
City of Salem Infrastructure Bond Engagement Steering Committee Minutes

DATE: February 18, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Chuck Bennett

PLACE: ZOOM

STAFF LIAISONS:

Courtney Knox Busch

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Josh Eggleston

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Members Present:

Mayor Bennett

Councilor Jose Gonzalez

Councilor Chris Hoy

Members Absent:

Councilor Virginia Stapleton

Guests Present:

Clark Worth, Barney and Worth

Libby Barg Bakke, Barney and Worth

John Horvick, DHM Research

Staff Present:

Steve Powers, City Manager

Dan Atchison, City Attorney

Josh Eggleston, AIC Chief Financial Officer

Peter Fernandez, Public Works Director

Courtney Knox Busch, Strategic Initiatives
Manager

Krishna Namburi, Employee Enterprise &
Technology Director

Mike Niblock, Fire Chief

Kristin Retherford, Urban Development Director

James Wharton-Hess, Management Analyst II

Kelli Blechschmidt, Management Analyst I

Trevor Smith, Public Works PIO

Kathy Ursprung, Program Manager

Shengnan Thomas, Administrative Analyst I

1. CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 PM / Quorum
2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14, 2022 MINUTES:
Motion by: Chair Bennett
Second by: Member Hoy

Action: Motion passes

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous

Nay:

Abstentions:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. Jim Schepke regarding branch libraries
 - b. Lynn Takata from North East Neighbors regarding sidewalks
Questions or Comments by: Member Hoy
Answers or Comments by: Lynn Takata
 - c. Lois Stark from the Library Advisory Board regarding branch libraries
Questions or Comments by: Chair Bennett
Answers or Comments by: Lynn Takata

- d. Victor Dodier regarding tax rates & public engagement / projects
Questions or Comments by: Chair Bennett
Answers or Comments by: Victor Dodier & Josh Eggleston, AIC Chief Financial Officer
- e. Phil Carver from 350 Salem regarding projects, climate and green-house gas reduction goals.

4. UPDATES: COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- a. Consultants John Horvick from DHM Research and Clark Worth with Libby Barg Bakke of Barney and Worth shared with the committee results of their research.

Clark Worth of Barney and Worth reviewed with the committee the findings & highlights of their in-depth community interviews.

Questions or Comments by: Mayor Bennett
Answers or Comments by: Clark Worth, Barney and Worth, John Horvick, DHM Research

John Horvick provided results and details of DHM's telephone poll with likely Salem voters about the bond.

Questions or Comments by: Mayor Bennett, Member Hoy
Answers or Comments by: John Horvick, DHM Research, Clark Worth, Barney and Worth, Courtney Knox Busch, Strategic Initiatives Manager

5. PRESENTATION: CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) Scoring

- a. Josh Eggleston reviewed with the Committee how general CIP scoring happens and how it could be helpful to the Committee as they discuss or review projects to be considered in the bond proposal.

Questions or Comments by: Mayor Bennett
Answers or Comments by: Courtney Knox Busch, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Josh Eggleston, AIC Chief Financial Officer

6. NEXT STEPS:

- a. Courtney Knox Busch touched on next steps for the Committee which will include a meeting on March 18th which will include projects in a scoring format. Meeting would hopefully result in a general recommendation to provide to Council.

Questions or Comments by: Mayor Bennett
Answers or Comments by: Courtney Knox Busch, Strategic Initiatives Manager

7. ADJOURNMENT: 2:32 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM.