Waste Reduction and Recycle at Work Program. Total revenue is \$764,216 for 1 year. Funding through the Regional System Fees collected on tons of waste disposed in the Metro Service District. No County General Funds are involved.

Clerk read the consent agenda.

Chair Smith asked if any Commissioner wished to remove any item from the consent agenda. No requests were received.

Commissioner West: "I move that we approve the consent agenda as read." Commissioner Schrader seconded the motion. No further discussion was heard.

Clerk called the poll
Commissioner Shull Aye
Commissioner Savas Aye
Commissioner Schrader Aye
Commissioner West Aye
Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 5-0.

Chair Smith recessed the Board of County Commissioners and convened the Clackamas County Development Agency Board of Directors.

I. DEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of a Resolution Declaring the Public Necessity and purpose for Acquisition of Right of Way, Easements and Fee Property and Authorizing Good Faith Negotiations and Condemnation Actions with Development Agency for the Monroe Street Improvements Project. Right of way budget is \$1,000,000. Funding is through Clackamas County Development Agency. No County General Funds are involved.

Clerk read the consent agenda.

Chair Smith asked if any Director wished to remove any item from the consent agenda. No requests were heard. Chair Smith asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Director Schrader: "So moved." Director West seconded the motion. No further discussion was heard.

Clerk called the poll
Director Shull Aye
Director Savas Aye
Director West Aye
Director Schrader Aye
Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 5-0.

Chair Smith adjourned the Development Agency Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Chair Smith opened the meeting for public testimony.

Patrick Clasen (Oregon City) – Support for higher Cost of Living Adjustment for AFSCME-WES represented employees

Chair Smith thanked Mr. Clasen for his comments and outlined the current status of negotiations, and asked County Counsel Stephen Madkour to explain why the Board can't have this conversation at the dais. County Counsel Madkour outlined the legal framework in place for contract negotiations like this.

Commissioner West outlined his reasoning for declining the meeting mentioned by Mr. Clasen during his comments.

Commissioner Savas made comments about the ability to submit written communication to the Board for their review.

Charlie Chu (Milwaukie) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office
Gus Bedwell (Aumsville) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office
Christine Kennedy (Lake Oswego) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office
Patty Boyd (Milwaukie) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office
Sonja Welch (Oregon City) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office
Colleen Hamilton (Oregon City) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office
Karen Cook (Oregon City) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office
Jacqueline Arn (Beavercreek) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office
Mark Reaksecker (Oregon City) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office

Chair Smith and County Administrator Gary Schmidt clarified the total property taxes collected by Clackamas County.

Commissioner West made comments on property taxes in Oregon.

Renel Muro (Canby) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office

John Mullin (Oregon City) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office

Commissioner Schrader made comments on the public engagement that is occurring around this discussion.

Commissioner West thanked Mr. Mullin for continuing to engage with the Board on this topic.

Rick Dodge (Milwaukie) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office

Kathy Hyzy (Milwaukie) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office

Kit Stavrum (Oregon City) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office

Paul Fruin (Wilsonville) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office

Betty Brickson (Portland) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office

Gloria Montes (Canby) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office

Esther Kim (Portland) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office

Jazmin Kling (Milwaukie) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office

Jane Littlefield (Oregon City) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office

Gloria Ochoa-Sandoval (Portland) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office

Emily Lowry (Milwaukie) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office

Tim Smith (Wilsonville) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office

Elizabeth Carney (Oregon City) – Support for the Equity and Inclusion Office

Bill Wehr (Damascus) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office

Elvis Clark (Milwaukie) – Opposition to the Equity and Inclusion Office

Chair Smith closed the meeting for public testimony.

III. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Schmidt announced the changes coming to building access at the Red Soils Campus to increase security for staff and visitors.

IV. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Savas made comments on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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Commissioner Schrader made comments on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Commissioner West made comments on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Chair Smith made comments on diversity, equity, and inclusion, the wildfire town hall that occurred on August 1st, and the courthouse arts committee.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:21 PM.

DEI Program - statement by Colleen Hamilton-Cronley 8-2-23

My granddaughter and I were riding in the car the other day and she said "Grandma it must have been fun growing up when you did." I replied "yes it was very fun, and we could go and do lots of things and not be afraid". She replied, "this world today is crazy". I could not help but feel sad for her because she is right, the world today is mixed up and crazy!

You see back in the days where I grew up in Umatilla County, Oregon (Hermiston to be exact) we did not need government telling us how to behave. That is something our parents, our church and our society taught. We had good rules of life then, in fact they are part of the "golden rules".

- Be kind
- Play with everyone
- Hard work makes you strong
- Be wise
- Help those who cannot help themselves
- Treat others like you want to be treated
- Remember, God loves you

The government's DEI program seems to cause more trouble than it solves. By its own definitions it divides we the people.

- **Diversity** - government definition (includes groups you want included and "because of the past" leaves out other groups)
- **Equity** - government definition (gives everyone the same outcome whether they have worked for it or not) and
- **inclusion** - government definition (includes special treatment for a "protected class" *and who decides who is protected?*)

In fact, the DEI philosophy and the programs that are built around DEI are further dividing our county, state and nation. DEI is moving us backwards before the days when Martin Luther King spoke those meaningful words about the "quality of your character".

We do not need a government expenditure of nearly a **million dollars** for this DEI program that promotes a divisive agenda. Yes, there are many in this audience

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who are supported by the money ~~the~~ program puts into their pockets or programs. That is not what is important. What is important is to use programs that unite our county and do not further divide it. We have had enough division the last few years. Let's take a stand in Clackamas County and say NO MORE division and build a county that betters our state and works for all our people.

Please stop the nonsense and vote **NO** on the **DEI** program.

use county funding in better places.

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