



OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday
August 11, 2021
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

DUE TO ONGOING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS:

PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ELECTRONICALLY VIA THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL ANCHOR LOCATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME AS PER GOVERNOR HERBERT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-5.

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In Attendance:

City Administration: Councilmembers Steve Wilmoth (acting Mayor), Tom Smart, Joe Frazier, Kelly Kimber, Dave Neff ; Mayor Wade Woolstenhulme (absent)

City Staff: City Recorder Amy Rydalch; Public Works Director Kendell Staples; Water Operator, Dallas Hansen

Others/Public in Attendance: Clayton Page, Shane Moore, Amy Yost, David Darcy

1. **Acting Mayor Steve Wilmoth** called the meeting to order. **Councilmember Frazier** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Councilmember Kimber** offered the opening prayer.
2. **Public Comment:** Public may address the Mayor and City Council with items *not listed* on the agenda

Clayton Page asked the Council about a status update on the Council's participation in the Renewable Energy program. **Councilmember Frazier** stated that only some preliminary commitments had been made to participate.

Shane Moore asked questions about multiple topics: Was there to be more brush removed at the mouth of Weber Wild and Pinion Lane, the status of drainage on the corner of Pinion, the status of road repairs on Pinion Lane, as well as the moratorium.

Members of Council and the Public Works department addressed the various concerns. No further work planned for bush removal, repairs for drainage on Pinion corner were underway, repairs to road surface were anticipated shortly, Pinion bridge repair was more complicated – waiting on engineer findings, moratorium will be revisited in November.

3. **Public Hearing: Resolution 2021-09 Oakley City Planning & Development Fees:**

Recorder Rydalch addressed the need to amend the resolution by introducing fees for meetings related to property development, particularly for individuals who schedule meetings with the planner and the

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Planning Commission without submitting formal applications. The proposed changes included charging \$50 per hour for meetings with the planner after the first 30 minutes (which would remain free) and \$100 per meeting for scheduled conceptual meetings with the Planning Commission when no formal application is filed.

Additional discussion amongst Councilmembers touched on the excavation permit fees, suggesting that the existing \$750 bond might be insufficient for large excavation projects. There was a consideration to increase the bond amount, possibly to \$1,500, to better cover the cost of work and ensure quality. It was noted that asphalt cuts could deteriorate over time if not properly maintained, and it was essential to have an adequate bond in place to hold contractors accountable. The discussion led to the decision to revisit the excavation permit fees and potentially raise the bond requirement to ensure that it adequately covered expenses related to road cuts and repairs.

Mayor Pro-Tempore opened the Public hearing for public comments.

No comments were received.

Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Fraizer motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-09 Oakley City Planning & Development Fees with proposed amendments. **Councilmember Neff** seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	Nay
Councilmember Smart	X	
Councilmember Frazier	X	
Councilmember Neff	X	
Councilmember Wilmoth	X	

Resolution Adopted.

4. RAP Tax Grant Application – David Darcey & Amy Yost

Members of the RAP Tax Grant Committee addressed the Council and informed them of various RAP TAX application items. The discussion with Councilmembers revolved around:

1. Application Process for Recreation Funding: The meeting began with a discussion about the application process for recreation funding. The County Council had recently approved a bond for \$8.8 million, which was a significant increase compared to previous years' allocations of around \$900,000. Approximately \$1.6 million of this funding was designated for entities in the southern part of the region. Attendees were reminded to apply for these recreation opportunities, and it was noted that the application process for the rap tax grant could be found on the county's website.
2. Funding Allocation and Prioritization: There was a discussion about prioritizing projects when applying for funds. If there were insufficient funds to cover all proposed projects, applicants were encouraged to indicate their priority projects during the application process. The funding allocation was based on population percentages, with different areas receiving different percentages of the total funding. Partnerships between entities were also discussed as a way to secure funding for larger projects.
3. Benefits of Joint Projects: The meeting highlighted the benefits of collaborating on projects, particularly large-scale ones. An example was given of a joint project between a school district and the city council for baseball and softball fields. Joint projects were seen as advantageous because they could fill in funding gaps and ensure the success of the endeavor.

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4. **Project Details:** Specific projects were discussed, such as the construction of baseball fields, soccer fields, pickleball courts, and other recreational facilities. The importance of water conservation in landscaping was mentioned, and there was an emphasis on how these projects would benefit not only the local community but also attract visitors and sports tournaments from neighboring areas.
5. **Project Timing:** The timing of these projects was also a point of discussion, as the application process and subsequent approval could lead to bonding for project funding. The meeting provided an opportunity for the city to understand the timeline for potential project initiation.
6. **Use of Funds:** The use of funds from the rap tax grant was discussed, including how the funds could contribute to the community's economic growth and environmental sustainability. For example, pickleball courts and water-conserving landscaping were seen as projects that could generate revenue and reduce water consumption.
7. **Application Deadlines:** The meeting emphasized the importance of submitting applications by the end of August or early September, with the application process typically concluding in October.
8. **Fund Utilization Timeline:** Once funds were awarded, there was a timeframe of 18 months to utilize or extend the funds. The city council members sought to clarify the specific timeline for fund utilization.
9. **Future Funding Rounds:** The meeting mentioned that there would be additional rap tax funding rounds, typically held in the spring for different categories, such as arts and culture

Council thanked the members of the committee for the discussion.

5. **Wet Well for Complex Discussion – Water Operator, Dallas**

Water Operator Hansen first updated the Council on the status of the New Well progress. The City is in the initial stages of seeking funding and site location. It appears the site will be finalized by end of September. At which time further design and bidding documentation can begin to be prepared.

He then updated the council on the communities efforts at water conservation and commended the residents for their commitment to the water restrictions.

The discussion then turned toward needing a secondary watering system for the City Complex to reduce further usage of culinary water for Complex irrigation. **Operator Hansen** described the possibility of installing a wet well at the complex and pulling water from Richards Ditch to water the parks. A screening/filtration system would need to be employed as part of the wet well.

Councilmember Neff motioned to move forward getting bids and pricing for the installation of a Wet Well at the Complex. **Councilmember Smart** seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

6. **Landscaping Plan Complex**

Public Works Director Kendell Staples presented drawings from the landscape architect for the Complex that included areas for xeriscaping, pickleball court locations, field expansion, and parking expansion areas. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the various improvements, opinions on projects i.e., turf, splashpad, skatepark improvements, playground upgrade, etc. Ultimately a plan for the RAP tax grant application projects were agreed upon and projects were prioritized and plans to get budget numbers was decided upon.

Councilmember Smart motioned to include in the 2021 RAP tax grant application to expand playing fields, improve the skate park area, add four pickleball courts, basketball court, splashpad, and playground. A second joint application with the School District will include turf and improvements to the ball fields. **Councilmember Neff** seconded the motion. **All voted in Favor. Motion Passed.**

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Councilmembers also gave tentative approval for Director Staples to get pricing on xeriscaping and for additional trees.

7. Highway 189 Realignment

Mayor Pro-Tempore referred Council to the letter from UDOT about the realignment of Highway 189. General discussion centered around the realignment impacts to the community and neighboring areas. Overall consensus was that the realignment could be very problematic for the city and for Heber as it appeared to redirect traffic without providing any benefit to the local areas.

Councilmember Smart motioned to write a letter in opposition to the realignment of Highway 189 addressed to UDOT. **Councilmember Kimber** seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Regular City Business:

- a. **Approval of the Payables- POSTPONED UNTIL FOLLOWING MEETING in AUGUST**
- b. **Councilmember Reports:**
 - i. **Councilmember Wilmoth** still coordinating with Lori Hoggan regarding Car Show and City involvement.
 - ii. **Councilmember Kimber** received a member from a constituent regarding concern for the uptick in COVID cases. Would like to see support from local leaders for vaccination support. Differing opinions were expressed. Not enough support to do a letter of encouragement but a social media post was approved regarding general guidelines.

Councilmember Smart motioned that a formal statement be published on the city social media pages to encourage members of the community to do their part to slow the spread of Covid =-19 by following public health recommendations. **Councilmember Kimber** seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

- iii. **Councilmember Smart** brought up the issue with the work done in the Weber River near River Bend Park and Leavitt's. There is a timeline if the City waits too long to correct the illegal diversion of the river. Would like to ask the Council to look into this further.
- c. **Recorder/Staff Items** – reported that there is a special meeting called for the Council to canvass the election results. The dates were clarified for the canvass.

8. Adjournment

Approval is to form this 27 day of September, 2023.



Zane Woolstenhulme, Mayor



Amy Rydalch, City Recorder