

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

Tuesday, September 13, 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 White, Councilor Moon and Councilor Glantz.

ABSENT: Councilor Kranz.

STAFF: Ray Young, City Manager; Sarah Skroch, City Recorder; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Erich Mueller, Finance Director and Tim Seery, Parks & Facilities Superintendent.

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.

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Mayor Lauer read a letter from Dr. Brian Hale, Troutdale Dental (attached as Exhibit A to these minutes).

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Saul Pompello, Owner Ristorante Di Pompello, stated he thinks there are enough bike racks in downtown. There was a new bike rack installed 3 years ago and it is very rarely used. Troutdale is okay with the bike racks they have now.

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Adrian Kester, Troutdale resident, stated he believes that the City in its current state does not need additional bike parking. However, he thinks it might be worthwhile to look forward to the future needs of what the City wants to be. Attracting tourists, walkers and bikers from other parts throughout the communities and providing bike parking available shows Troutdale to be a welcoming place to be.

Mayor Lauer stated this is the first he's heard of this. He talked about a letter from the Engineering Department dated August 5th (attached as Exhibit B to these minutes) stating that Troutdale is considering taking 5 street parking spots for bicycle parking. Troutdale has been struggling for vehicle parking for a few years now. He doesn't want to see Troutdale get rid of car parking spots for on-street bike parking spots.

Ray Young stated that he will see if Travis will discuss this plan at the next Council meeting. There is actually only one on-street parking spot that's being sacrificed for the bike parking spots.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 MINUTES: August 23, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting

3.2 RESOLUTION: A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the joint litigation of the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Land Use and Transportation Planning Administrative Rules.

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

4. RESOLUTION: A resolution establishing a citywide policy regarding access to meetings.

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Ray Young gave a brief overview of the resolution.

Mayor Lauer stated he's not opposed to keeping virtual and in-person and he's not opposed to allowing people to do their duties online or in-person. He would like meetings to be accessible for everybody. He does encourage that if people are available and comfortable to be in-person, they should.

Mayor Lauer opened public comment.

None.

Mayor Lauer closed public comment.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to approve a resolution establishing a citywide policy regarding access to meetings. Seconded by Councilor Glantz.

VOTE: Councilor Ripma – Yes; Councilor Caswell – Yes; Mayor Lauer – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Moon – Yes and Councilor Glantz - Yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

5. DISCUSSION: A discussion on the process of preparing for Fire/Police Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) expirations.

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Ray Young gave a brief overview of the staff report.

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Councilor Glantz stated she would love to hear some information about the cameras that were installed in Gresham to help reduce crime. She has mixed feelings but is interested in hearing about it.

Mayor Lauer stated that he talked with the Gresham Officer's Association President at the Gresham City Council meeting, and they were discussing their findings from the safety analysis study that they had over the past 18 months. The study showed they were shy officers, they weren't short of support, they were short in hours.

Councilor Moon stated one area he would like to have these groups explore and shop around and talk to Fairview and Wood Village about joining forces to maybe form our own district/department. Or talk with Gresham about merging.

Councilor Ripma stated that Ray is proposing setting out some analysis of what service we are getting and possible options. He favors an Ad Hoc committee as proposed at the Budget Committee meeting including the Budget Committee, Public Safety and Equity Advisory Committee (PSEAC) and the City Council members.

Mayor Lauer stated that fire is another thing. Troutdale doesn't have any fire infrastructure. There is a firehouse in the city limits but it's not Troutdale's. Gresham Fire is deteriorating. Gresham is trying to figure out how they can fund their department so they can continue to offer the level of service and higher levels of service to the municipalities in the IGA with them. Gresham needs 3 fire stations and a new training facility. If Council leaves any options off the table, it would be a great disservice to the community. Whatever option, Council needs to be a big part of it. He asked staff if they need direction on what the committee might look like.

Ray Young asked what Council would like the makeup of the group to be like, Council, Budget Committee, PSEAC with staff support and information gathering?

Mayor Lauer stated that Ray nailed it with the idea for the Ad Hoc Committee including members of Council, Budget Committee and PSEAC and then end with Council making the decisions.

Councilor White stated that he has some experience with the first contract, the fire contract in particular, and Troutdale tried to get Fairview and Wood Village to join in to do the 3 cities department. The problem he remembers is that Wood Village had the most calls, but they were paying the lowest rate and they worked against Troutdale in wanting to stay with Gresham. Response times are not good. He thinks an Executive Session is in order because this is a negotiation, and he doesn't want to offend Gresham Fire or the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

Ray Young stated that there is no actual contract that Troutdale is reviewing/negotiating.

Ed Trompke, City Attorney, stated that general policy discussions are supposed to be held in public versus talking about cost or performance.

Mayor Lauer stated nothing of this is in disrespect to MCSO or GFES. Troutdale deserves the best and call times are not good right now.

Councilor Glantz stated she would like to look at alternative funding options such as grants or matching funds. The St. Paul Rodeo funds go into their Fire Department.

Mayor Lauer opened public comment.

Taney Staffenson, Troutdale resident, stated he made a request during the Budget Committee meetings to look at these contracts. He hopes that some better decisions can be made for Troutdale going forward.

Ray Young asked Taney if he had any suggestions who should be on the working group.

Taney Staffenson stated he thinks it should be members of the BC, PSEAC and a couple of Council members.

Ray Young stated maybe 3 from each group for a total of 9.

Councilor Glantz asked if there should be more members from the PSEAC since it's up their alley.

Mayor Lauer stated PSEAC wasn't formed to deliberate on where the City goes with their contracts for fire and police. The intent was to make sure the community voices were heard and no corners of Troutdale that were left out regarding fire and police.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, suggested 3 members from PSEAC, 2 members from Budget Committee and 2 City Councilors. That would provide emphasis on PSEAC with the Budget Committee perspective. When you have more than 7 members it gets harder to arrange meetings and is less manageable.

Mayor Lauer closed public comment.

Mayor Lauer stated he's fine with Erich Mueller's recommendation.

Councilor White stated that the PSEAC members have real close relationship with police. He likes the idea of 3 members each. He doesn't want one citizen group to outnumber the other.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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Ray Young provided the following staff communications:

- Next Planning Commission meeting is 9/14 discussing Home Forward
- Reminder to get all evaluations in by 9/23
- September is Emergency Preparedness month
- 11/3 Emergency Preparedness Recreation Class

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

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Councilor White stated he heard First Friday was a great success. He went to the Red Barn concert, and it was a great turnout. He thanked Nick Moon for the sound system. He stated the big talk in Corbett and Sandy was the power being turned off with the windstorm. He wonders if that's going to ever be the case in Troutdale.

Mayor Lauer stated during all of the chaos that was ensuing with all of that, him and Ray were in constant communication with Andrew Spear, who is PGE's government affairs employee. The goal was to stop potential wildfires in rural areas.

Councilor White stated he thinks it would help if the County maintained the right-of-way by mowing it. He can't believe how tall the grass is right now right next to the road.


Councilor Glantz stated that Waste Management approved the rate increase. The letter that came out to all the rate holders felt uncomfortable. It would have been nice to have an example in the letter stating the rate will go up by X amount of dollars.

Mayor Lauer stated that him and Councilor Moon got invited up to Springdale Job Corps for a tour. They have a lot of great things going on there and a lot of really cool trades that they're working on for the future of the kids.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Glantz. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.



Randy Lauer, Mayor
Dated: October 12, 2022

ATTEST:



Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder

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Name (Original Name)	User Email	Join Time	Leave Time	Duration (Minutes)
Troutdale Conferencing	troutconf@troutdaleoregon.gov	9/13/2022 18:43	9/13/2022 19:59	77
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Sarah Skroch		9/13/2022 18:45	9/13/2022 19:59	74
Nick Moon		9/13/2022 18:49	9/13/2022 19:59	71
Alison Caswell		9/13/2022 18:56	9/13/2022 19:59	64
Paul Wilcox		9/13/2022 18:56	9/13/2022 19:59	64
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Glenn White		9/13/2022 18:57	9/13/2022 19:59	63
Randy Lauer Troutdale		9/13/2022 18:58	9/13/2022 19:59	62
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Exhibit A
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Re: Installing bike parking Downtown Troutdale

City of Troutdale Engineering Division,

Thank you for reading our comments and considering how the installation of bike parking immediately in front of our dental office, Troutdale Dental, would negatively impact our ability to care for the members of this community.

We offer full sedation for oral surgery procedures with the assistance of an anesthesiologist, causing our patients to be incapable of walking themselves to their car following the procedure. These patients are transferred by wheelchair from our office directly to their cars, where we ensure they are safely buckled into their seat. The parking spot directly in front of Troutdale Dental is used for this purpose on a regular basis. If this parking space were filled with bike parking, then we would be forced to push our patients in a wheelchair further down the street immediately following an intense medical procedure. This would be unacceptable patient care for a dental office.

Please accept this as our official declination to the proposed plan to install bike parking immediately in front of Troutdale Dental at the intersection of Columbia Hwy and SE Dora Ave.

Respectfully,

Brian R. Hale, DMD
Owner/Dentist, Troutdale Dental
503-674-8767



**CITY OF TROUTDALE
ENGINEERING
DIVISION**

Exhibit B

September 13, 2022
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August 5, 2022
Downtown Business Owner/Resident
West/East Historic Columbia River Hwy.
Troutdale, OR 97060

Dear Recipient,

This letter is to inform you of plans the City has to install bike parking along East Historic Columbia River Highway and to give you the opportunity to submit comments regarding the plan. As you can see in the attached aerial photograph, among other locations the City is planning on placing a number of bike racks directly north of SE Dora Ave. This will add around 10-12 bicycle parking spaces directly in the center of our Central Business District at the cost of consuming one on-street parking space.

Providing more and better bike parking offers an additional means for locals to visit our downtown without the need for car parking, and as we all know Troutdale is a desirable destination for cyclists to stop before and after cycling the Historic Highway. Having a centrally located and safe place for bike parking will encourage cyclists to eat at our restaurants, stop and have a drink at our coffee shops, patronize our other retailers and service providers, and explore all that our downtown has to offer without having to worry about the safety of their bikes. Cyclists, and touring cyclists particularly with their often-expensive bikes, desire a secure and highly visible place to lock their bikes to give them the peace of mind they need to extend their stays and visit more of our downtown.

The City believes this will be a net positive to our City and all our downtown businesses, and will be glad to here any comments you may have regarding this plan. Please provide comment in the next two weeks as the City would like acquire the racks as soon as possible.

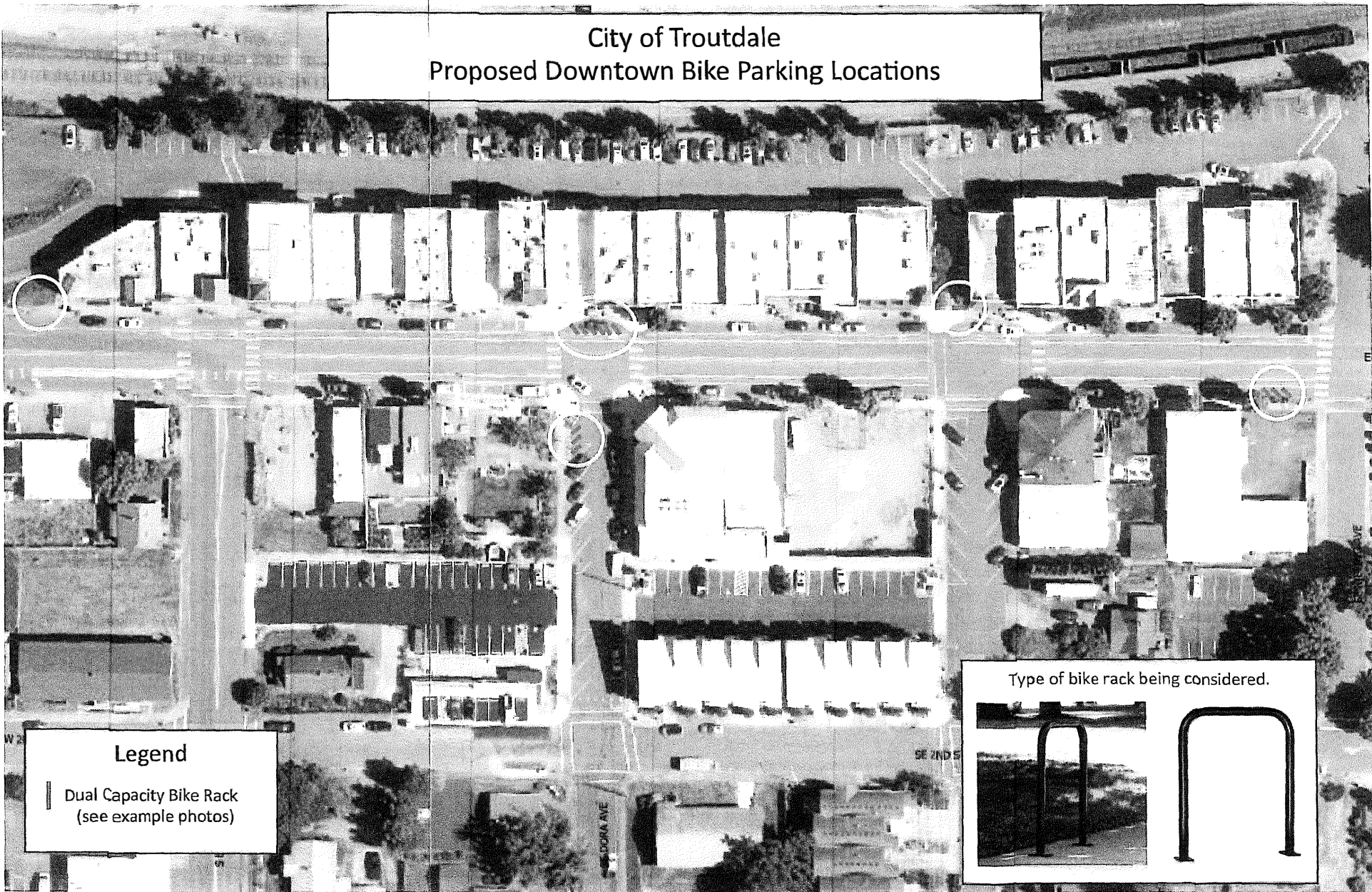
Sincerely,

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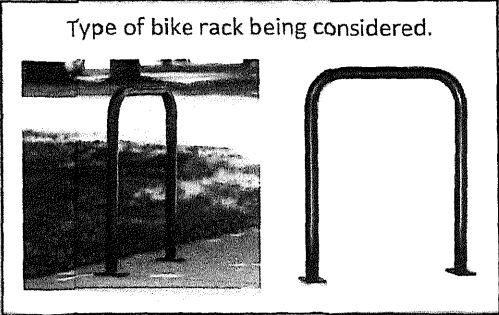
Christopher Priano
Engineering Associate

Attachments: Bike Parking Locations Aerial

City of Troutdale
Proposed Downtown Bike Parking Locations



Legend
Dual Capacity Bike Rack
(see example photos)









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