



**City of Lake Oswego/City of Tigard Water Supply Partnership  
Summary of Oversight Committee Meeting #47  
Meeting held  
May 11, 2015**

**Present:**

<b>City of Lake Oswego:</b>	<b>Oversight Committee:</b> Mayor Studebaker, Councilor Bowerman <b>Staff:</b> Joel Komarek, Dave Prock, Kari Duncan, Katy Fulton, Susie Shinn <b>Other:</b> Scott Lazenby, David Powell
<b>City of Tigard:</b>	<b>Oversight Committee:</b> Mayor Cook, Councilor Snider <b>Staff:</b> Dennis Koellermeier <b>Other:</b> Marty Wine
<b>Brown and Caldwell:</b>	Jon Holland
<b>Ring Bender:</b>	Jeff Ring, Mark Strandberg
<b>Guests:</b>	Gretchen Buehner

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Oversight Committee Chair **Mayor Studebaker** called the meeting of the Lake Oswego/Tigard Water Partnership Oversight Committee to order at 5:33 p.m. on May 11, 2015, at the Tigard Public Library, second floor conference room, 13500 SW Hall Blvd, Tigard, OR 97223.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mayor Studebaker** asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2015 meeting. **Councilor Snider** motioned to approve, **Mayor Cook** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 – Metrics Report (handout)

**Mr. Komarek** suggested that in the interest of time, instead of reviewing the entire metrics report, he would entertain any questions the Committee may have. **Mayor Studebaker** inquired about the water treatment plant construction schedule and if there had been any change in the length of the delay. **Mr. Komarek** confirmed that the delay is still 9 months. All other construction projects are tracking on schedule. **Mayor Studebaker** asked if pipeline construction had begun in the Old Town area of Lake Oswego. **Mr. Komarek** replied that all the easements and permits are in place and the contractor is close to finishing up on B Avenue and State Street and then will move south on State Street and through the complex where Albertson's used to be. **Mayor Studebaker** asked if there

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were any issues with artifacts. **Mr. Komarek** explained there was an extensive recovery operation as part of mitigation plan early on to try to characterize the nature and extent of what might be discovered during construction, but further discovery is possible and there is a plan in place to address additional discoveries.

**Councilor Snider** asked if the water treatment plant construction schedule delay is still at 9 months or do they appear to be getting farther behind? He asked for confirmation that the contractor is staying on track with the revised schedule. **Mr. Komarek** confirmed that is the case.

**Councilor Snider** requested an update on the tunneling activity challenges under Gladstone Highway 99E. **Mr. Komarek** responded that an alternative approach has been agreed upon to install that segment of pipeline between Exeter Street and SE River Road. Preliminary approval has been received from ODOT for open cut construction across Highway 99 and River Road. The contractor is working with the owner of the Gladstone Nissan car lot and the teriyaki restaurant to obtain temporary construction easements. The City is also presenting amendments to the permanent waterline easements to reflect the redesign of the pipeline alignment.

**Mayor Cook** questioned why the tunneling under the river went so well, which was the more difficult task, and the easier tunneling activity encountered problems. He asked if the same contractor conducted both segments and if the same quality of equipment was used. **Mr. Komarek** replied that the two operations were conducted by different contractors. The HDD contractor is highly reputable and a specialty contractor that performs this type of work all over the country and internationally. The contractor doing the micro-tunnel in Gladstone has done lots of tunnel work and this wasn't a particularly difficult job. It is unclear what caused their steering / tunneling machine to veer off course. In the interest of time, the team agreed to proceed with open cut which is much less risky. **Mayor Cook** pointed out that it may be less risky but is more disruptive to the public. **Mr. Komarek** acknowledged that and noted that ODOT will require repaving of the newly paved roadway, 100 feet in either direction of the open cut, to restore the new surface.

**Councilor Bowerman** asked what the cost difference is between the two methods of pipe installation. **Mr. Komarek** explained that the initial bid was in three parts, the entry shaft, the exit shaft and the pipeline in between, at 1.89 million. He stated that discussions are underway with the contractor regarding compensation for the open cut work.

#### 4.2 – FY 15/16 Budget:

**Mr. Komarek** noted that on April 16, the proposed program budget was sent to the committee for comments and none were received. He asked if the committee would like staff to provide a letter on their behalf to the respective Councils recommending that the program budget be incorporated into the overall city budget. It was determined a letter would not be necessary.

#### 4.3 – Future agenda items

##### 4.3.1 – Program budget forecast update

4.3.2 – **Mayor Studebaker** asked about mitigation on Mapleton Drive during pipe installation – **Mr. Komarek** reported that staff held a series of meetings with neighborhood representatives to develop an approach to communicate construction impacts and how to mitigate impacts. The results of that effort will be shared with the neighborhood at the “Meet the Contractor” meeting scheduled for May 19. **Mayor Studebaker** requested that the plan be emailed to the committee. **Katy Fulton** agreed to send the guidelines developed.

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4.3.3 - Water treatment plant

4.3.4 - 99E Crossing

4.3.5 - Water watch status

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION, under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed; and under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.**
6. Informational handouts were distributed to the committee regarding water rights to help them answer questions they may receive.
7. West Linn neighborhood meetings. **Mayor Studebaker** reported that West Linn Councilors Perry and Tan requested that the neighborhood meetings continue to be held twice a month. Upon looking into that possibility, it was determined that the meetings are attended by the same people with the same issues meeting after meeting. He also commented on the expense of holding the meetings and the abuse staff takes from some of the public. **Katy Fulton** noted that the meetings have been bi-monthly and this would be the first month having just one meeting. She stated that average attendance at the meetings is about six people. Councilors Perry and Tan have been attending the meetings fairly regularly the past two months. **Ms. Fulton** expected to see an increase in attendance when Highway 43 work started but there was only one new attendee. **Councilor Snider** commented that the expectation was that the West Linn councilors would help foster civility at the meetings. **Mayor Studebaker's** impression is that hasn't happened. **Ms. Fulton** confirmed and noted that when the Councilors are there, some of the citizens feel they have more of an audience and have said things that weren't true. **Mr. Koellermeier** noted that if there is an issue related to construction, waiting two weeks to bring the issue up at a meeting is counter-productive and issues should be dealt with instantaneously. **Mr. Komarek** stated that there are many ways citizens can reach project personnel and those have been communicated to the public, frequently, over the past two years. **Councilor Bowerman** asked if there could be a renewed effort to communicate the availability so there's a sense of freshness to the solicitation of input. **Ms. Fulton** noted that is being communicated with Mapleton pipeline construction outreach, calling the hotline or sending an email will receive the quickest response. She continued that every communication that goes out to the public includes the hotline, email, and website.

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8. The next Oversight Committee Meeting will be held July 13, 2015, at the West End Building, Lake Oswego.

9. **ADJOURN**

**Chair Mayor Studebaker** adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Shinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Oversight Committee:

On July 13, 2015