



# 2023 West Linn City Council Priorities

## Oppose I-205 Tolling

### Strategies

- Continued lobbying for West Linn’s interests and mitigation of impacts from I-205 Tolling.

### Council Role

- Lobbying with state legislators, ODOT, and surrounding jurisdictions to ensure any tolling plans are more regionally equitable and less impactful to individual communities, and advocate for sufficient mitigation measures for diversion traffic.

### Community Advisory Group Role

- TAB advice to Council and participating in lobbying.

*(Refer to end of document for list of Community Advisory Groups + acronyms)*

## Explore Feasibility of Indoor Recreation/Civic Center

### Strategies

- Explore creation of a new indoor recreation and civic center to serve a wide variety of ages, community needs, and recreation interests.
- Community and stakeholder involvement at all stages to gauge community support.
- Ensure financially sustainable operations and phased construction model.

### Council Role

- Leadership role in community outreach.
- Hire and guide a consultant to survey community interest in an indoor recreation center, including consideration of past plans/surveys/info. and financial factors.
- Create Indoor Recreation Center Task Force with stakeholders to assist with planning and advocate for a potential ballot measure.
- Consider placing a ballot measure before voters in 2024, pending survey and Task Force outcomes.
- Contact Lake Oswego for any partnership opportunities with their new aquatic center.

### Community Advisory Group Role

- PRAB representation on Indoor Recreation Center Task Force; SAB role in advising on sustainability features of facility (future project phase).

## Police Review & Recommend Committee

### Strategies

- Creation of the Police Review and Recommend Committee to review and make recommendations on Police policy, complaints, investigations, and disciplinary processes.

### Council Role

- Appoint members.
- Work with staff and members to ensure the Committee functions well.
- Reconsider the role of the PSAB or consider removal of PSAB from the Municipal Code as this new group will perform a similar, but enhanced function.

### Community Advisory Group Role

- PRR to receive training and begin work.

## Define and Fund Drinking Water System Capital Needs

### Strategies

- Ensure continued maintenance and operation of the City's drinking water system at the highest possible level.

### Council Role

- Continue to advocate for funding of the Abernethy Bridge water transmission main as well as any other water mains affected by I-205 construction.
- Monitor progress and approve the Water Master Plan update.

### Community Advisory Group Role

- UAB to review water system needs against funding resources and recommend any needed funding changes.

## West Linn Waterfront Vision

### Strategies

- Complete Waterfront Master Plan to move towards creation of a world class recreational, historical, environmental, and educational tourism destination.
- Renovate Historic City Hall building into Museum and Cultural Center.

### Council Role

- Intentional involvement with indigenous entities in Waterfront Planning and overall building of stronger relationships with area tribes.
- Oversight of public involvement and approval of Waterfront Master Plan.

- Historic City Hall renovation approval.
- Work with property owner on future of Blue Heron Mill Pond site.
- Research potential return of Willamette Meteorite.

#### **Community Advisory Group Role**

- Consultant team and staff to involve many CAGs during Waterfront Plan development (PC, HRB, SAB, TAB, ACC, EDC, PRAB)

## Highway 43 Land Use/Connectivity Planning

#### **Strategies**

- Adopt vision for the Highway 43 area to create an attractive and welcoming environment for residents, businesses, and visitors.

#### **Council Role**

- Approve contract with consultant to revision Highway 43 area.
- Ensure extensive community involvement in the process and attend neighborhood association meetings to discuss the Highway 43 revisioning plan.
- Consider Tax Increment Finance District as a funding source for revitalization.

#### **Community Advisory Group Role**

- Consultant and staff to involve EDC, PC, CCI, TAB, and SAB.

## Explore Transit Services

#### **Strategies**

- Explore options for improving transit within West Linn as well as connections to area transit providers. Consider senior, teen, worker, tolling diversion, and last mile services.

#### **Council Role**

- Consider hiring a consultant to perform an intracity transit needs assessment and feasibility study, including sustainable funding options and investigation of partnerships with transit agencies/rideshares and other models.
- Host a work session with TriMet and potentially other transit providers to explore service in West Linn.
- Continue to lobby ODOT and Tri-Met for transit options, particularly with impact of I-205 tolling.

#### **Community Advisory Group Role**

- TAB involvement in lobbying, planning, advising on transit issues.

# Environmental Protection & Sustainable City Operations

## Strategies

- Develop a policy regarding the purchase of alternative fuel, electric, and hybrid vehicles including a cost/benefit analysis for future purchases (from Sustainable West Linn Plan).

## Council Role

- Meet with the Planning Commission regarding the Water Resource Area code and consider code amendments for the Planning Docket.
- Review LEED certification policy for all new City building construction or substantial renovation (RES-07-24)
- Direct staff to review policies related to alternative fuel, electric, and hybrid vehicles including a cost/benefit analysis for future purchases.
- Consider a policy for increasing electric equipment use and reducing use of gas-powered equipment (including possible electric equipment incentive programs).

## Community Advisory Group Role

- SAB advice on high-impact projects, potentially with consultant assistance
- SAB to recommend ways to reduce gas powered equipment use in West Linn (e.g. electric equipment incentives).
- SAB to recommend public electric vehicle (EV) charging station locations to focus and strengthen grant applications.

*All priorities will involve extensive community engagement and involvement, including efforts to reach those not typically involved with city government. Priorities may also require evaluation of additional revenue resources by Council.*

## Community Advisory Groups

ACC = Arts and Culture Commission

CCI = Committee for Community Involvement

EDC = Economic Development Committee

HRB = Historic Review Board

PC = Planning Commission

PRAB = Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

PRR = Police Review and Recommend Committee

SAB = Sustainability Advisory Board

TAB = Transportation Advisory Board

UAB = Utility Advisory Board