

## **10/25/23 Midwest CIO Annual Meeting**

Dick Harrison, Midwest CIO Board President called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed all attendees and guest speakers.

**Sergeant James Wall, of the Tualatin Police Department**, was the evening's first guest speaker. As the department's new Community Liaison, Sgt. Wall encouraged us to contact him with any questions, concerns or comments. ([JMWALL@TUALATIN.GOV](mailto:JMWALL@TUALATIN.GOV) or desk phone 503.691.4836)

Tualatin PD currently has about 40 sworn members, 8 support staff, a Narcotics Detection Dog (Tony) and a new Wellness/Therapy Dog, Onyx. They provide 24/7 police services to the city of Tualatin and to their contract city, Durham. In reviewing the crime statistics for 2022/2023, Sgt Wall stated the Midwest CIO has among the lowest numbers of property crime incidents in Tualatin. He did state, however, that "in the Midwest CIO, you are more likely to be a victim of property crime than anything [else]." He reminded us of actions to reduce risk, including locking car doors, removing valuables from cars, leaving porchlights on, installing security cameras and/or alarms, and communicating with neighbors. He suggested filing an extra patrol request or vacation notification with the police department when planning to be away for several days. He also encouraged us to "See something, say something" explaining that if a situation is concerning, the police would rather be called than not. More current local crime data can be found at <HTTPS://CITYPROTECT.COM/AGENCY/TUALATINPOLICEDEPARTMENT>

**Lieutenant Emily Van Meter, of the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Station 34** discussed an important levy that will be on the May 2024 ballot. She stated that Tualatin voters had last approved a bond measure 10 years ago that enabled the station to make needed improvements in staffing and equipment. That bond expires in June 2025. Since 2014 there has been an increase in population and calls for service have doubled. Voter approval of the upcoming bond would enable the station to add additional front line and support staff as well as purchase new equipment. No further funding increase would be anticipated until 2034. In answering questions about emergency response times, Lt. Van Meter explained that for Code 3 calls (lights and sirens) firefighters are expected to be "out the door" in 90 seconds. Depending on distance and traffic, the response time to the scene is usually 3-5 minutes.

**Mike McCarthy, Tualatin City Engineer** updated the group on many road construction projects throughout our city. Recently, the League of Oregon Cities selected Tualatin to receive an award for the Tualatin Moving Forward transportation program that was completed on budget and ahead of schedule. This bond-funded program, approved by voters in 2018, enabled Tualatin to complete 36 projects to enhance traffic flow, improve neighborhood traffic safety and provide safer access to schools and parks. Other projects currently in the works include road striping and median adjustment on Boones Ferry, lane adjustments on Nyberg onto the I-5 freeway and "candlestick" barriers on the Sagert Street freeway overpass to make the pedestrian lane safer. Washington County continues construction on Tualatin-Sherwood Rd. Mr. McCarthy emphasized that the City of Tualatin is active in requests to the State and Metro to look at the I-5 south onramp in Wilsonville that backs traffic up onto Boones Ferry every afternoon.

**Susan Noack, Tualatin Chamber Business Advocacy Committee Chairperson** spoke about ODOT's plans for Oregon Tolling. She expressed concerns that placement of tolling collection sites on I-205 will cause safety and traffic problems in Tualatin as people seek to get around the tolls. This increased city traffic will also cause shoppers to avoid side street congestion and tolls resulting in fewer customers to our

local businesses. Ms. Noack discussed IP-4, a proposed constitutional amendment that would require voter involvement before tolls could be assessed on any Oregon highway. Petitions are currently being circulated to place this initiative on the 2024 ballot. For more information and to receive weekly updates from several sources, please visit [VoteBeforeTolls.org](http://VoteBeforeTolls.org).

**Bridget Brooks, Tualatin City Councilor** (and Midwest CIO resident) provided updates from the City Council's work this year. She discussed the I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access) that has been created and will advise the City on building and strengthening relationships with the community and supporting public participation in city government. Twelve Tualatin residents from diverse backgrounds have been appointed by the Council to work on the I.D.E.A. committee.

Ms. Brooks also provided an update on the Parks and Trail Bond, passed in November 2022. Recent projects and updates include playground upgrades at Atfalati Park, Ibach Park and Jurgens Park. Construction plans are underway for the new Veterans Plaza near the Lake. Property has been acquired for new parks and river access. Improvements to the lighting at the community parks are being made. A 20-year Water Master Plan has been adopted by the City Council. This will be used to plan for current and future water needs, which helps the council to invest resources and set rates, ensuring a safe, reliable and economical supply of water. The Council is currently discussing a Climate Action Plan for Tualatin and has been holding an online open house to inform the community.

Ms. Brooks encouraged attendance at the Veterans Recognition Breakfast on November 9 at 9:00 at the Pohl Center. Lastly, Ms. Brooks asked that we complete the Tualatin Community Survey which helps the Council to better understand the needs and priorities of Tualatin's residents. Some households were randomly selected to complete the survey, but all residents are asked to complete the Open Participation Survey which will be open soon.

**Ardith Graham, representing Tualatin Neighborhood Ready** spoke about the importance of preparing for any natural disaster or other event that could cause outages and city services to be unavailable in our neighborhoods for days or weeks. Tualatin Neighborhood Ready, which is part of Tualatin CERT, is ready and willing to send trained presenters to any cluster of 10-14 neighbors to teach us how to prepare. For more info or to set up a presentation, go to [TualatinReadyMYN@gmail.com](mailto:TualatinReadyMYN@gmail.com)

**Elections:** Midwest CIO President Dick Harris announced that he was stepping down. Nominations were then received for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Land Use Officer and Member at Large. The following Midwest CIO residents were elected:

President-Tammy Palumbo	Vice President-Ed Palumbo	Secretary-vacant
Land Use Officer-Justin Lindley	Member at Large-Danny Snyder	

Dick adjourned the meeting at 8:30.

Notes respectfully submitted by Tammy Palumbo, Secretary