

**Cherritos (Salem Mass Transit District) Board - 04/27/2023**  
**Janet Adkins**

**Items Discussed:**

1. Signal priority system for buses
2. Opening of Monmouth-independence Trolley
3. Transit security services

**Actions Taken:**

1. Updated policies for designating General Manager Pro-Tem and for travel reimbursement for Board members.
2. Authorized contract for installing signal priority units at some intersections on Lancaster route not to exceed \$388 K. Joint project with City of Salem and operated with their traffic IT Center under certain conditions when bus is behind schedule. Using federal funds and local match.
3. Authorized contract for project Management Services for upcoming projects not to exceed \$1.69 M. Projects include south Salem Transit Center and bus stop improvements.
4. Amend authorization for purchase of five electric buses from Gillig to include batteries (previous contract assumed battery leasing), maintenance agreement, and training. New authorization not to exceed \$5.39 M. Buses will replace diesel buses. Funding from federal and state grants and local match.
5. Authorized contract for Transit Security Services from PPC Solutions not to exceed \$11 M for 4 base years and 3 option years. Added services over existing contract including a mobile control unit.

**Marion County Commissioners - 03/29/2023**  
**Amy Vandegrift**

**Items Discussed:**

April as designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month for Marion County. The county updated the Marion County Urban and Rural Zone Code to conform to state law.

**Actions Taken:**

The Commissioners authorize:

- (1) Marion County Parks to apply for funding from Oregon Parks and Recreations for Parkdale Park (in the Hayesville area)
- (2) Updated the county's procedures and guideline to the county's injured workers self-insured program
- 3) Approved incoming funds from Oregon Dept. of Transportation to create a new 20-year Marion County Rural Transportation System Plan (RTSP) that identifies and lists the future needs and prioritizes projects, and the additional funding for the Hayesville Drive Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Project begun in 2019.

**Marion County Commissioners - 04/05/2023**

## **Amy Vandegrift**

### **Items Discussed:**

The Consent agenda was approved and included the first announcement for public hearing on two Mass Gathering permits scheduled for April 19, 2023. In addition, Amica Luna Wines and El Cordobes Restaurant received their liquor license.

### **Actions Taken:**

The Commissioners approved adoption of the Marion County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMA) that will allow our area to plan for disasters and natural hazards and train people to help in the case of an emergency. Funding as approved to cover adult foster care services for Marimea Bodunov that were not covered by Medicaid.

## **Marion County Commissioners - 04/12/2023**

### **Amy Vandegrift**

### **Items Discussed:**

Commissioner proclaimed April 16-22 Volunteer Week and April 17 -21 Work Zone Awareness Week. They approved the purchase of a Tucker Sno-Cat for \$219,688.

### **Actions Taken:**

Health and Human Services got approval for contracts with Falck Northwest Corporation and Woodburn Ambulance Services to provide backup health support services (\$300,000) and additional funds of \$86,929 from OR Dept. of Human Services for Community Development Disabilities program (CDDP) and Professional Therapeutic Community Networks Inc. for clinical treatment therapy. The Commissioners approved funding, \$109,991 for the first phase to upgrade the county's server and software. The Commissioners also approved additional federal funds (\$ 876,492 and \$440,656) from ODOT for the Lancaster Drive Center St. to Monroe Ave. project and Hollywood Drive: Silverton Rd to Greenfield Lane.

## **Marion County Commissioners - 04/19/2023**

### **Amy Vandegrift**

### **Items Discussed:**

Commissioners appointed Gregory J. Walsh as Marion County Emergency Management Director. He also works for City of Salem. They proclaimed April 22, 2023 as Earth Day in Marion County.

### **Actions Taken:**

Two mass gathering permits on farmland were granted. The first was for Whitewind Woodland's Renaissance Fair July 23-23 and 29-30, 2023. The second permit was to Buyserie Farms and Paintball Inc. for a supergames paintball event on May 3-7, 2023. Both have organized these in the past before COVID. The Health Department received approval for additional funding for Carrolls Group Care Home that provides residential

treatment and transitional services to vocational rehabilitation participants and an Oregon Dept of Human Services (\$300,000) to help people with job placement, skills and resources to support them in a job. The Public Works department had approval to purchase 6.03 acres of land adjacent to Scotts Mills County Park and Post-Fire Recovery grant, \$541,559, for restoration work expenses in the county's right of way on North Fork Road and Gates Hill Road

### **Salem City Council - 04/10/2023**

**Alice LaViolette**

#### **Items Discussed:**

- Mayor Hoy read a proclamation honoring National Public Safety Telecommunications week.
- City staff presented information on amending the off-street parking requirements in the Salem City Code to adhere to the new State Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities rules which are effective June 2023. Currently the downtown area has no minimum parking requirements but other business areas in the city do have requirements. Eliminating the current requirements would be equitable for all areas of the Salem and the city will be in compliance with Oregon Administrative Rule 660-112.
- City staff presented the 2023 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan. This plan describes how Salem will use Federal funds to service the needs of low/moderate income households, homeless and persons with special needs.

#### **Actions Taken:**

- Council authorized city staff to apply for a Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Grant to purchase 363-acre property to the north of Wallace Marine Park. The property was previously used for aggregate mining.
- Council authorized city staff to approve an Air Carrier Operating and Revenue Guarantee agreement with the Airline that will be servicing Salem Airport. The city agreed to a non-disclosure agreement with the Airline, so the airline has not yet been named.
- Council approved the following Committee appointments: Russell Allen and Julie Curtis to the Citizen Budget Committee; Kyle Hedquist to the Citizens Advisory Traffic Commission; Krista Lauer to the Salem Art Commission.
- Council voted to advance the city-wide elimination of minimum off-street parking requirements to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, with Councilors Hoy and Gwyn voting “Nay”.

### **Salem City Council - 04/24/2023**

**Alice LaViolette**

#### **Items Discussed:**

Mayor Hoy issued proclamations honoring International Firefighters' Day and Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. Salem firefighters responded to 31,000 calls in the past year.

Councilor Stapleton talked about The Cannery project, a proposal for revamping the Truitt Brothers 13-acre property on front street. Kristen Retherford, Urban Development Director, also spoke about the proposed public/private partnership which would add 375 housing units, a brewery, food carts, commercial space and soccer stadium. Salem's new Navigation Center was opened today. It is located on 22<sup>nd</sup> St and open 24/7. It is a low-barrier shelter for 75 people and offers intensive case management to connect people to public benefits.

Ron Rubel, 50+ Center Advisory Committee Chair, presented their 2022 Annual Report. During 2022 over 400 senior volunteers provided 64,000 hours of service. There were over 9,800 non-duplicated participants in Center 50+ activities in 2022.

Information reports on proposed car dealership at 1717 Freeway Ct. NE; proposed 396-unit residential development at 1851 Cordon Rd SE; tentative subdivision of 25 lots for Toney Estates; 24 lot subdivision at 5045 Macleay Rd SE. A report on the first projects to be funded by the 2022 City Bond include purchase of fire trucks/equipment, paving 2 parking lots at Minto Brown Park and improvements to sidewalks and cross walks.

**Actions Taken:**

By Consent Calendar council approved: Salem Airport Authority fee schedule to recoup costs for employee background/safety checks; renewal of a 10-yr lease between City of Salem and State of Oregon for access and use of land beneath OR-22 and Marion and Center St bridges.

Council heard second reading of a code amendment to eliminate minimum off-street parking requirements city-wide in response to new state rules going into effect this summer. Council approved the amendment with Councilor Gwyn voting "nay".

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board - 04/12/2023**

**Alice LaViolette**

**Items Discussed:**

LAB Chair, Francine Boullosa, participated in an interview of candidates for Deputy City Manager for Community Services. The panel was made up of several citizen board members. She was very impressed with the process. She also shared a letter from Ian Davidson, Cherriots Board President, regarding the locations of bus stops near the library, which have been moved to the other sides of Liberty and Commercial. He stated the move has made it safer for drivers to pull out into oncoming traffic. Chair Boullosa will leave the LAB response open until their May meeting.

City Librarian, Kim Carroll, reported that library usage continues to increase. Main had well over 33,000 visitors in March and West Salem had 3,400. The “Library of Things” now includes inflatable kayaks for check out, a Cricut, ice cream maker, tools, sewing machine, guitars, banjo, violin, harps and over 20 family and outdoor games. The new outreach van was used for the first time in March to host pop-up libraries around town. There is a new adult literacy collection and SPL will be returning to their pre-COVID hours of operation on May 1.