



**MINUTES**  
**KEIZER CITY COUNCIL**  
**Monday, March 21, 2022**  
**Keizer Civic Center, Council Chambers**  
**Keizer, Oregon**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken as follows:

**Present:**

Cathy Clark, Mayor  
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor  
Daniel Kohler, Councilor  
Roland Herrera, Councilor  
Kyle Juran, Councilor  
Shaney Starr, Councilor

**Staff:**

Wes Hare, Interim City Manager  
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney  
Tim Wood, Finance Director  
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director  
John Teague, Police Chief  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

**Absent:**

Laura Reid, Councilor  
Miranda Coleman, Youth Councilor

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

**SPECIAL ORDERS  
OF BUSINESS**

**PROCLAMATION – National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

*Tanya Hamilton*, Keizer, shared information regarding child abuse statistics and prevention through a slide presentation. Mayor Clark then read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Hamilton and Councilor Starr as representatives of child abuse prevention organizations.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

*Ron Bersin*, Keizer, reported that the Planning Commission is continuing its work related to middle housing laws and their impact on the City's Development Code. He invited everyone to the April public hearing.

*Gwen Carr*, Keizer, reported on the recent Parks Advisory Board meeting sharing details about the mosaic grant and various park reports from Board members.

*Lore Christopher* and *Kim Steen*, Keizer, reviewed the process taken to accomplish the mosaic project at the splash fountain and shared details about the Parks Matching Grant, Board support, and donations received, and asked Council to approve the funding of the project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Clark acknowledged for the record public comments received from *Troy Prouty* and *Heather Hawkins* regarding the ReAwaken Tour and from *Kathryn Lincoln* regarding the Keizer Community Library.

Testimony was then heard from *Ron Bersin, Nayeli Cruz, Cindy Rodriguez, Julianne Jackson, Courtney Clendening, Alex Cruz, and Rob Witters* of Keizer, and *Robert Edwards, Luis Velasco, Alex Buron, Sandra Hernandez* and *Hanna Shooting Bear* of Salem, all voicing opposition to the Reawaken Tour scheduled for April 1 and 2 at Volcano Stadium. Testimony suggested prohibiting the event because it is on land that was stolen from the Kalapuya Indians and it promotes violence. Other testimony suggested that clauses allowing the City to prohibit certain events be added to the lease agreement.

*Brandon Smith* from Salem and *Alexa Smith* and *Steve Harrison* from Keizer, spoke in favor of the event noting that any violence that has occurred at previous events was brought about by other organizations and that events like these are part of American freedom.

Mayor Clark thanked everyone for coming and expressing their point of view and pointed out that the Oregon constitution is clear on the right to speak but Keizer Police Department is very responsive and does not provide services based on gender or race. Chief Teague added that regarding this event Keizer police would respond to anything needed outside of the fence.

Councilor Herrera voiced support for those opposing this event. Councilor Smith encouraged everyone to have conversations to build bridges instead of division.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **a. Keizer Mart Liquor License Application – Change of Ownership**

*Mayor Clark opened the Public Hearing.*

Interim City Manager Wes Hare summarized the staff report.

New owner, Tracy Bratcher, shared information about the facility.

*With no further testimony, Mayor Clark closed the Public Hearing.*

Councilor Smith moved that the Keizer City Council recommend approval of the application for Keizer Mart under the guidelines established by ORS 471.178 and the Ordinances of the City of Keizer and to forward this recommendation to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for final approval. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Starr, Juran, Herrera, Smith and Kohler (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Reid (1)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

### **a. West Keizer Neighborhood Association**

*Rhonda Rich*, West Keizer Neighborhood Association, summarized materials published in the packet, recognized and thanked people who had attended meetings, and shared highlights of the year and goals for the coming year. She thanked Council for their continued financial support and use of the community center for meetings and asked that recognition be extended for the coming year.

- Annual Report**      Councilor Smith moved that the Keizer City Council accept the Annual Report of West Keizer Neighborhood Association and extend recognition to them for an additional year. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed as follows:
- AYES: Clark, Starr, Juran, Herrera, Smith and Kohler (6)  
 NAYS: None (0)  
 ABSTENTIONS: None (0)  
 ABSENT: Reid (1)
- b. ORDINANCE - Adopting the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Dated December 2021**      City Attorney Shannon Johnson summarized his staff report.  
Councilor Smith moved that the Keizer City Council adopt a Bill for an Ordinance Adopting the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Dated December 2021; Amending Ordinance No. 87-077; Repealing Ordinances 2008-570, 2014-712, 2016-745 and 2016-749. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed as follows:
- AYES: Clark, Starr, Juran, Herrera, Smith and Kohler (6)  
 NAYS: None (0)  
 ABSTENTIONS: None (0)  
 ABSENT: Reid (1)
- RESOLUTION – Repealing Resolutions related to previous Park Master Plans**      Councilor Smith moved that the Keizer City Council adopt a Resolution Repealing R2001-1272, R2002-1349, R2006-1729, R2009-1949, R2014-2517, and R2016-2648 (Park Master Plans). Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed as follows:
- AYES: Clark, Starr, Juran, Herrera, Smith and Kohler (6)  
 NAYS: None (0)  
 ABSTENTIONS: None (0)  
 ABSENT: Reid (1)
- c. Mosaic Tile Art Project at the Splash Pad**      Wes Hare summarized the staff report and recommended Council approval. Discussion followed regarding process, timing and from which line item the funds would be taken.  
Councilor Smith moved that the Keizer City Council direct staff to move forward with the funding of the mosaic project at the splash fountain. Councilor Kohler seconded. Mayor Clark clarified that determination of which fund would be used would be left to the discretion of staff. Motion passed as follows:
- AYES: Clark, Starr, Juran, Herrera, Smith and Kohler (6)  
 NAYS: None (0)  
 ABSTENTIONS: None (0)  
 ABSENT: Reid (1)
- d. Fee Waiver Request for A Soggy Day In**      Public Works Director Bill Lawyer summarized his staff report. Mayor Clark thanked Claggett Creek Watershed Council and shared information about the event.

**The Park at  
Keizer Rapids  
Park**

Councilor Smith moved that the Keizer City Council waive the fees for the April 23, 2022 Soggy Day in the Park event at Keizer Rapids Park. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Starr, Juran, Herrera, Smith and Kohler (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Reid (1)

**CONSENT  
CALENDAR**

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Production Studio Administration Agreement
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into the City of Keizer Street and Right of Way Landscape Maintenance Services and Vegetated Stormwater Facility Maintenance Services Contract with Brightview Landscape Services, Inc.
- c. Approval of February 22, 2022 Regular Session Minutes
- d. Approval of March 7, 2022 Regular Session Minutes

Items a, c and d were pulled.

Councilor Smith moved for approval of Item b of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Starr, Juran, Herrera, Smith and Kohler (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Reid (1)

Item a: Mayor Clark praised staff for their efforts and thanked them for keeping this service available to Keizer residents. Finance Director Tim Wood praised K23 staff as artists that are working for the City and answered questions regarding operations, equipment and website hosted broadcasts.

Councilor Smith moved for approval of Item a of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Starr, Juran, Herrera, Smith and Kohler (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Reid (1)

Councilor Smith moved for approval of Items c and d of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Starr, Juran, Herrera and Kohler (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: Smith (1)

ABSENT: Reid (1)

**OTHER BUSINESS/ STAFF UPDATES** Public Works Director Bill Lawyer announced that the Chamber would be flattening the ground and doing some weed control at Keizer Rapids Park in preparation for the August Keizerfest. He added that the annual flushing program would take place over the next six weeks to remove minerals from water mains and allow for high flows in the spring. This will result in some low water pressure in the middle of the night.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS** Councilor Herrera reported that he had participated in a Ukraine support rally and a Colored Caucus meeting, congratulated Betty Hart for receiving the Volunteer of the Week award and thanked everyone for their participation in the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) roundtable.

Councilor Kohler thanked Neighborhood Associations for organizing the recent candidate forum and everyone who helped with the Civic Center Cleanup event and reported on the Long Range Planning Task Force meeting and the National Eagle Scout Association Scholarship Review Committee meeting.

Councilor Smith thanked everyone who covered for her while she was out and wished her mother a happy birthday.

Councilor Starr urged everyone to participate in the April 1 Child Abuse Prevention car parade.

Councilor Juran thanked Patti Tischer and Jane Herb for organizing the recent candidate forum, reported on the Latino Business Alliance meeting and announced that the Chamber will hold Keizerfest at Keizer Rapids Park in August.

Mayor Clark shared detailed information about the National League of Women in Construction organization and urged everyone to participate in the 'Canstruction' at the Grand Theater where a reproduction of Multnomah Falls will be built out of cans of food, which will then be donated. She thanked Council for approving the fee waiver for the Joys of Living Assistance Dogs event and commended staff for making this a successful event.

**AGENDA INPUT** April 4, 2022, 7:00 p.m. - City Council Regular Session  
April 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – City Council Work Session - Library  
April 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – City Council Work Session – Marion Co. Turf  
April 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m. - City Council Regular Session

**ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

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Cathy Clark

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Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

~ Absent ~

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Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

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Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera

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Councilor #2 – Shaney Starr

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Councilor #5 – Elizabeth Smith

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Councilor #3 – Kyle Juran

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Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: 04-04-22