
City of Salem Infrastructure Bond Engagement Steering Committee Minutes

DATE: March 18, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Chuck Bennett

PLACE: ZOOM

STAFF LIAISONS:

Courtney Knox Busch

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Members Present:

Mayor Bennett

Councilor Jose Gonzalez

Councilor Chris Hoy

Councilor Virginia Stapleton

Guests Present:

Libby Barg Bakke, Barney and Worth

Staff Present:

Kristin Retherford, Interim City Manager

Josh Eggleston, Chief Financial Officer

Courtney Knox Busch, Strategic Initiatives
Manager

Krishna Namburi, Enterprise Services Director

Mike Niblock, Fire Chief

Brian Martin, City Engineer

James Wharton-Hess, Management Analyst II

Kelli Blechschmidt, Management Analyst I

Trevor Smith, Public Works PIO

Kathy Ursprung, Program Manager

Rob Romanek, Parks Planner

Jennifer Keller, Parks and Rec Manager

Tammi Starrs, Engineering Program Manager

Julie Warncke, Transportation Planning Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER: 1:11 PM / Quorum
2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2022 MINUTES:
Motion by: Member Hoy
Second by: Member Stapleton

Action: Motion passes

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous

Nay:

Abstentions:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. Jim Schepke regarding branch libraries
Questions or Comments by: None
Answers or Comments by: None
 - b. Matthew Hatler regarding mini soccer courts
Questions or Comments by: Chair Bennett
Answers or Comments by: Matthew Hatler

- c. Laurie Dougherty from 350 Salem regarding bonding projects
Questions or Comments by: None
Answers or Comments by: None
- d. Polk County Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst regarding Marine Drive
Questions or Comments by: Chair Bennett, Member Hoy
Answers or Comments by: Commissioner Mordhorst,
- e. Tim Klarr regarding Marine Drive
Questions or Comments by: Member Stapleton
Answers or Comments by: Tim Klarr
- f. Victor Dodier from SCAN regarding proposed projects
Questions or Comments by: None
Answers or Comments by: None

4. UPDATES: COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- a. Consultant Libby Barg Bakke of Barney and Worth shared with the committee results of research into other packaged bonding examples. .

Questions or Comments by: Member Stapleton
Answers or Comments by: Libby Barg Bakke, Barney and Worth, Courtney Knox-Busch, Strategic Initiatives Manager

5. DISCUSSION: BOND CRITERIA AND COMPOSITION

- a. Committee discussion on bond composition and potential projects for Parks and Streets & Sidewalks.

Questions or Comments by: Chair Bennett, Member Hoy, Member Stapleton and Member Gonzalez

Answers or Comments by: Kristin Retherford, Interim City Manager, Krishna Namburi, Enterprise Services Director, Courtney Knox Busch, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Brian Martin, City Engineer, Rob Romanek, Parks Planner, Jennifer Keller, Parks and Rec Manager

6. NEXT STEPS:

- a. Courtney Knox Busch briefly touched on next steps for the Committee which will include a meeting on March 28th. Meeting would hopefully result in a general recommendation to provide to Council.

Questions or Comments by: Mayor Bennett
Answers or Comments by: Kristin Retherford, Interim City Manager, Courtney Knox Busch, Strategic Initiatives Manager

7. ADJOURNMENT: 2:55 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM.