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MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session Summary Minutes

Salem-Keizer Community Meeting

November 13, 2025. 8:30 AM

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Kevin Cameron, Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell.

Board's Office: Alvin Klausen, Chris Eppley, and Shawnnell Fuentes.

Sheriff's Office: Nick Hunter.

City of Salem: Linda Nishioka.

Keizer: Kyle Duran, Adam Brown, and Dan Kohler.

Commissioner Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

City Updates/Agenda Items

- Salem:
 - New skate park, ball field, and adaptive play equipment projects at Gear and Livingston Parks.
 - Bond fund use and system development charges for park improvements.
 - Road maintenance funding, schedule, and public works:
 - Need updates on sidewalk infill and road repairs (Silverton Road).
 - Robot security program at Pringle Parkade:
 - Addresses unauthorized vehicle activity.
 - Wallace Marine Park pathway project:
 - Moving into planning/design.
 - Consider flooding issues.
 - Future Parks Board/public input.
 - Concerns around homeless camp management and public safety in parks.
- Keizer:
 - Kaiser Little League vendor solicitation and fields:
 - Request for Proposal (RFP) out and negotiating for coming season.
 - Volcano Stadium lease terms overview:
 - Ground for stadium owned by the city, but the building itself is not.
 - Leased for 20 years, extended 20 more years in 2016 for refinancing.
 - Lease expires around 2037 and ownership of facility reverts to city.
 - Urban growth boundary and vertical lane project updates:
 - Clearing and realigning intersections for development.
 - Ongoing sports field use and positive community feedback on facilities:
 - Soccer fields and pickleball courts.
 - Kaiser Rapids Park:
 - Phase Two:

- Completed some trail connections/bike racks.
 - Delay in restroom construction.
- Phase Three Consideration:
 - Focus on parking lot paving and storm work.
 - \$200,000 shortfall.
- Marion County:
 - Collaboration and leader recognition for efforts in improving quality of life.
 - Discussion about homelessness trends and shelter usage:
 - Concerns about homeless populations migrating from other cities:
 - Particularly due to changing enforcement in Portland.
 - Issues with low-barrier entry requirements:
 - Conflicts in funding sources affecting shelter policies.
 - Shelters often serve as overnight solutions.
 - Day-use facilities, service access, and long-term help is limited and fragmented.
 - Juvenile justice concerns:
 - Supervised Treatment and Recovery (STAR) program.
 - Lack of parental guidance.
 - Hurdles in Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) help.
 - Legal/accountability gaps for youth.
 - State funding and legislative initiatives affecting youth and justice systems:
 - House Bill 4002.

Discussion

- Coordinate challenges and funding conflicts between federal/state/local policies for housing services and shelter operations.
- Community feedback surrounding spending on park projects versus needs in unincorporated or underserved areas.
- Effects of nearby city policies on local homelessness rates:
 - Portland's enforcement measures.
- Concerns linking substance abuse, crime, parent help, and capacity/resource issues.
- Challenges in criminal justice:
 - High caseloads, insufficient funding/staff, and lack of public defenders.

Other

- Public response and controversies:
 - Wallace Marine Park pathway.
 - Perceptions of "homeless park" label versus broader community investment.
- Neighborhood and school facility access for youth sports:
 - Increasing demand for public field space.
- Community and leaders appreciate ongoing work and collaboration.

Next Steps

- Convene work group on shelter/housing policy:
 - Listen to stakeholders.
 - Draft action plan about funding conflicts.
 - Invite U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) director.
- Invite Public Works representative to present road maintenance/bond updates.
- Notify bond meeting participants:

- Community requests updates on sidewalk infill/road project status.
- Advance Wallace Marine Park pathway project to planning/design phase:
 - Seek stakeholder and Parks Advisory Board input.
 - Evaluate technical concerns:
 - Flooding and pavement type.
- Schedule meetings:
 - Cost of living impacts on homelessness and community well-being.

Adjourned – time: 9:31 a.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White