



City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 22, 2022
7:00 p.m. – City Council Regular Meeting
REVISED 03/21/2022

Welcome! The public is strongly encouraged to participate remotely but there is seating at Civic Hall for those who are not able to participate remotely. However, if you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself.

The public is strongly encouraged to relay concerns and comments to the Council in one of three ways:

- *Email at any time up to 12 p.m. the day of the meeting to Claudia.Cisneros@mcminnvilleoregon.gov;*
- *If appearing via telephone only please sign up prior to the meeting by emailing the City Recorder at Claudia.Cisneros@mcminnvilleoregon.gov as the chat function is not available when calling in zoom;*
- *Join the zoom meeting; send a chat directly to City Recorder, Claudia Cisneros, to request to speak and use the raise hand feature in zoom to request to speak, once your turn is up we will announce your name and unmute your mic. **You will need to provide your First and Last name, Address, contact information (email or phone) to the City Recorder. You do not need to state your address for the record when called to speak.***

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

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<https://mcminnvilleoregon.zoom.us/j/83274963291?pwd=ckxXTE9rWUxSK1NqU1FXOG93SnlsZz09>

Zoom ID: 832 7496 3291

Zoom Password: 040837

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7:00 PM – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – VIA ZOOM AND SEATING AT CIVIC HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PROCLAMATIONS
 - a. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation
4. INVITATION TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – *The Mayor will announce that any interested audience members are invited to provide comments. Anyone may speak on any topic other than: a matter in litigation, a quasi-judicial land use matter; or a matter scheduled for public hearing at some future date. The Mayor may limit comments to 3 minutes per person for a total of 30 minutes. The Mayor will read comments emailed to City Recorder and then any citizen participating via Zoom.*

5. ADVICE/ INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Reports from Councilors on Committee & Board Assignments
- b. Department Head Reports
 - 1. Consider Authorizing Proposal for Third Street Improvement Project for Congressionally Directed Spending. (Added on 03.21.2022)

6. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, child abuse is one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders; and

Whereas, it is estimated that 1 in 4 children will suffer significant abuse before the age of 18 and annually over tens of thousands of Oregonian children -- 78,632 in 2020 -- are reported to the Department of Human Services as having been abused or neglected with 11,642 child abuse victims confirmed in 2020 alone, although many cases go unreported -- and this was especially true during the Covid-19 pandemic when many children were isolated and away from the eye of mandatory reporters; and

Whereas, the physical, emotional, mental and financial impact of abuse falls on children of all ages and abilities, who come from all economic, racial and social backgrounds; and these crimes affect many more family members, friends, neighbors and community; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention efforts succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic and community organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community while recognizing that feeling connected to community can be a protective factor against child abuse; and

Whereas, McMinnville is dedicated to stopping child abuse and supporting survivors and their non-offending families while working to prevent it;

Whereas, each of us has a role to play in stopping the problem of child abuse as part of solution -- by learning how to prevent, recognize and report child abuse and supporting prevention, education and empowerment programs for children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott A. Hill, Mayor of the City of McMinnville, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of McMinnville to be affixed this 22nd day of March, 2022.

We reaffirm McMinnville, Oregon's commitment to creating a safer, healthier, more thriving community for our children and taking steps to help prevent child abuse through awareness efforts, prevention promotion and trainings on responding responsibly. We encourage all citizens to Wear Blue every Friday in April -- 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2022 -- as a public statement in McMinnville in support of child abuse prevention! Further we call upon all citizens to invest in the lives of children by learning what they can do to help stop child abuse through Juliette's House, a community resource, by visiting www.julietteshouse.org.

From: [Chris Chenoweth](#)
To: [Claudia Cisneros](#); [Heather Richards](#); [Amanda Guile-Hinman](#); [Jeff Towery](#)
Subject: Last Night Work Session
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022 2:34:20 PM
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Please forward these comments on to the Council if appropriate regarding yesterday's work session. If there's a way to get them added to the record I'd appreciate it.

First, I apologize for my absence last night. I had a short notice personal issue come up. I don't foresee this issue causing scheduling problems going forward and yes everything is OK.

I've watched the whole meeting and here are my thoughts:

Oregon Recology rate increases:

first I, along with the mayor, had a wonderful time at the transfer station. If you have not toured it I would highly recommend it. The transition that they pulled off in a very short window was impressive to say the least. The highlight for me was getting to take controls of the machinery they use to turn the compost rows. No, they did not let me drive it!

On the meeting content: thank you Adam, Remy and Zach for your thoughtful questions.

SDCs:

Thank you Amanda for the thorough presentation.

Thank you Mayor and Councilors for your questions and comments.

I understand that many communities charge much higher SDCs and thus that opens the door for us to look at these for increased revenue. One of the quotes I utilized during my running for office was "Just because YOU CAN do something it does not mean YOU SHOULD". Many of our conversations in City Council seem to fall into this category.

Assessing SDCs -

I question the arguments being made to justify spreading the park SDC across commercial properties. I think it would be good to hear feedback from the business community by sending emails to MEDP, MEVLC, MDA and the Chamber before we

act on assumptions and anecdotal evidence.

Cost Recovery –

Percentage – I oppose 100% cost recovery model for several reasons but I'll give two here:

1. Oregon has a problem with housing costs and we as leaders ought to be consistent in supporting policy that furthers lowering or maintaining current housing prices. Increasing our SDCs is incompatible with that goal. I understand the argument made by Heather but the problem is that we have these discussions when property values are overly inflated. In talking to some of our elder residents they have expressed the housing market is cyclical with a general upward trend. What that means is we will see times where the housing market collapses and thus we should not be basing our thinking on the realities of today. I know builders that were doing well until the 2008 collapse and almost went bankrupt when the housing market crashed and costs exceeded market value.
2. 100% cost recovery assumes no benefit to the rest of the community that subsidizes any portion. I think that is a faulty assumption. There are many benefits and costs associated with new construction. More development increases city tax revenue. More people brings more consumers and thus more jobs into the community. Improvements to existing infrastructure must be done overtime anyways so some of this new cost faced to existing infrastructure would have been faced regardless of the new development. Those are just a few of the benefits that those already living here are getting as a result of new development and thus they should pay a portion of the new infrastructure.

I would add that I do not believe that “the developers are from out of town” is a salient argument. I find it to be an argument based in preferring the target because it's an easier target.

My feeling, assuming there is no desire to encourage development in the city, is that a 90% recovery would be appropriate. I believe the city and residents stand to gain at least enough from the added property tax revenue and jobs to justify the existing residents having some skin in the game.

Subsidy Policy - This seems rather a discussion designed to make us look good rather than something that actually has any real benefit. The last time I looked, the impact of SDC increases and discounts for affordable housing passed by the City Council it resulted in an increase in costs. At the end of the day every policy we put forward seems to increase the cost to live in our community regardless of your socioeconomic status. Our City Council continually makes it more difficult to survive financially in

our community. Yes, we make it less painful for the poorest among us but they still face increases across the board. In a city that is below the state median average for household income we are heading the wrong direction in our policy.

On a side note, I don't understand why all the talk about vacation rentals in McMinnville. I think we need a little perspective on the issue. The last I checked the total number of vacation rentals permitted in the city was less than 60. I also worry if we target residential housing being converted to vacation rentals because they are now commercial use does that mean we should be targeting every other house that's converted for commercial use? That might be a slippery slope we may not want to go down.

Thank you,

Chris Chenoweth

McMinnville City Councilor, Ward 1

