



## **MINUTES**

### **KEIZER CITY COUNCIL/SALEM CITY COUNCIL/MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

**Marion Courthouse Square**

**Marion County Commissioners Conference Room**

**Salem, Oregon**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Marion County Commissioner Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. In attendance were the following:

Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark  
Keizer City Council President Shaney Starr  
Keizer City Councilor Daniel Kohler  
Keizer City Councilor Soraida Cross  
Keizer City Councilor Kyle Juran  
Marion County Commissioner Kevin Cameron  
Marion County Commissioner Colm Willis  
Salem Mayor Chris Hoy  
Salem City Councilor Virginia Stapleton  
Salem City Councilor Deanna Gwyn  
Salem City Councilor Jose Gonzalez  
Salem City Councilor Julie Hoy  
Salem City Manager Keith Stahley  
Salem Police Chief Trevor Womack  
Marion County Sherriff Joe Kast  
Marion County Administrator Jan Fritz  
Keizer City Recorder Tracy Davis

#### **UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

Salem Mayor Chris Hoy provided updates on increased security at the downtown Salem parking garages, formation of an area safety committee in conjunction with Chemeketa Community College, opening of Yaquina Hall and Mahonia Crossing, and the upcoming availability of commercial flights at the

Salem Municipal Airport. Mayor Hoy extended an invitation to the May 16<sup>th</sup> Homeless Alliance conference at the Salem Convention Center.

Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark highlighted several points from the recent State of the City address including impending Keizer department head retirements, continuation of planning work in regard to HB 2001, and the need to provide additional transitional housing in Keizer. Mayor Clark commended Marion County for the additional beds coming on line soon at the Marion County Jail. Marion County Commissioner Willis explained these additional beds will only have a small effect on the current issues we are experiencing. The group held a long discussion on the mental health issues and the lack of cooperation with the Oregon State Hospital/Oregon Health Authority. Ideas were exchanged, and several suggestions were made to focus efforts on this regional issue. Commissioner Willis volunteered to draft a letter of support from Marion County, Salem, and Keizer focusing on the challenges being experienced in our region. In addition, efforts will be made to offer educational opportunities for members of the state legislature highlighting the needs to address this in a unified manner.

Marion County Commissioner Cameron provided an update on the sewer system upgrades for Mill City and Gates which should be online in 2026-2027 and recent progress on unification of the radio system within the County.

## **ADJOURN**

Marion County Commissioner Cameron announced the next meeting will be held on May 18, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at Marion Courthouse Square.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

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Tracy Davis, MMC  
Keizer City Recorder

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Cathy Clark – Mayor

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Soraida Cross - Councilor

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Shaney Starr – Council President

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Daniel Kohler – Councilor

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Absent  
Laura Reid – Councilor

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Kyle Juran – Councilor

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Absent  
Robert Husseman – Councilor

