



# Agenda

## February 8, 2022

Regular Meeting | 7:00 p.m.

Troutdale Police Community Center – Kellogg Room  
234 SE Kendall Ct, Troutdale, OR 97060

1. **Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Agenda Update**
2. **Public Comment:** Public Comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items is welcome at this time. *Public comment on agenda items will be taken at the time the item is considered. Public comments should be directed to the Presiding Officer and limited to matters of community interest or related to matters which may, or could, come before Council. Each speaker shall be limited to 5 minutes for each agenda item unless a different amount of time is allowed by the Presiding Officer, with consent of the Council. The Council and Mayor should avoid immediate or protracted responses to citizen comments.*
3. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 3.1 **Minutes:** January 11, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting and January 25, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.
4. **Discussion:** A discussion on increasing the Council stipend - Councilor Kranz
5. **Public Hearing / Ordinance (Introduction):** An ordinance amending Troutdale Municipal Code Section 2.20 and establishing the Town Center Advisory Board. - Chris Damgen, Community Development Director
6. **Resolution:** A resolution amending Section 3, Community Development, of the fees and charges schedule adopted by Resolution 1954 and amended by Resolution 2476 and Resolution 2429. - Chris Damgen, Community Development Director
7. **Staff Communications**
8. **Council Communications**
9. **Adjournment**

Randy Lauer, Mayor  
Dated: February 2, 2022

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**MINUTES**  
**Troutdale City Council – Regular Meeting**  
**Troutdale Police Community Center – Kellogg Room**  
**234 SW Kendall Court**  
**Troutdale, OR 97060**

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022 - 7:00PM**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE**

Mayor Lauer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lauer, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Caswell, Councilor Kranz, Councilor White (7:03pm), Councilor Moon and Councilor Glantz.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** Ray Young, City Manager; Sarah Skroch, City Recorder; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Chris Damgen, Community Development Director; Marlee Boxler, Economic Development Coordinator and Erich Mueller, Finance Director.

**GUESTS:** See Attached.

Mayor Lauer asked for agenda updates.

Ray Young, City Manager, replied there are no updates.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items is welcome at this time.

None.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**3.1 MINUTES:** January 11, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting; January 25, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilor Ripma moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Glantz.  
**Motion Passed 6-0.**

**4. DISCUSSION:** A discussion on increasing the Council stipend.

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Councilor Kranz gave a brief overview of the staff report.

Mayor Lauer stated there's a lot of good information. A good point that times are changing, and one view is that it has the opportunity to create a more diverse Council for those that couldn't do it due to financial restrictions.

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Councilor Kranz stated there could be a higher diversity in people that are serving. She wants to have people who can bring strong leadership.

Councilor Ripma stated it's good to have the discussion. He stated he was not on the Council when the stipend was adopted. He thinks it's for reimbursement of non-reimbursed expenses. He has always been against having a stipend. He thinks volunteers are the best when they're not doing it for the money, and it should stay with just being a volunteer. Raising the stipend doesn't look good, especially when people are trying to keep their businesses going right now. If Council takes action raising it then it should be referred to the voters and he doesn't think it will pass.

Councilor Moon stated he sees both sides of this. He collects the stipend and takes people out for coffee.

Councilor Glantz stated that one comment that perturbed her was the little amount of money makes no difference. Sometimes \$50 can make a world of difference. 4 out of 7 of the Council members are business owners, which isn't representative for the City at all. She stated she doesn't take the stipend and others don't have to take it, but she thinks it should be offered.

Councilor Caswell stated she doesn't want to be on the Council that voted itself or future Councils a raise with taxpayers' dollars. She doesn't think Council should be able to make this decision because it's a conflict of interest. It doesn't seem right to her, and she doesn't think it would seem right to the community. Any financial increase is a step in the wrong direction. If the decision is going to be made at all it should be made by the community.

Ray Young stated it is common for the Council to make this decision. The legislature is doing the same thing right now. Just as the articles point out, they have to wrestle with the idea if increasing the pay would open the opportunity up for more people.

Councilor White stated that he was there with the stipend. The Mayor's stipend is 10 times the Council's stipend. He asked Mayor Lauer what he thought of that.

Mayor Lauer stated he didn't take the stipend his first 4 years. The most time he's spent on Council stuff is 60 hours per month and on average it's over 40 hours. It helps with gas, food when meeting new people, and gives him freedom of things that are available to him as the Chair of the Council. He doesn't know if he would've been able to afford it without the stipend.

Councilor White stated it's been brought up before and it always feels like a lead balloon at budget. He loves to be able to tell people he's a volunteer. He wishes all politicians were volunteers. He's okay with letting this stay where it's at. The timing is bad.

Councilor Caswell stated with the comparisons with the other cities, she knows that other people are doing this but there is a lot of corruption out there. There are legal ways to do that, and in her opinion, it doesn't make it right. She agrees the world would be much better if people were volunteers in politics.

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Councilor Kranz stated there is a variety of ways to do council compensation like maybe putting it to the CAC to get more public input. She thinks the stipend is more of a trade off on time and focus. House prices are skyrocketing, education costs are skyrocketing, everything is skyrocketing. She stated that Troutdale does not have a diverse Council in terms of getting much turnover. There are 2 Councilors that have been on for a couple of decades. She asked Ray Young for some ideas on other opportunities.

Ray Young stated there are 2 ways to do it. He believes the City of Gresham appoints a Citizen Compensation Committee that's sole job is to review Councilor and Mayor stipend and compensation. The second thing that could be done is to refer a measure in the November election to reset the stipend.

Councilor Ripma stated because others or the legislature are doing it doesn't make them right. It isn't right for Troutdale. It would look terrible if Council raised it. He would have trouble voting to refer it to the voters because he doesn't want to do it.

Mayor Lauer asked Councilor Ripma what he thought of referring it to a citizen group.

Councilor Ripma stated it's the wrong way to go. The system of volunteering is a much better way of government.

Councilor Kranz stated that to her it is clearly an equity issue. She would like this to go to PSEAC to view through an equity lens.

Ray Young stated you have to decide what your policy is as a City.

Councilor Caswell stated she wants to respond to the comment that there isn't enough diversity on the Council. She thinks the Council should be extremely grateful for Councilor Ripma and Councilor White and their long-term service. That is in no way a lack of equity or diversity. They have spent a lot of time in a selfless capacity. Not everything needs to be viewed through an equity lens, especially when dealing with other people's money.

Councilor Glantz stated absolutely no salary or PERS. She asked why it can't be referred to the CAC. She thinks when a candidate runs, they should put in the voter's pamphlet that they don't take the stipend. She thinks it's important to have people of different economic resources to represent.

Councilor White stated he thinks a lot of the public think that Council is paid. He was appalled at Gresham's hike in pay for their Council. He thinks it puts a cold bucket of ice water on the volunteerism in Troutdale if you pay that much. Nobody knows his financial situation. He was a working-class blue-collar guy that had the opportunity to buy property in Troutdale.

Councilor Moon stated Councilor Glantz makes good points. He realizes now that there is the option to decline the stipend.

Councilor Kranz stated she loves volunteering. She thinks it's very important to expand the conversation beyond Council and include other people. She would like PSEAC to discuss the topic. She explained that she's not asking this on behalf of herself.

Mayor Lauer asked if Council could come up with a consensus of sending it to another committee to discuss. He suggested a straw poll on whether to send this to another committee or not.

Mayor Lauer asked Council for a count on agreeing to send the topic to a committee.  
Councilor Ripma – No; Councilor Caswell – No; Councilor Kranz – Yes; Mayor Lauer – Yes; Councilor White – No; Councilor Moon – Yes and Councilor Glantz – Yes.  
Straw poll 4-3 in favor of sending to a committee.

Councilor White stated he would rather go with the dollar amounts that were suggested than send it to a committee because they could come up with large numbers like Gresham with skewed information.

Councilor Glantz stated she is all in favor of guardrails for sending this. Explain it won't pay for everything a councilperson would do, it just cushions the impact.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, suggested not sending it to the Budget Committee because they incorporated the increased levels that are being discussed. And it would exclude half of the committee.

Councilor Kranz stated she is not about the numbers as much as just giving it to the CAC because they have a bigger group. She wants more people to look at it to be brought into modern terms.

Councilor White stated he wishes he would've thought of the guardrail verbiage. He thinks they will want to be generous and overly so.

**MOTION: Councilor Kranz made a motion to refer to the Citizens Advisory Committee and ask, should the Council approve an increase in the stipend from the current amount to the budgeted amount of \$750 and \$200, yes or no. Seconded by Councilor Glantz.**

**VOTE: Councilor Ripma - No; Councilor Caswell – No; Councilor Kranz – Yes; Mayor Lauer – Yes; Councilor White – No; Councilor Moon – Yes and Councilor Glantz – Yes.**

**Motion passed 4-3.**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduction):** An ordinance amending Troutdale Municipal Code Section 2.20 and establishing the Town Center Advisory Board.

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Chris Damgen, Community Development Director, gave a brief overview of the staff report.

**Mayor Lauer opened the public hearing at 8:06pm.**

Tanney Staffenson, Troutdale resident, stated this is something that has been discussed for quite a while. He was involved in the process and it's really good but also really scary. He doesn't know that he's been to a meeting where the Town Center Plan hasn't been talked about at this level in the past 6 months. More input is better than less. He would like to see people on the Town Center Committee appointed with more than a 3-year term.

**Mayor Lauer closed the public hearing at 8:09pm.**

Councilor Glantz stated she's trying to understand why the TCAB is different from the TCC.

Chris Damgen explained the TCC was an ad hoc committee and was disbanded after the plan was adopted.

Councilor Glantz stated that group had all kinds of representatives.

Chris Damgen stated if Council would like to see a larger group it could be changed. Staff was trying to be mindful that the City has had difficulty in filling committee positions.

Councilor White stated he missed Tanney's suggested amendment.

Tanney Staffenson stated he would amend to make the committee larger and have representation from the TCC to be on the committee to carry forward with the history and knowledge.

Chris Damgen asked the Council if they would like staff to prepare an option B with a larger committee.

Mayor Lauer stated he thinks the Council would love an option B.

**6. RESOLUTION:** A resolution amending Section 3, Community Development, of the fees and charges schedule adopted by Resolution 1954 and amended by Resolution 2476 and Resolution 2429.

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Chris Damgen gave a brief overview of the staff report.

**MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adopt the resolution amending Section 3, Community Development, of the fees and charges schedule adopted by Resolution 1954 and amended by Resolution 2476 and Resolution 2529. Seconded by Councilor Glantz.**

**VOTE:** Councilor Ripma - Yes; Councilor Caswell – Yes; Councilor Kranz – Yes; Mayor Lauer – Yes; Councilor White – No; Councilor Moon – Yes and Councilor Glantz– Yes.

Motion passed 6-1.

## 7. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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Ray Young provided the following staff communications:

- Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night to discuss HB2001
- 2/21/22 is Presidents Day and City Offices will be closed
- 2/16/22 will be a Parks Master Plan public meeting at Troutdale Elementary School

## 8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Kranz stated she has been appointed to a 6-month term for the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District to serve on the Oregon Investment Board.

Councilor Glantz asked if she could be added to the CC list for the Zoom meetings for the Planning Commission.

Mayor Lauer stated the Dune City, Oregon, Mayor Robert Forsythe who served for 5 years passed away today.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Mayor Lauer moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.



**Randy Lauer, Mayor**  
**Dated: April 13, 2022**

**ATTEST:**



**Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder**





## February 8, 2022 City Council Meeting - Zoom Guest List

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