



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, February 10, 2025
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem David Fritz called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Stuebe and Councilmembers Michelle Wagner, David Fritz, Molly Coston, Julie Russell, Ernie Suggs, Tia Robertson and Student Representative Emily Bishop

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager

Joe Walsh, Community Services and Strategy Director

Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk

Mitch Kneipp, Community Development Director

Rose Jewell, Community Engagement Manager

Amanda Goulding, Assistant City Clerk & Accounting Specialist

III. CORRESPONDENCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Connie Jo Freeman asked the council to adopt a resolution opposing the CTRAN light rail project and that Councilmember Coston vote the will of the people. As a former city councilmember, she shared her knowledge of CTRAN and RTC's history with the I-5 project.

David Shoemaker asked the council to develop a list to weigh the project considering the contracting process and cost.

Joetta Keller asked the council to write a resolution opposing the CTRAN light rail project.

Glen Ray encouraged the council to oppose light rail in the area due to the cost, increase taxes, and crime associated with mass transit. He opposed a partnership with Tri-Met.

Janice Daloia asked the council to oppose light rail due to the high cost and limited accessibility by most. She opposed a partnership with Tri-Met.

Rick Vermeers spoke in opposition to bringing light rail over the river. Federally funded projects are paid for by the taxpayers and asked council vote the will of the people.

Margaret Tweet reminded the council of the previous county wide votes when light rail was

voted down. NOW there are talks to move forward and bypass the vote of the people. She shared concerns with cost and weather-related service deficiency. IBR crossing numbers were shared and are on the decline.

Douglas Tweet opposed the IBR proposal to extend light rail across the bridge citing that ridership has fallen over the last 20 years.

Liz Cline spoke in opposition to light rail and asked the council to follow Camas and adopt a resolution opposing the project.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Manager's Office: C-Tran Update

David Scott introduced Scott Patterson who presented the following:

- Revision MLPA Condition
 - Strike current A 2 Language
 - Proposed language for A 2
- IBR SDEIS/FEIS Update
 - Draft supplemental environmental impact statement
 - DEIS
- FTA Capital Investment Grant(CIG) Process overview
 - IBR hopes to secure \$billion
 - Impact of new administration is potentially significant
 - Three phases outlined - multi step process
 - New and small start Project Evaluation and rating under MAP-21
 - Individual criteria rating
 - Local Financial Commitment and rating
 - Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR)
- Operation and Maintenance Cost Framework
 - Boundary - limits service Expo to Evergreen
 - Geographical split
 - Cost shared SDEIS for TriMet and C-TRAN and WA State
 - Sales Tax Funding Overview history
 - Revenue recovery
 - Voter approval to be sought for .2% sales tax
 - Light Rail Transit Operation and Maintenance Existing Options
- Discussion items: number of lanes, benefits of an auxiliary lanes, data being used, pedestrian lane, light rail (alternative mode), FTE Grant funding, relationship with Tri-Met, vote of the people, and board composition.
- CTRAN Board timeline
- Service and taxing boundary
- RCWs for sales tax
- Recommended Next Steps
- IBR representatives explained the funding options

B. Community Development: Comprehensive Plan Update - Draft Land Use Alternatives Discussion

Mitch Kneipp and Jessica Herceg, Dowl Consultant, presented the following:

- The Kysar Property has been removed from the expansion area
- Land Use considerations
 - Planning for 2045 - residents, housing unit, and jobs
- Alternative 1 - Project House and Job Yield
 - 1622 New Jobs

- 5998 New Housing Units
- Alternative 2 - Project House and Job Yield
 - 2007 New Jobs
 - 6484 New Housing Units
- Land Use Capacity Assumptions
 - Commercial/Town Center Zones
 - Residential Zones
 - Industrial Zones
 - Existing Land Use Plan
- Upcoming Open House in the community center

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

Deferred

B. MAYOR

Deferred

C. CITY COUNCIL

Deferred

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:52

David Fritz

Mayor Pro Tem

Daniel Loyer

City Clerk