

CITY OF JEFFERSON

Joint Worksession

March 10, 2022

6:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Walt Perry, Dave Beyerl, Mayor Michael Myers, David Watkins, Keonali Hutley, David Kellogg, Bob Rossiter
COUNCILORS ABSENT: None
PLANNING MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Forbes, Dave Jones, Ron Gilles, Jacquelyn Deeds
PLANNING MEMBERS ABSENT: Edie O'Neil, Joseph Moore, Erica Lummer
STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, CM/R; Jeff Buskirk, PWD
OTHERS PRESENT: Kiel Jenkins, COG Planner (zoom); Lacy Brown, DKS Consultant

I. **CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE** – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in the flag salute.

II. **WORKSESSION TOPICS**

2.1 DKS Consultants Presenting the Draft Jefferson Transportation System Plan

Lacy Brown introduced herself as the project manager and provided an overview of the work that had been done on the TSP to date. Using a power point presentation, she covered the topics of 1. project review; 2. goals and objectives; 3. current and future needs; 4. TSP Projects, which consisted of 32 projects totaling \$81.6 million; 5. Funding Summary; and 6. Toolboxes. Lacy broke down some of the main TSP Projects that had been identified in #4, which included: some form of control at the Hazel and OR164 intersection, as well as North Ave and OR 164; pedestrian crossing over railroad; multi-use path to schools north of town; and several others. Also discussed were other less costly ways to help mitigate traffic events, such as lighted, flashing crossing signs at or near the school.

Some concerns were shared about the idea of including language to suggest a round-about and there was open discussion about the increased traffic through town during traffic events on I-5. Lacy spoke about not limiting the options in the document, indicating it was best to include all possibilities because a town could look a whole lot different in 10-20 years. Having those types of options in a plan did not mean they would happen, but would reflect that they considered all available options.

Shifting gears to review the proposed code amendments as they related to the updated TSP, which would bring both policies and documents in line with each other, and the public works design standards, conversation went on about placement of bike lanes in residential areas that would eliminate on-street parking in some areas, as well as general discussion surrounding the need for adequate parking and use of vehicles in Jefferson due to it's proximity to other towns, amenities, and services. Lacy Brown spoke about the statewide requirements which must be included in a new TSP; however, there was flexibility, and Mayor Myers confirmed they were just recommendations and it was ok if some things were approved and others were not. Councilor Kellogg suggested they include the minimum necessary to meet the state requirements and thought it was crazy to force people into public transportation or bikes. Mayor Myers added the one-size-fits-all approach did not work for Jefferson geographically, or otherwise, and suggested looking into other similarly placed cities to see what was working for them.

There was discussion to note the updated TSP could be adopted separate and apart from any code amendments; however, there would remain the confusion of having several documents reflect different language. Another important key point was working on them together allowed for the resources used from

the TSP grant to work toward the code amendments at the same time. If the code updates were done at a later time, the City would not have access to the consultants and support staff they were currently utilizing.

Moving on, Lacy Brown summarized what the next steps would be and appreciated the feedback she received, noting her team would review the notes and incorporate the necessary changes for the next draft.

Break: 7:57pm; Reconvene: 8:01pm

III. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Watkins. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

IV. VISITORS – none

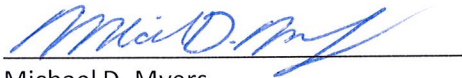
V. COUNCIL & STAFF COMMENTS

Councilor Kellogg was curious when the time might come to look into expanding the UGB and allocating space for new businesses. Mayor Myers noted the lengthy process, but agreed they were nearing that time, given the recent developments and what was to come.

Jeff Buskirk provided an update on the Santiam waterline work, which was nearly complete and the contractor was eager to start on the Church St. bioswale, but was waiting on better weather.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Beyerl moved, seconded by Councilor Perry. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 28th day of April, 2022.



Michael D. Myers

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder