

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 A.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was held at the City Hall Council Chambers and on Zoom.

Present: Mayor Ken Williams  
Commissioner Melanie Cozzi  
Commissioner Tim Krug  
City Administrator Darin DeHaan  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton  
Also Present: Public Works Director Bill Covell.  
Present via Zoom: City Attorney Paul Chadwick and Commissioner Kurt Wilson.  
Absent: Commission Terry Schuster

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order.

Mayor Ken Williams started the pledge of allegiance.

No public comment.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Resolution 2022-6 a Resolution in Support of the Submission of a Grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation Enhancement Program, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams stated the ITEP grant comes out every two years on even years. We will know if we receive it in the spring. The grant is for a path in the amount of roughly five hundred and ninety-eight thousand dollars. Matching funds would be roughly two hundred and thirty-nine thousand dollars paid back over ten years, lighting for the path could also be included. A closer amount to match is about one hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars. In 2020, six of the ten grants were approved. They are not one hundred percent approved. Mayor Ken Williams attended a fall conference with IDOT of Friday. The head of the grants division went through some statistics, he stated not many grants have been turned in however he expects to see an influx in grants being submitted this week. The grant is an 80/20 grant, when scoring the grant, they look at project readiness, strength of transportation relationships, local commitment and public support, inclusion and a local, state, or regional transportation plan, connectivity to existing facilities, accessibility, past performance of the sponsor, accuracy of the cost estimates, safety solutions, and overall benefit to the community. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said this is partnership path. He has met with Erin Folk with the Oregon Park District, she is working with Ted Hvarre, Trestle Ridge Subdivision. The path will start on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street with Hvarre doing a portion of the path along the railroad. It will then connect with the Oregon Park District as lane sharing

going through Carnation Park. Coilcraft has a lease for the land behind their building from the Oregon Park District. They are open to the path going through this area. The old street garage is the next property. After that, easements would be necessary to stay along the riverfront. If the easements are agreed upon with the property owner, the path will continue along the riverfront. If not, the path would cut through the new street garage. Then, the path would continue as a lane sharing path along 1<sup>st</sup> Street in front of River's Edge Experience and the Hunt Club. There will be a crossing at Route 64 to the path behind the fire department. He also stated the path will hopefully connect with the bridge and lead to the Oregon Park Districts proposed path up River Road to Lowden State Park. Everyone is working together on a great project and the grant writer believes the grant will be funded. Additional funds may be available from the State. There is potential to only have a ten percent match versus a twenty percent match. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi asked if the city was able to cross a lot of the check boxes to get the grant. Mayor Ken Williams said yes, a professional grant writer has assisted the city with the grant. Letters of support have been received from Congressmen, School District, and Park District. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said a letter of allowance from IDOT was received by the city for the crosswalk at Route 64. This pushes the city forward on the Riverfront Development vision and enhancing access to the businesses. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi asked if the Oregon Park District was also applying for an ITEP grant for the Lowden pathway. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said yes, that is what Erin Folk has told him. The city should be in a separate consideration for the ITEP grant. Mayor Ken Williams said each grant is scored independently from anything else that is sent in. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said he hopes they look at this as connectivity within the community.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Schuster.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Schuster.

Adjourn: 10:10 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk