

AGENDA**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING****FEBRUARY 14, 2022****5:30 p.m.****VIA ZOOM**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88147760127?pwd=bzF6UVBBS0EvaDIxTEVyRngrbExmQT09>

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Mid-Columbia Community Action Council – Kenny LaPointe

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

During this portion of the meeting, anyone may speak on any subject which does not later appear on the agenda. Five minutes per person will be allowed. If a response by the City is requested, the speaker will be referred to the City Manager for further action. The issue may appear on a future meeting agenda for City Council consideration.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT
8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS
9. CONSENT AGENDA

Items of a routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the Consent Agenda to allow the City Council to spend its time and energy on the important items and issues. Any Councilor may request an item be “pulled” from the Consent Agenda and be considered separately. Items pulled from the Consent Agenda will be placed on the Agenda at the end of the “Action Items” section.

CITY OF THE DALLES

"By working together, we will provide services that enhance the vitality of The Dalles."

- A. Approval of the January 24, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Resolution No. 22-007 Concurring with Mayor's Appointment to the Urban Renewal Board

10. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

- A. Award of Contract No. 2022-002 for the Purchase of Water Pipeline Materials and Appurtenances for the Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. The Dalles Vision 2040

12. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting conducted VIA Zoom

Prepared by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA LOCATION: Item #9 A-B

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

ISSUE: Approving items on the Consent Agenda and authorizing City staff to sign contract documents.

- A. **ITEM:** Approval of the January 24, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: None.

SYNOPSIS: The minutes of the January 24, 2022 Regular City Council meeting have been prepared and are submitted for review and approval.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council review and approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

- B. **ITEM:** Concurrence with the Mayor's Appointment to the Urban Renewal Agency Board

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: None

SYNOPSIS: Resolution No. 22-007 Concurring with the Mayor's appointment to the Urban Renewal Agency Board has been prepared for your review.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution No. 22-007 Concurring with the Mayor's appointment to Urban Renewal Agency Board.

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2022
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM
LIVESTREAM VIA City website

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Darcy Long, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall, Dan Richardson

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, Legal Counsel Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Human Resource Director Daniel Hunter, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Alice Cannon, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Senior Planner Dawn Her, City Engineer Dale McCabe

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Roll Call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman. All Councilors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays asked Councilor Richardson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Richardson invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Long to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried 5 to 0; Randall, Long, McGlothlin, Runyon, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

City of The Dalles Audit Report Fiscal Year 20-21

Finance Director Angie Wilson introduced the new auditor Timothy Gillette of TKW. He reviewed the report saying the City had received a clean opinion.

Gillette noted that a Reimbursement District Fund was not in use and not needed, until funds were coming into the City, for a reimbursement district. He also said the Airport debt had not been included in the City's debt and it should be. He noted both of these items were historical, not a result of the current Finance Director's actions.

Gillette said that the form of the audit report would be in a new format.

Mayor Mays asked if there were any unrestricted funds in the budget.

Gillette said there were \$5.3 million in the General Fund. He said the City had a policy of what to keep in reserves each year until the tax revenue started coming in during November. He said he would not advise spending these funds on on-going expenses. He said the City was in a positive unrestricted net position, he said that was not a condition he sees many City's in. He said big thumbs up to The Dalles.

Finance Director Wilson said the City had a 10% goal for contingency and policy to have 4 to 6 months of expenditures in reserves to cover each year until the tax revenue starting coming in.

In response to a question Wilson said the Capital Projects Funds were dedicated to specific projects.

Gillette noted the Urban Renewal Agency Audit also had a clean opinion.

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Audit Report Fiscal Year 20-21

Gillette reviewed audit report. He said the Airport received a clean opinion as well.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Russ Brown, 903 14th Street said he had served on the City Council for 5 years and was the advocate for street funding. He said the Street Fund was under funded. He asked Council to budget \$300,000 for contract work and to add two additional employees to work on maintenance. He said the streets would be in horrible shape in no time if maintenance wasn't addressed.

Brown also said Codes Enforcement needed an additional part time person in order to address issues proactively. He said the Police Department also needed funding.

City Manager Julie Krueger said the past 3 years an additional \$300,000 had been budgeted in the Transportation Department. She said the crews had completed a substantial amount of work on maintenance. She noted that in the upcoming budget, there would be a restructuring of the Transportation Division. She said one person who currently worked for various divisions would be added to the full time Transportation Division.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Krueger reported a Memo from Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue (MCFRD) in response to question from Councilor Richardson at the January 10th City Council meeting, had been emailed to Council.

She said on page 3, number 2 MCFRD feels that School District 21 was not to be included in the distribution of the funds. She said the County and City believe the School District should be included as a taxing district.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Long reported:

- Meeting with Mayor
- Urban Renewal Agency – she was elected Chair, Wasco County Commissioner Kathy Schwartz Vice – Chair

Councilor Richardson reported:

- Meeting with Mayor
- Urban Renewal Agency
- Governmental Affairs

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Councilor Runyon reported:

- Meeting with the Mayor

Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Meeting with Mayor
- Airport meeting Tuesday

Mayor Mays reported:

- Governmental Affairs
- Met with Steve Kramer, Wasco County Commissioner
- Climate Change Committee: Roger Kline, NWC PUD; Councilors Richardson and Randall; Nicole Bailey, North Central Health Department; Lisa Gambee, Wasco County Clerk; 2 citizens; Erick Hansen, Assistant Public Works Director.

Mayor Mays encouraged the City Council to attend the virtual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet on Friday, January 28, 2022.

He said the Community Interview Panel for City Manager would be Steve Lawrence; Jorge Barragan; Nate Stice; Scott McKay; Megan Thompson; Addie Case; Corliss Marsh; Andrea Klaas and three Department Managers. He said the interviews would take place in Mid-March.

Mayor Mays said the closing date for applications was February 15, 2022.

Councilor Long asked if the Community Team could make a recommendation or just give feedback to the Council.

Mayor Mays said the final decision of who to hire as the new City Manager would be up to the City Council. He said the Community Team would conduct interviews and give feedback to the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Richardson clarified that he was not opposed to the loan to Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue District, he felt more information was needed to make the decision. It was the consensus of the Council that was reflected in the minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0, Richardson, McGlothlin, Long, Randall, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

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Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the January 10, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting. 2) Resolution No. 004 Assessing the Property at 412 West 7th Street for Abatement of Garbage.

Richardson said he had a couple questions for staff.

He said there were a number of staff members out of the office due to COVID and asked for more information

City Manager Julie Krueger said all protocols were being followed, handwashing, wearing masks and distancing. She said Public Works was closed to the public last week due to exposure to Covid-19, leaving divisions short staffed. She added that the Police Department had a fair number of employees out and had closed the office to the public this week.

Richardson asked about having more Goal Setting/Work Sessions for specific topics. He said dedicating time for complicated or large projects would be helpful.

City Manager Julie Krueger replied that during her evaluation Council had set a goal setting session for the Summer, when the new City Manager would be in place.

She said she and Community Development Director Alice Cannon would be meeting with the Consultant for the Visioning Project next week. She said staff would need conversation on how to move forward.

PUBLIC HEARING

Special Ordinance No. 22-593 Annexing a Certain Additional Property Located in the Urban Growth Boundary of the City of The Dalles Pursuant to ORS 222.125 (Consent Annexation: Anx#79-21-Nelson)

Mayor Mays reviewed the process of the Public Hearing.

Senior Planner Dawn Hert reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Mays opened the Public Hearing asking for public testimony. Hearing none he closed the hearing.

Mayor Mays asked if any Councilor wanted the ordinance read in full. None did.

Mayor Mays asked the City Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

City Clerk Grossman read the ordinance by title only.

It was moved by Long and seconded by Richardson to adopt Special Ordinance No. 22-593 Annexing a Certain Additional Property Located in the Urban Growth Boundary of the City of The Dalles Pursuant to ORS 222.125 (Consent Annexation: Anx#79-21-Nelson) by title only. The motion carried 5 to 0; Long, Richardson, Runyon, Randall, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

Approval of Local Agency Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation to provide funding for the West 6th Street Improvement Project

Public Works Director Dave Anderson reviewed the staff report.

In response to questions Anderson said there would be significant improvements to just past Spooky's Restaurant. He said ultimately sidewalk would be installed all the way down 6th Street.

Anderson said the estimate was a couple of years old and included contract engineering. He said the City had removed the engineering from the estimate to bring the costs down.

Long said the project was a great return on investment and public safety with a small amount provided by the City. She complimented Anderson for locating, applying for and implementing grants whenever possible.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Runyon to authorize the City Manager to enter in Local Agency Agreement No. 73000-00003872 with ODOT to provide funding for the West 6th Street Improvements project. The motion carried 5 to 0; McGlothlin, Runyon, Randall, Richardson, Long voting in favor; none opposed.

Contract No. 2021-011 Trevitt Street Utilities Upgrade Phase 1 Project, rejection of bids

Public Works Director Anderson reviewed the staff report.

He said the plan was to rebid after the budget process, if funds were available.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Long to adopt Resolution No. 22-005 rejecting all bids for Contract No. 2021-011, the Trevitt Street Utility Upgrades Phase I project. The motion carried 5 to 0; Randall, Long, Runyon, Richardson, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed.

ACTION ITEMS

Special Ordinance No. 22-591 Correcting Legal Description of Property in Special Ordinance No. 21-589 to Correct the Map to Match the Legal Description

Senior Planner Dawn Hert reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Mays if any Councilor wished to have the ordinance read in full, they did not.

Mayor Mays asked the City Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

City Clerk Grossman read the ordinance by title only.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Long to adopt Special Ordinance No. 22-591, amending Exhibit "A" of Special Ordinance No. 21-589 to correct the map to match the legal description, by title only. The motion carried 5 to 0; Richardson, Long, Runyon, McGlothlin, Randall voting in favor; none opposed.

Special Ordinance No. 22-592 Correcting the Legal Description of Property in Special Ordinance No. 21-587 to Correct Legal Descriptions and Map

Senior Planner Dawn Hert reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Mays if any Councilor wished to have the ordinance read in full, they did not.

Mayor Mays asked the City Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

City Clerk Grossman read the ordinance by title only.

It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Randall to adopt Special Ordinance No. 22-592, amending Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "C" of Special Ordinance No. 21-587 to correct certain legal descriptions and map, by title only. The motion carried 5 to 0; McGlothlin, Randall, Long, Richardson, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed.

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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED: _____
Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 22-001

**A RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS
TO THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY BOARD**

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Urban Renewal Agency Board with the expiration of Gary Grossman's term;

WHEREAS, the Mayor has elected to appoint Lindsey Giamei to fill the open position;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council concurs with the appointment of:

Lindsey Giamei to the Urban Renewal Agency Board with a term expiring December 31, 2024.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective February 14, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

Voting Yes, Councilors: _____
Voting No, Councilors: _____
Absent, Councilors: _____
Abstaining, Councilors: _____

AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

SIGNED: _____ ATTEST: _____
Richard A. Mays, Mayor Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA LOCATION: Contract Review Board Item #10A

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Dave Anderson, Public Works Director

ISSUE: Authorization to Award Dog River Pipeline Pipe Procurement Contract

BACKGROUND: The engineering design for the Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project is now 90% complete. Applications for permits that are needed for the project have been submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon Division of State Lands (DSL), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). A timber removal contract is being finalized and will be advertised for proposal soon. The construction contract is scheduled to be advertised for bid in March with award in late April or early May. Construction is scheduled to occur in 2022 and 2023.

To be able to complete the project in 2023, it will be important to have the construction contractor begin work as soon as possible after the contract is awarded in the spring of 2022. To facilitate the schedule, the City advertised for bid a separate contract for the City to purchase 13,250 feet of pipe and fittings needed for use in 2022. By ordering this pipe early, the construction contractor will be able to avoid a delay of weeks or months if an order for the pipe was to be delayed until after the construction contract was awarded. The Port of The Dalles, who has been an essential supporter of this project over the years for the acquisition of outside funding, is working with City staff to make a parcel of its property available to store the pre-purchased pipe.

The bid opening for the Dog River Pipe Procurement Contract, Contract No. 2022-002, was held on January 28, 2022. Three bids were received as shown below.

Core and Main LP	\$ 951,882.45
Ferguson Enterprises	\$ 961,905.55
ISCO Industries Inc	\$1,014,455.50

The low bid from Core and Main was deemed to be responsive.

BUDGET ALLOCATION: The adopted FY2021-22 budget includes \$10,500,000 in line 053,5300-000.76-20 of Fund 53, the Water Reserve Fund for Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project. The Engineers Estimate for the pipe purchase based on 90% design for the project was \$1,191,370. The low bid for the contract from Core and Main, at \$951,882.45, is below the Engineer's Estimate and there are adequate funds available for this purchase.

COUNCIL ALTERNATIVES:

1. **Staff Recommendation:** *Move to authorize the City Manager to enter into Contract No. 2022-002 for the purchase of pipe with Core and Main LP in an amount not to exceed \$951,882.45.*
2. Deny authorization to award the contract and provide additional direction to staff on how to proceed.



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA LOCATION: Discussion Item #11A

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Julie Krueger, City Manager

ISSUE: Update Regarding Vision 2040 Process and Discussion Regarding Next Steps

RELATED COUNCIL GOAL: B. Work and partner with governmental agencies and non-profits to improve coordination of services and open communication; Update The Dalles Vision Plan.

BACKGROUND: This top goal of the City Council was started last Fall with a community survey. The Townhall meeting was delayed due to Covid concerns.

Aubrey Koenig of Barney and Worth will provide City Council with the results of the survey and provide guidance at this meeting regarding the next steps in completing this process.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: None at this time.

COUNCIL ALTERNATIVES:

1. **Staff recommendation:** This is a discussion item. Staff is asking for consensus of the Council to proceed as described by our consultant, Barney and Worth.

The City of The Dalles Community Survey Highlights: Vision Ideas

February 14, 2022 · City Council Update



The Dalles
VISION
2040

Nov. 23-Dec. 9, 2021: Who we heard from...

Goal: Collect input and ideas from as many local voices as possible to help shape The Dalles Vision 2040 and make our community even better.

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ENGLISH RESPONSES

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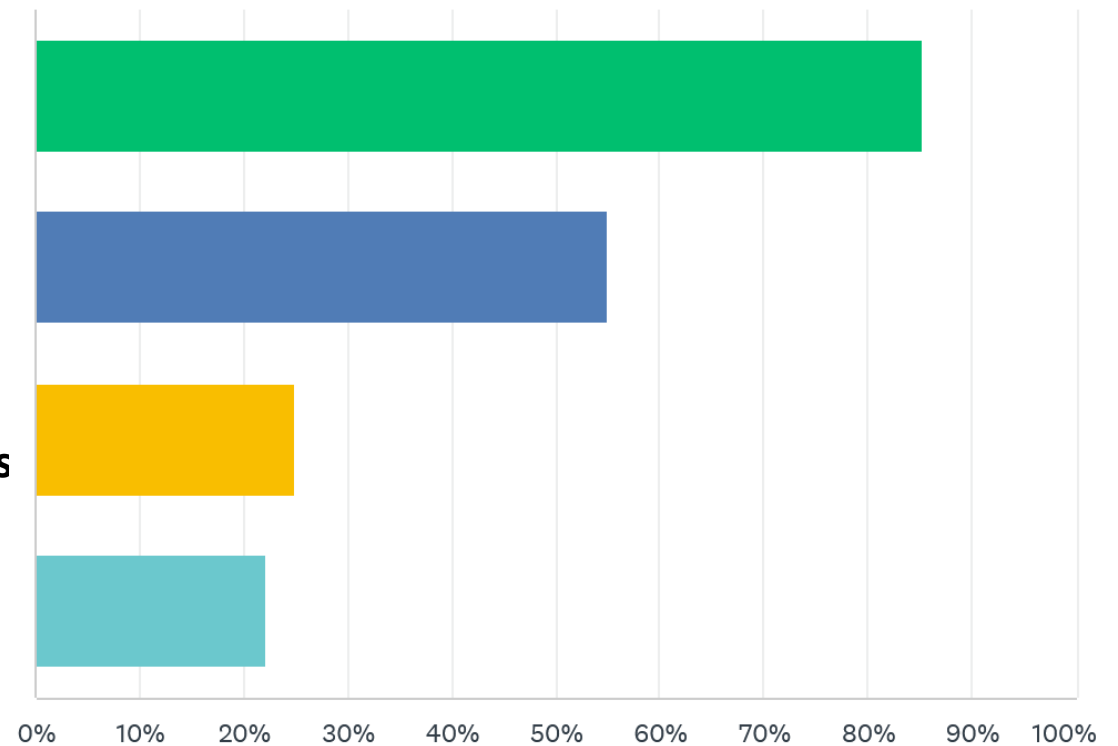
SPANISH RESPONSES

Live in The Dalles

Work in The Dalles

Own/operate a
business in The Dalles

Visit/play in The
Dalles

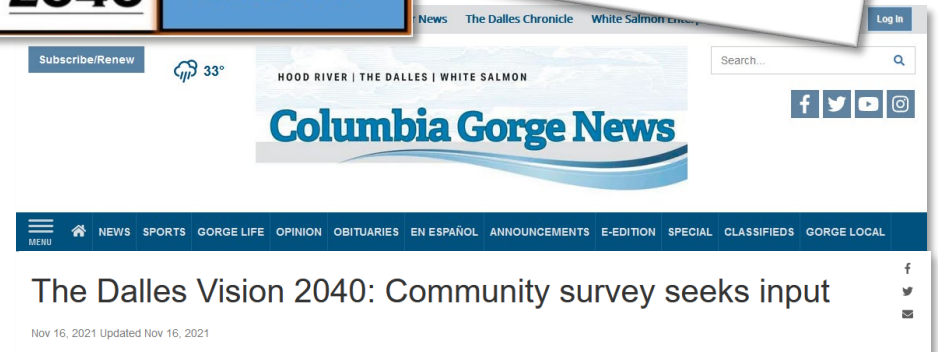


How we got the word out...

- Press release to local media (featured in Columbia Gorge News, Columbia Community Connection)
- City webpage announcement
- Social media video and Facebook posts in English and Spanish
- MailChimp announcement
- Flyer at local businesses

 City of The Dalles - City Hall
December 2, 2021 · 🌐

Comparte tus sueños para el futuro de The Dalles.
Responda esta breve encuesta:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/LaVisiondeTheDalles2040

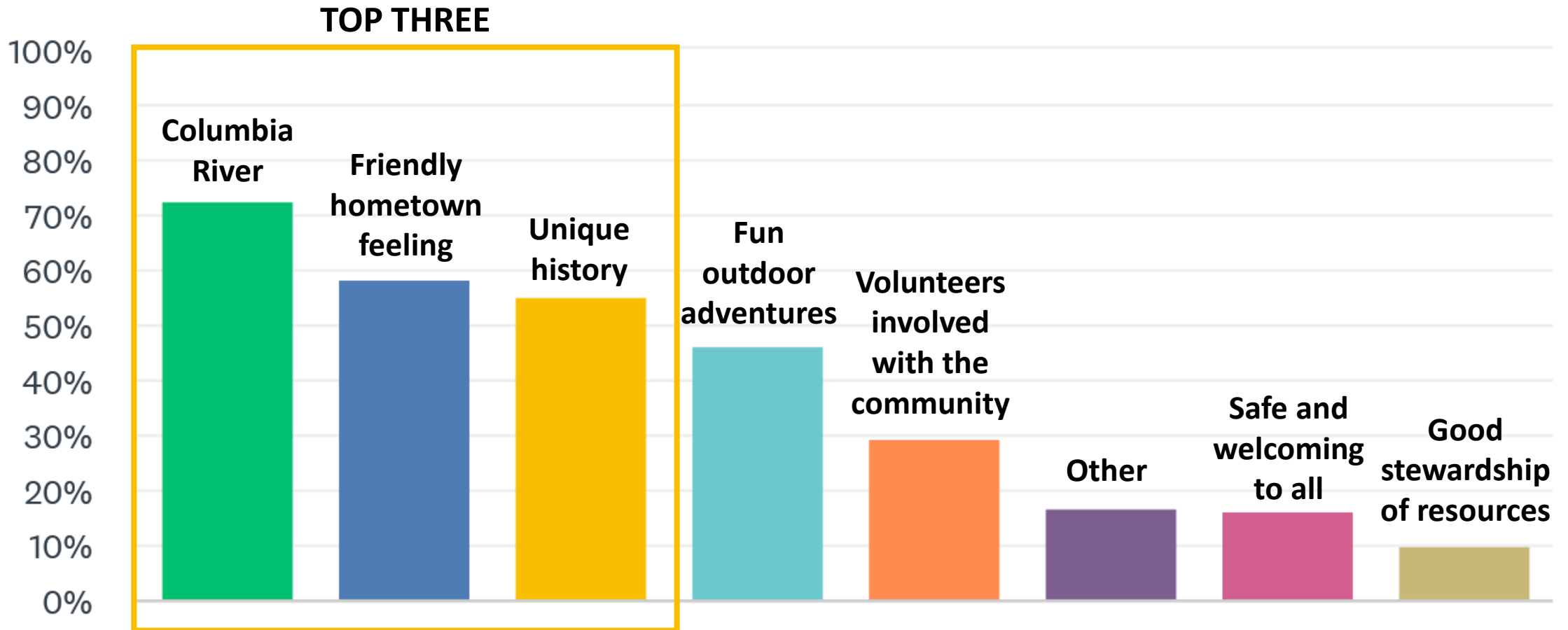


What we heard...

Key Themes:

- Upgrade high school and public health facilities
- Support affordable housing opportunities and small business diversity
- Maintain bike paths, walking trails, river access, and alternate ways to get around
- Continue to revitalize downtown with mixed-use development and places to gather
- Honor diverse history with family-friendly cultural events

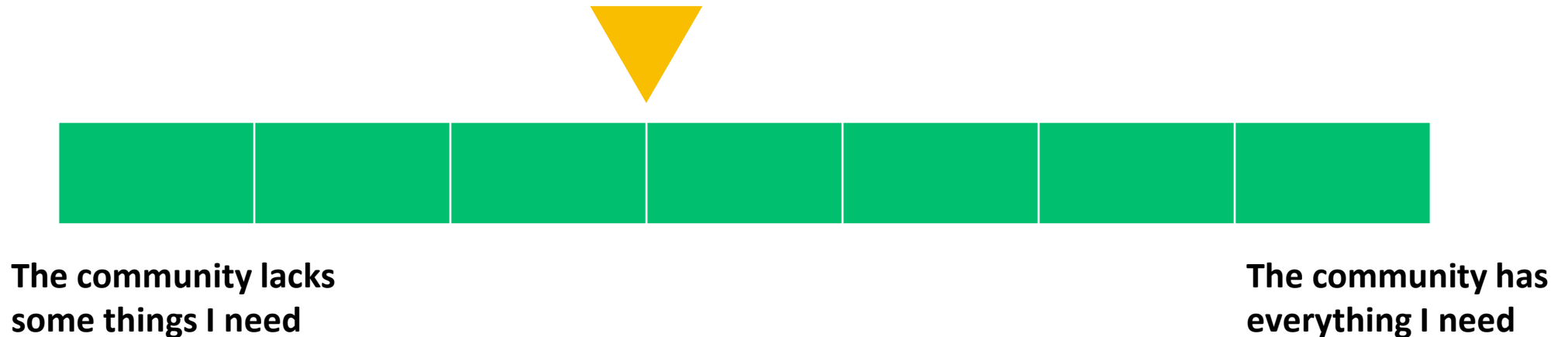
Q: What do you appreciate the most about The Dalles? (Check all that apply.)



Q: How would you rank **The Dalles** on a scale of 1 (lack some things) to 7 (has everything)?

AVERAGE
RANKING

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Q: What does The Dalles have now that you want more of?

Top Themes

- Restaurants and retail shops
- Community events and family activities
- Parks, paths, and trails

Representative Quotes:

“Local shopping - I don’t have to leave town to find what I want.”

“Outdoor family friendly events (e.g. farmers/makers markets, free music)”

“Open space, access to outdoors, access to walking/running/biking trails and paths -- not just road shoulders.”

Q: What do you think is **missing** in our community or **should be improved**?

Top Themes

- Schools and youth activities
- Restaurant and retail options
- Parks, paths, and river access
- Affordable housing opportunities

Representative Quotes:

“Family friendly activities, music and food festivals.”

“Reasons not to leave town to spend money on basics!”

“More connectivity for walkers and cyclists.”

“Affordable housing and work opportunities that can provide enough to support a balanced life.”

Q: What are the **most important** programs or projects to invest in **over the next 5 years**?

Enhancing Education

- Invest in upgraded high school facilities
- Develop youth activity programs

Creating Economic Vitality

- Develop affordable housing opportunities
- Revitalize downtown core
- Provide support resources to small businesses

Providing Recreation & Open Space

- Restore Sorosis Park
- Improve trails, paths, and river access
- Establish a community dog park

Improving Governance & Infrastructure

- Improve hospital facilities and health services
- Maintain roads and accessible sidewalks
- Explore opportunities to improve broadband

Fostering Cultural Enrichment

- Host cultural events honoring diverse history

Strengthening & Sustaining Community Life

- Develop music and art events
- Establish a community center or plaza

Look Forward

- Virtual town hall:
February 23, 2022 5:30-7 pm
- Community vision priorities survey:
March 2-16, 2022
- Council work session:
March 28, 2022 (tentative)
- Final vision plan adoption:
April 11, 2022 (tentative)



The Dalles Vision 2040: Community Survey Highlights

In fall 2021, The City of The Dalles embarked on a community-wide visioning process with the goal of creating a shared vision for The Dalles 2040 and an actionable roadmap to achieve that future. The community engagement process was designed to hear from as many local voices as possible using a ‘Let’s talk about our future’ call to action shared with residents and community partners. The majority of engagement focused on digital outreach and direct communications due to public health considerations related to the coronavirus.

Community Survey: Vision Ideas

The initial phase of outreach included an online community survey to gather ideas for the future of The Dalles. Between November 8 and December 9, 2021, **434** participants shared their ideas and collective vision to sustain and grow the unique character of The Dalles. The Spanish version of the survey received **5** responses between November 23 and December 9, 2021.

PROMOTION

The community survey was publicized through a variety of methods.

- Press release to local media (featured in *Columbia Gorge News*, *Columbia Community Connection*)
- City webpage announcement
- Social media video that generated 1,000+ views and Facebook posts in English and Spanish
- MailChimp announcement to interested parties mailing list with 595 contacts
- Flyer with QR survey code distributed to local businesses
- Two radio announcements promoting the survey



KEY THEMES

Some of the most common words featured in survey responses included: parks and trails (232), schools (222), downtown (201), housing (179), food and restaurants (124), and shops (110).

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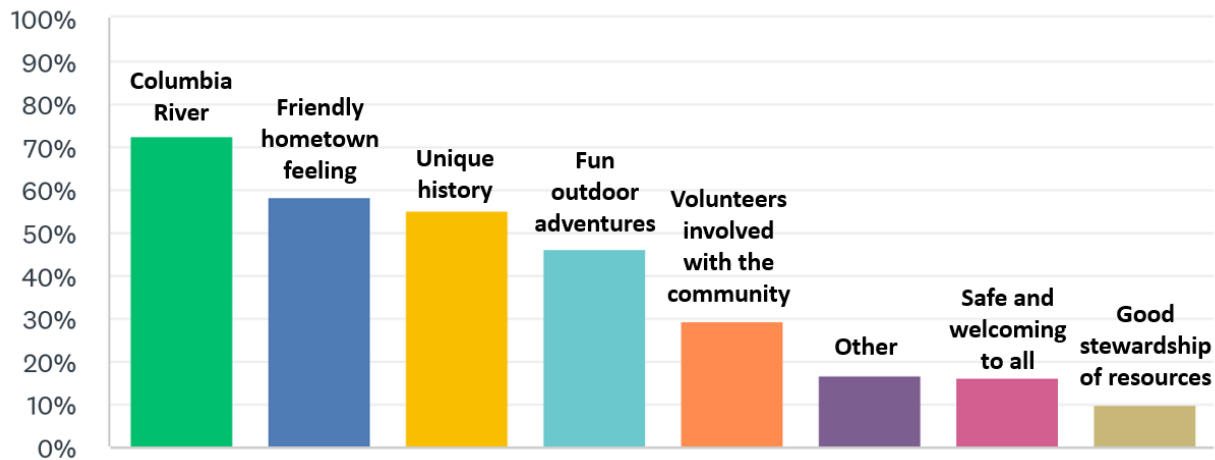
- Upgrade high school and public health facilities
- Support affordable housing opportunities and small business diversity
- Maintain bike paths, walking trails, river access, and alternate ways to get around
- Continue to revitalize downtown with mixed-use development and places to gather
- Honor diverse history with family-friendly cultural events

SURVEY QUESTIONS

The survey responses for individual questions are summarized below. The survey included seven questions.

Q1: What do you appreciate most about the most about The Dalles?

Respondents were asked to check any of the options that apply. The **top three** responses were: the Columbia River, friendly hometown feel, and unique history. The Columbia River was selected by more than **72%** of respondents as a key feature of The Dalles.



There were **73** respondents who commented in the 'other' category, those responses included the following themes. A selection of representative comments are also included in italics.

Top Themes

- Great location with beautiful scenery

- Sunny climate
- Rural, small-town feel
- Strong sense of community

Comment Highlights

- *“Location, both proximity to large city and weather”*
- *“Location, driving time to mountains, coast, desert, and river”*
- *“Proximity to PDX, gateway to east, sunny weather, historic charm”*
- *“Collaborative spirit”*
- *“Involved citizenry”*
- *“Clean air and good weather”*
- *“The less hectic lifestyle and crowding”*
- *“A small town feeling”*

Q2: How would you rank The Dalles on a scale of 1 to 7?

Respondents indicated they see potential for The Dalles to have more to serve the community. On a scale of 1 (lacks some things) to 7 (has everything), the average ranking was a **3**.

**AVERAGE
RANKING**

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Q3: What does The Dalles have now that you want more of?

There were **415** respondents who provided input, those responses included the following themes. A selection of representative comments are also included in italics.

Top Themes

- Restaurants and retail shops
- Community events and family activities
- Parks, paths, and trails

Comment Highlights

- *“Local shopping - I don’t have to leave town to find what I want.”*
- *“Specialty food stores, Asian or ethnic food markets, farmers markets...”*
- *“Outdoor family friendly events (e.g. farmers/makers markets, free music)”*
- *“Farmer’s markets, craft fairs, parades, downtown trick or treating, Harvest Festival, Christmas Festival, Witch’s Walk, Cherry Festival activities... more of these fun events that bring everyone together!”*
- *“I think that they should add more basketball courts and tennis courts at Sorosis Park, maybe Beach Volleyball. More riverfront access, and better riverfront parks.”*
- *“Open space, access to outdoors, access to walking/running/biking trails and paths -- not just road shoulders.”*

Q4: What do you think is missing in our community or could be improved?

There were **426** respondents who provided input, those responses included the following themes. A selection of representative comments are also included in italics.

Top Themes

- Schools and youth activities
- Restaurant and retail options
- Parks, paths, and river access
- Affordable housing opportunities

Comment Highlights

- *“There needs to be more of an emphasis on improving our schools both from an infrastructure point of view and educational point of view from an equity lens.”*
- *“Community activities for kids, indoor facilities, more camps for younger kids, after school and summer programs. Family friendly activities, music and food festivals.”*
- *“Reasons not to leave town to spend money on basics!”*
- *“Food! I would love more ethnic options.”*
- *“Needing more connectivity for walkers and cyclists. We need protected bike lanes so more people feel safe to ride.”*
- *“We are missing a clean, year long enjoyable riverfront.”*
- *“A central plaza or ‘heart’ in the middle of town.”*
- *“Affordable housing and work opportunities that can provide enough to support a balanced life.”*

Q5: What do you see as the most important programs or projects to invest in over the next five years in The Dalles?

There were **424** respondents who provided input, those responses included the following themes. The themes are organized by key focus area.

Enhancing Education

- Invest in upgraded high school facilities
- Develop youth activity programs

Creating Economic Vitality

- Develop affordable housing opportunities
- Revitalize downtown core
- Provide support resources to small businesses

Providing Recreation and Open Space

- Restore Sorosis Park
- Improve trails, paths, and river access
- Establish a community dog park

Improving Governance and Infrastructure

- Improve hospital facilities and health services
- Maintain roads and accessible sidewalks
- Explore opportunities to improve broadband

Fostering Cultural Enrichment

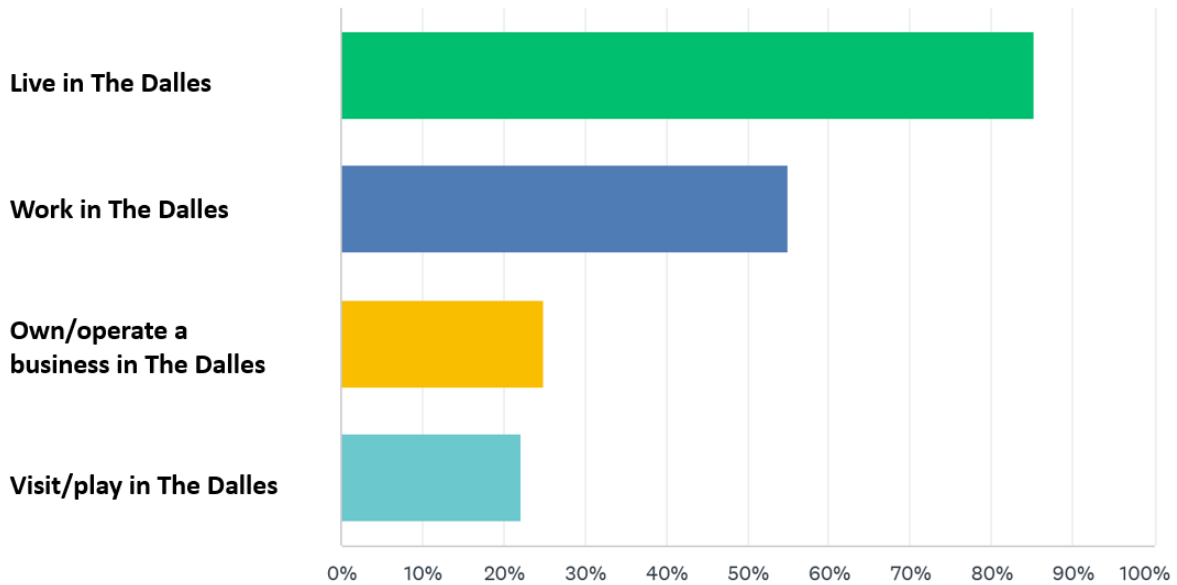
- Host cultural events honoring diverse history

Strengthening and Sustaining Community Life

- Develop music and art events
- Establish a community center or plaza

Q6: What best describes you?

Respondents were asked to check any of the options that apply. More than **75%** of respondents noted they live in The Dalles, with more than **55%** noting they work in The Dalles.



Q7: Enter your name in the prize drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card.

A prize winner was selected from the **339** respondents who entered the drawing.

NEXT STEPS

The City is using the community responses to the online survey to inform development of The Dalles Vision 2040. The key themes from the initial phase of community engagement will help establish a draft set of visioning priorities that will be further refined during a second phase of community engagement planned in early 2022.