



Work Session Summary Minutes

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Salem-Keizer Community Meeting

May 15, 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: Jan Fritz, Chris Eppley, Heather Inyama and Shawnnell Fuentes.

City of Salem: Deanna Gwyne, and Shane Matthews.

Keizer: Dan Kohler, and Adam Brown.

Regulatory and External Affairs: Jessica Eley.

Fair Internet Oregon: Betsy Schultz.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

City Updates/Agenda Items

- Salem:
 - Proposed budget with \$13.9 million deficit:
 - Reduced to \$6.5 million through cost-cutting measures.
 - Potential service cuts include:
 - Library reduced to 20 hours per week.
 - West Salem library closure.
 - Parks services cut by 30%.
 - Elimination of summer youth recreational programs.
 - Approximately 30 employee layoffs.
 - Pending levy vote to address budget challenges.
 - Discussions about urban renewal areas and potential tax revenue sources.
 - Exploring expansion of urban growth boundary to attract tax-paying entities.
- Keizer:
 - Keizer Community Fields project progressing:
 - Phase two underway, including:
 - Bathrooms.
 - Sidewalk connections.
 - Food truck pads.
 - Bicycle racks.
 - Picnic tables.
 - Successful management by Keizer Community Fields nonprofit.
 - Supports multiple sports teams, including lacrosse and soccer.
- Marion County:
 - Ongoing water supply and infrastructure projects.
 - Broadband access initiatives.

- Exploring partnership opportunities with Salem.
- Continued development of community services.

Discussion

- Broadband access and franchise fee challenges.
- Potential subsidies for low-income internet access.
- Importance of inter-jurisdictional collaboration.
- Youth program partnerships.
- Water supply and infrastructure development.
- Sports facility improvements.

Other

- Turf field project at Keizer Community Fields.
- Potential expansion of sports facilities.
- Gold Star Memorial groundbreaking at Ryan Jay Hill Park.
- Water system testing and emergency preparedness.

Next Steps

- Follow up on city levy vote.
- Explore county-city partnerships for youth programs.
- Continue water infrastructure development.
- Investigate broadband access improvement strategies.
- Monitor Keizer Community Fields project progress.

Adjourned – time: 9:30 a.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White