



CITY OF SALEM
Written Testimony
City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, June 10, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

4.c. [19-246](#) Public hearing on FY 2020 City of Salem budget.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship;
Safe Community; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and
Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation:

Hold a public hearing on the Budget Committee recommended FY 2020 City of Salem budget and direct staff to return on June 24, 2019 with a resolution to adopt the FY 2020 City of Salem budget.

Attachments:

[Recommended FY 2020 City of Salem Budget](#)

[City of Salem Budget Supplemental Report](#)

[Public Comment received through 6-5-19.](#)

[Additional Public Comments received by 3:30 pm 6-10-19.](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

Amy Johnson

From: lorie fontaine <fontainebl@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2019 4:46 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: I want a climate action plan

Dear Council Members,

I was born and raised in the beautiful Willamette Valley. I raised two sons in Salem and now have two wonderful daughters-in-law and a precious baby granddaughter. In spite of my anxiety, I read the research on climate crisis and have chosen to do everything I can to protect our beloved young people. Will you?

We need a Climate Action Plan to make informed decisions about reducing harmful emissions. I will be attending a 3 day training on climate action this summer in Minneapolis put on by Climate Reality Project. They say the technology exists to stop the environmental damage. We owe it to our children and the marginalized people who will suffer first and the most if we don't act responsibly.

Thank you for your commitment to our city. Please let me know how I can help you act on this most important issue of our lives.

Lorie Fontaine

Sent from my iPad

Amy Johnson

From: Rossella Mariotti-Jones <rmariottijones@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 1:49 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Climate action plan for Salem

Hello City Council Members:

I'm writing in support of a climate action plan for our city.

It is pitiful that we are the last major city in this state without a plan that will allow our kids to live in a city that's better than how we left it to them.

There are many many people with great ideas about how to lower emissions in Salem, but it seems the city is unwilling or unable to listen.

Please let's start getting our city at par with others by making a climate action plan, then let's work toward implementing infrastructure changes integrated with that plan.

Thank you.

Amy Johnson

From: Brigetta Olson <brigetta.olson@w-nhs.org>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 8:57 AM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: Shelly Ehenger
Subject: WNHS Public Comment on Council 6-10 Agenda Item 4.c. FY 2020 Budget Regarding Marine Drive
Attachments: WNHS public comment FY 2020 budget -Marine Drive 6-10-2019.pdf

Please see attached public comment regarding tonight's 6/10 City Council agenda item 4c. FY 2020 budget -page 191 regarding Marine Drive.

Many thanks!

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Creating affordable housing and healthy communities

June 10, 2019

Mayor Bennett and Salem City Councilors
555 Liberty St SE RM 220
Salem OR 97301

Dear Mayor Bennett and City Councilors,

Please consider WNHS' public comment below regarding agenda item 4.c. FY 2020 budget, Marine Drive. Thank you for your continued support of the Nueva Luz 31 unit affordable housing complex in West Salem as we work to secure the remaining financing. As you know, demand for decent, affordable housing for farmworkers in Salem, and Polk and Marion Counties, far exceeds the supply. Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services is very appreciative of City of Salem HOME funds and the chance to apply for additional HOME funds to fill part of the remaining \$1 million gap and we also request assistance with Marine Drive.

Please consider modifying the FY 2020 Budget page 191 to allow for a portion of the \$3.58 million of bond funds to purchase and construct Marine Drive adjacent to Nueva Luz. The Nueva Luz apartments do not currently have safe access from a public street and it will cost the project \$308,000 to partially construct over 500 feet of Marine Drive. This is equal to 30 percent of the remaining \$1 million for financing needed to break ground on Nueva Luz.

We request the City of Salem's help opening Harritt Drive south to Marine Drive and assist in funding the construction of Marine Drive. Part of the \$3.58 million approved for Marine Drive in the 2008 Streets and Bridge bond could provide the access and construction funding to enable Nueva Luz to move forward soon. In deciding how the bond money will be used, please consider as a high priority connecting Harritt Drive south to Marine Drive and constructing the portion of Marine Drive that is adjacent to Nueva Luz.

WNHS remains committed to developing affordable housing in Salem and we are very appreciative of our partnership with the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Olson", written over a light blue background.

Brigetta Olson, COO

Amy Johnson

From: Kathleen Dewoina <Dewoina@bhhsnwrep.com>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 12:25 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: June 10 Meeting Agenda Item 4c Public Hearing FY 2020 City of Salem Budget
Attachments: June 10 2019 Testimony .pdf

Please add the above testimony, corrected date, to Public Testimony for Agenda Item 4c Public Hearing FY 2020 City of Salem Budget

Thank you,

My apologies for the errant year date.

Thank you,

KD



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June 10, 2019

Re: Marine Drive for Local Access and Circulation... The Vision

Will Marine Drive be the widest fastest freeway through Salem's Wallace Marine Park, or a slow, speed-controlled Collector for Local Access and Circulation?

The vision for Marine Drive for Local Access and Circulation (5th Avenue to Harritt) is a two-lane collector with separate bicycle pedestrian boulevard that will:

- facilitate flow on Wallace Road;
- reduce traffic and pedestrian hazards; and
- provide an alternative to Wallace Road for local access to Commercial areas east of Wallace Road.

Traffic flow improvements are the least of the benefits from the Local Access and Circulation option.

The local access route will foster development of acres of higher density residential land, greatly needed to address the housing shortage. It may well increase the supply of affordable housing. Housing becomes affordable when private vehicle travel can be reduced or eliminated from the family budget.

Residential growth has been allowed despite under-capacity streets. Planners assume travelers will choose alternate modes when volume exceeds capacity. Existing development patterns don't foster multi-modal transportation choices. People don't choose to bike on dangerous routes or take a bus when the service is not convenient or frequent.

Marine Drive for local access and circulation could foster development that could be supported by multi-modal transportation options. It offers multi-modal alternatives that are safe and could well be convenient.

- Geographically contiguous high-density residential land can be effectively served with public transit.
- The bicycle pedestrian boulevard offers a safe route for non-vehicular commuting to work, shopping and recreation.

The Marine Drive route along the Urban Growth Boundary with its local access character, establishes the basis for further expansion of protective natural areas along the Willamette River and tributary streams, which are vital to a healthy eco system for our community. More protected wetlands and green space help reduce net carbon footprint.

- Access to natural areas and parks foster healthful outdoor activities.

Investment for Right-of-Way acquisition from 5th Avenue to Riverbend for local access and circulation supports numerous policy goals of the Comprehensive Plan

- To accomplish the most desirable pattern of land use taking into consideration the transportation network, the location of public facilities and utility systems, and the needs of the

people which are important to the creation and maintenance of a healthful and pleasing urban environment.

- To stabilize and protect the essential characteristics of residential environments, including natural features.
- To permit multifamily housing developments...to blend into the overall fabric of the Salem urban area.
- The provision of a transitional land use pattern from the urbanized core to the rural area outside the Urban Growth Boundary.
- Provide a wide variety of parks, open spaces and outdoor recreations sites which include among other things, natural areas and connector trails and agricultural land within the Floodplain.

Please consider this in support of your deliberations to fund purchasing Right-of-Way for Marine Drive for Local Access and Circulation from 5th Avenue to Riverbend.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Dewoina". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen Dewoina, Broker
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Real Estate Professionals

Amy Johnson

From: Brian Hines <brianhines1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2019 2:25 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Steve Power's lie about Climate Action Plan

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But Steve Powers' extreme mischaracterization of a Climate Action Plan in his staff report for next Monday's City Council meeting really can't be called anything other than a lie, since a Climate Action Plan is part of the city's Strategic Plan approved in 2017. See:

<https://hinessight.blogs.com/salempoliticalsnark/2019/06/city-manager-powers-either-is-lying-or-clueless-about-climate-action-plan.html>

— Brian

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Amy Johnson

From: Steve Powers
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 7:54 AM
To: Brian Hines
Cc: citycouncil
Subject: RE: Steve Power's lie about Climate Action Plan

Brian,

Thank you for the email.

The Salem Strategic Plan adopted in 2017 is a five-year plan to guide progress on City Council priorities. Annual Policy Agendas flow from the Salem Strategic Plan.

The 2019 Policy Agenda includes a greenhouse gas inventory. The inventory has been completed. The 2019 Policy Agenda does not include a climate action plan.

Development of the 2020 Policy Agenda will begin later this year.

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