



CITY COUNCIL

David Ripma, Mayor

Vacant
Geoffrey Wunn
Jesse Davidson

Carol Allen
Glenn White
John Leamy

Agenda Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Regular Meeting | 7:00 PM

Troutdale Police Community Center - Kellogg Room
234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale, OR 97060

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Agenda Update

2. Motion:

2.1 Election of the 2025 Council President - Mayor Ripma

3. 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.

4. Consent Agenda:

4.1 **Minutes:** November 12, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting and Urban Renewal Agency Special Meeting; and December 10, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting

4.2 **Motion:** A motion to approve the 2025 Council meeting schedule

5. Report:

5.1 A report on federal copper and lead rules - Travis Hultin, Public Works Director, and David Schaffer, Public Works Superintendent

6. Motion:

6.1 A motion determining an application process to fill a Council vacancy - Ed Trompke, City Attorney

7. Resolution:

- 7.1** A Resolution Approving The City's Financial Statements And Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 And Accepting The Independent Auditors' Reports. - Erich Mueller, Finance Director

- 8. Staff Communications**
- 9. Council Communications**
- 10. Adjournment**



David Ripma, Mayor
Dated: January 8, 2025

Meeting Participation

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MINUTES
Troutdale City Council – Regular Meeting
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Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 7:00PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Ripma, Councilor Allen, Councilor Wunn, Councilor White, Councilor Davidson and Councilor Leamy.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Ray Young, City Manager; Sarah Skroch, City Recorder; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Erich Mueller, Finance Director; Travis Hultin, Public Works Director and David Schaffer, Public Works Superintendent.

GUESTS: See Attached.

Mayor Ripma asked for agenda updates.

Ray Young, City Manager, stated that Items 2 and 3 will be switched so that Item 3 will occur before Item 2.

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

None.

2. MOTION: Election of the 2025 Council President.

Councilor Allen moved to nominate Councilor White for Council President. Seconded by Councilor Leamy.

Councilor White moved to close nominations. Seconded by Councilor Allen.
Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Ripma opened public comment.

Paul Wilcox, Troutdale resident, read from a self-prepared statement (attached as Exhibit A).

David White, Seattle resident, stated he is Glenn's older brother, and he thinks he would make a great Council President.

Mayor Ripma closed public comment.

VOTE: Councilor Wunn - Yes; Mayor Ripma – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Davidson – Yes; Councilor Leamy – Yes and Councilor Allen – Yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

4.1 MINUTES: November 12, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting and Urban Renewal Agency Special Meeting and December 10, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.

4.2 MOTION: A motion to approve the 2025 Council meeting schedule.

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

5. REPORT: A report on federal copper and lead rules.

Travis Hultin, Public Works Director, gave a brief overview of the staff report and shared a PDF (attached as Exhibit B).

Mayor Ripma stated it would take 3 or 4 of the sampled homes exceeding .010 to trigger the 24-hour notification.

Travis Hultin stated that's right.

Councilor Leamy asked about daycares and schools and if it would be one sample, or multiple samples.

David Schaffer, Public Works Superintendent, stated he's not totally sure but he thinks it will be multiple samples.

Mayor Ripma opened public comment.

Brenda DeJesus, Troutdale resident, stated she recently moved to an apartment, and she buys bottled water because she doesn't trust the water system. She asked about how apartment buildings are tested. She stated that her apartment buildings water was shut off for 4 hours and when it was back on the water was brown.

David Schaffer stated the building owner would have to do the sampling there because the infrastructure is newer.

Mayor Ripma closed public comment.

Councilor White thanked Travis and David for the report. He thinks Troutdale has some of the best water around.

6. MOTION: A motion determining an application process to fill a Council vacancy.

Ed Trompke, City Attorney, gave a brief overview of the staff report.

MOTION: Councilor White made a motion to fill the Council position that is vacant using the timeline suggested but changing January 30th to the 31st and adopt the form as the approved form to be submitted by the 31st at 5:00pm to the City Recorder. Seconded by Councilor Davidson.

Mayor Ripma opened public comment.

Paul Wilcox read a self-prepared statement (attached as Exhibit C).

Mayor Ripma closed public comment.

VOTE: Councilor Wunn - Yes; Mayor Ripma – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Davidson – Yes; Councilor Leamy – Yes and Councilor Allen – Yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

7. RESOLUTION: A resolution approving the City's Financial Statements and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and accepting the Independent Auditors' Reports.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, gave a brief overview of the staff report.

Mayor Ripma opened public comment.

None.

Mayor Ripma closed public comment.

MOTION: Councilor White moved to approve the resolution approving the City's Financial Statements and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and accepting the Independent Auditors' Reports. Seconded by Councilor Allen.

VOTE: Councilor Wunn - Yes; Mayor Ripma – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Davidson – Yes; Councilor Leamy – Yes and Councilor Allen – Yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ray Young provided the following staff communications:

- Next Tuesday is the URA meeting
- City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- There are certain committees in the region that have Troutdale elected officials – a list will be put together soon for the Mayor to appoint members.
- The Cub Scouts would like an elected official to talk to them about what you do at one of their meetings on a Monday night.

9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Wunn welcomed the new Council members and Mayor Ripma. He's excited for a new year and to work with everyone.

Mayor Ripma welcomed the new Councilors.

Councilor White stated he's excited for the new Council. He stated that the owners of Ye Olde Pub are present and want to speak to Council. They don't know the procedure for public comment so it would be helpful to make an exception and allow them to speak briefly.

Mayor Ripma stated he could allow an out of order public comment with the consent of the Council.

The Owners of Ye Olde Pub (names not given) stated that their biggest problem right now is construction parking is taking up most parking and the pub is losing money. He asked if there is any way to do a 2-hour parking or another place for his customers to park. Erika Palmer said she would talk with the construction company about them parking somewhere else. He stated that it's affecting other businesses as well and he's concerned about summer and First Fridays also.

Ray Young stated he understands the problem. For long term changes in downtown, the City is waiting until people actually move into Home Forward and see what the impact will be first. Erika is creating a flyer about parking. He will talk to Public Works about putting up signs for 2-hour parking and see if that's something the City can do.

Councilor White stated that that location is using the street as a laydown yard. He thinks they have enough land that they could gravel and use for staging. When it's finished there will be a new parking lot. He congratulated staff on winning the wrapping paper and tape challenge for the MCSO toy drive. He heard a letter was sent to Gresham Fire from the 3 Cities and he would like to get a copy of that letter. Some committee members were upset they didn't get to see that letter first.


Councilor Leamy stated he's looking forward to working together.

Councilor Allen stated she's looking forward to working together.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor Wunn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor White. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.



David Ripma, Mayor
Dated: January 30, 2025

ATTEST:



Kenda Rimes, Deputy City Recorder

**City Council – Regular Meeting
7:00PM**

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Exhibit A

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Mayor and Councilors,

I would remind Council that in selecting a Council President it's not only someone who "fills in" when the Mayor is occasionally absent, but because a Mayoral vacancy must be filled by election, in the event of an extended absence by the Mayor the Council President could be serving as the "acting" Mayor for six months or longer. In 1993 a newly-elected Mayor resigned in the fourth month of his two-year term. At the time the Charter called for filling a Mayoral vacancy the same as Councilor vacancies are currently filled, appointment by the Council. The prospect of a nearly two-year Mayoral appointment was a controversial possibility. However, that was the only option under the 1942 Charter. Of course, that appointed Mayor went on to be a long-serving elected Mayor. A change would have required a charter amendment, which would have had to precede acting on the amendment. The issue raised enough interest and concern that the newly-appointed Mayor called for a full-fledged charter review, which did occur in 1994, resulting in the current charter, which of course changed the Mayoral term from two to four years and calls for a Mayoral vacancy to be filled by election, among other changes. It's noteworthy that those two changes in particular were controversial in that they were included in the new charter on a 4-3 Council vote. With a new charter the voters' only option is all or nothing.

I'd encourage the Council to review the Council meeting minutes from that time, particularly April 27, 1993 and May 25, 1993. Current actions required bear some real similarities to that period.

Submitted by:

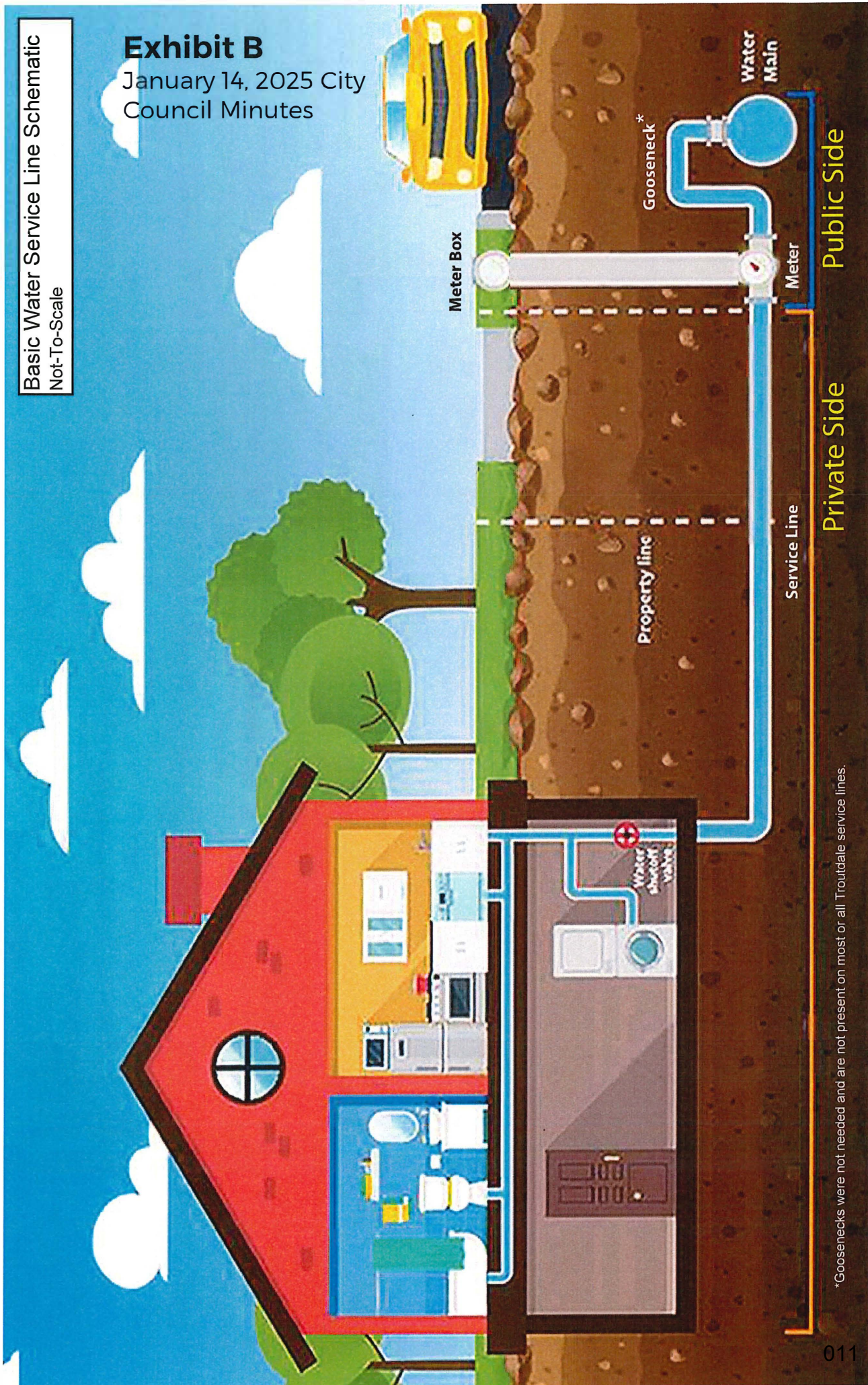
Paul Wilcox

Troutdale

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Exhibit B

January 14, 2025 City
Council Minutes



*Goosenecks were not needed and are not present on most or all Troutdale service lines.

Exhibit C

January 14, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor and Councilors,

First off, I wanted to correct some factual errors in the staff report under background. Councilor Ripma was sworn-in as a Councilor in January 2023, not 2022. He filed by fee to be a Mayoral candidate on July 16th 2024, early summer, not fall.

Secondly, I had taken issue with the proposed transition process for Mr. Ripma to go from Councilor to Mayor. However, he did resign, as I had requested. An applicable city charter statement would be "An elective office of the city shall be deemed vacant before the expiration of the term upon the incumbent's taking the oath of office of another elective governmental office." The problem is that's language from the Gresham City Charter. There is no similar language in the Troutdale City Charter. Resignation was the most straightforward route.

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