



## MINUTES

Monday, February 26, 2024

Work Session

Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: May 8, 2024

### Call to Order

**4:00 p.m.**

Acting Mayor Marilyn Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

Councilors present: Acting Mayor Marilyn Smith and Councilors Steph Newton, Matilda Novak (4:03 p.m.), Jackie Montague, Ray Kopczynski, and Ramycia McGhee

Councilors absent: Mayor Alex Johnson II (excused)

### Business from the Public

**4:00 p.m.**

None

### Mid-Period Strategic Plan Review

**4:00 p.m.**

Public Works Director/Interim Deputy City Manager Chris Bailey shared slides\* that outlined the timeline for the strategic plan. Bailey said that now was the time for minor edits to the plan and clarified that the themes in the strategic plan were originally set by council. Bailey responded to questions from Councilor Ray Kopczynski, detailing the multiple ways a project could become a goal or priority, why the city transitioned away from the International City Manager's Associations Key Performance Indicators, and the plans for how the Strategic Plan will include metrics.

Bailey shared the staff recommendations for edits to the strategic plan that were in the slides.

Acting Mayor Marilyn Smith shared her proposed changes, including sections about beautification. Councilor Steph Newton spoke about an interest in adding painted traffic intersections. Smith spoke in favor of emphasizing the work being done to address the quality of roads and Councilor Jackie Montague suggested rewording sections to focus on establishing a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) minimum for all Albany roads.

Newton suggested removing the phrase "as resources permit" from the goal about supporting cultural events and add in a numerical goal that the city would like to support annually. Bailey, Newton, Councilor Matilda Novak, and Councilor Ramycia McGhee, spoke about the goal of increasing library circulation, its origin, and how prescriptive that goal is.

City Manager Peter Troedsson, Montague, and Bailey spoke about the goal of increasing residential density in downtown, and how that goal relates to the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities program. Troedsson suggested that a goal related to the Climate Friendly Areas be included in the next update of the strategic plan.

Newton expressed interest in creating goals regarding cycling and alternative transportation. Responding to a question from Montague, Bailey said that it is unlikely that the city would fund and

build an additional bridge across the Willamette River; however, it is important that the city maintain a strong partnership with the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) to make projects like the bridge feasible. Bailey and Montague discussed adding language to current goals to be inclusive of alternative transportation.

Bailey shared closing remarks including next steps.

Business from the council

**5:18 p.m.**

Kopczynski shared the experience of a constituent who said Ziply Fiber parked in their driveway for four days without permission. Troedsson recommended the constituent file a complaint with Ziply directly and Bailey asked for the constituent to contact Public Works as well.

Montague spoke about attending a recent NAACP event.

City manager report

**5:22 p.m.**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabe Shepherd  
Deputy City Clerk

Peter Troedsson  
City Manager

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