



**MINUTES  
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, April 11, 2022  
Keizer, Oregon**

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

Mayor Clark called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was taken as follows:

**Present:**

Cathy Clark, Mayor  
Dan Kohler, Councilor  
Kyle Juran, Councilor  
Roland Herrera, Councilor  
Shaney Starr  
Laura Reid, Councilor  
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor

**Staff Present:**

Wes Hare, Interim City Manager  
Tim Wood, Finance Director  
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City  
Recorder

**DISCUSSION**

**a. American  
Rescue Plan  
(ARPA)  
Grant  
Request for  
Turf Sports  
Fields**

Public Works Director Bill Lawyer summarized his staff report. Mayor Clark added that this is a starting point for all that needs to be considered, that she had spoken to an engineering firm who confirmed that the proposed amounts are adequate for the project and that the big variable is how much parking would be needed.

Marion County Commissioners *Colm Willis* and *Danielle Bethell* provided background on the need for turf fields so that children could have a place to play for an extended period and not be limited to dry months. They explained that the County met with met with the West Keizer Neighborhood Association to discuss their concerns and various jurisdictions and felt that Keizer Rapids Park would be the best location. They reviewed the timeline and noted that their finance team is willing to work with Keizer to make sure reporting requirements are met. Discussion followed regarding economic impact, possible other locations, field management, vandalism, scheduling and traffic.

*Eric Branch*, Keizer, Mid Valley Soccer Club, voiced support for this project noting that there is an unmet need for more fields. He referred to a handout with year-round soccer costs and provided clarification.

*Robert Sullivan*, Salem-Keizer School District and *Scott Gragg*, McNary Athletic Director, voiced support for this project. Mr. Gragg shared McNary turf field details including its heavy use, maintenance needs and rental details, and noted that the need for additional turf fields is great.

*Rebecca Fineran*, Capital Pioneers Women's Football, voiced support for

additional turf fields noting that there is a shortage of turf fields in the area.

*Steve Polenski*, praised the Capital Pioneers noting that the women are passionate about the games and rally around each other in times of need.

*Jim Taylor*, Keizer, voiced support for the proposal suggesting that Keizer Rapids Park has the room and amenities needed. He also suggested that in addition to the turf fields Council consider building an indoor recreation facility that could be used as an emergency shelter and as a place for children to play when it is raining.

*Kim Steen*, Keizer, stated that she was originally concerned about putting the fields in Keizer Rapids Park especially lighting them and having the park stay open past dusk, but tonight’s testimony relieved some of her fears. She requested, however, that hours be limited.

*Lore Christopher*, Keizer, voiced support for the project noting that turf fields will make the difference of 5 months of use vs. 12 months. She suggested that the project be kept in-house and a task force formed to figure out fees and scheduling, and that SDCs be used. She also voiced support for building the indoor recreation facility.

*Richard Walsh*, Keizer, voiced support for the project noting that this 2 million dollars is like 10 gazillion dollars in Keizer money and it should be used for something long-term that is available to everyone. He also voiced support for the indoor recreation facility.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Clark adjourned the work session at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR:

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Cathy Clark

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Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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: 05-02-22