

## **Camping Ordinance Forum Notes**

March 31, 2023 (1 of 3)

### **Megan, City of Beaverton's presentation**

Question: Beaverton in a draft process for public right of way – 8 pm to 8 am. Can folks be in front of businesses? Megan – there are manner pieces. Different approaches available. Wants feedback on time aspect. Also consider kids going to school.

Question: Interrelation of violence or abuse – any data available? Shelters are available to women and those have capacity issues as well. Most women have experienced violence. Violence also affects men, trans folks, LGBTQ+, and youth.

Comment: High need for shelters and existing tie between child abuse and homelessness.

Comment/Question: Mental health issues – guidelines can't be met because of mental health issues. Any talk about how to do it without traumatizing to them? Education is key even across city boundaries.

Question: Has staff reached out to healthcare and impact on them? Needs to be at table.

Question: What will the ordinance look like in terms of Beaverton High School, overpass at 217. What will that area look like?

### **Chad, City Attorney's presentation**

Question: Are open flames permissible by law?

Question: Time, place, and manner restrictions - view is from everyone's point of view or person experiencing homelessness? Can folks argue place?

Comment: There needs to be more shelters as folks are asked to move, however, there are no resources or suggested locations to relocate to. A good location would be open land not being used for a campground, in close proximity to services.

Comment: Raised the issue of safety of being located in the woods – may result in victimization.

Question: Threshold must be met for winter shelters – any talk of changing thresholds so folks can find heat?

Question: If Portland changes its Code, are we looking at vehicles on streets? The draft ordinance will address this issue.

Question: Is the draft ordinance current language or clean?

### **Sgt. Bonn, Hillsboro Police presentation**

Question: If folks are out of compliance of time and place ordinance and are cautioned, then what? Some folks want rules and regulations and it would be good to try and think of scenarios to help support HPD in educating and informing the community.

Question: Any way folks can access more porta potties across the city?

Question: How do we get the CIT over to City facilities when called instead of other patrol officers?  
Discussion around rotation of CIT. ‘

Question: Wash Co Crisis Hotline – does it cross over with Mult Co Crisis Hotline? Calls get routed around. Hotline hub is at the same location.

Question: What is the capacity of the Police Department and Latino businesses on Calle Diez? There are a lot of concerns, and one is the response of HPD. There is a lot of work to do in education and in working with partners as folks may not be comfortable working with HPD.

Question: Network in the County – is there a connection among organizations? HMIS was discussed. Police do not have access to that system. It also depends on where people are in the process.

Question: Would it be possible to have some sort of network system letting people know that folks can eat, or use the restroom here, etc. in business locations. Idea for flyer with QR Code or “you welcome here statement” for businesses.

Comment: Kudos to HPD on personal experience for coworker that approached HPD with a gun.

### **Deanna, Washington County Supportive Housing presentation**

Question: What was the big jump in Housing Capacity in 2023? Response was Metro bond dollars.

Question: How do folks access these vouchers? Response was through Community Connect and then they would complete an assessment and voucher is issued.

Question: If funding continues, how big a dent will this make in the County challenges to achieve functional 0. Also question around stability and construction of buildings and funding resources. Are businesses helping with construction?

Question: Funding for program is voter approved? Will it be in front of voters again? The 10-year bond will need to be renewed.

Question: How many years to get to functional 0?

Question: If there is not already an effort to share the story to allow for funding continuity over time, this would be good to consider for a future bond renewal.

Question: Regarding the \$10 million for building of shelters - who is supporting the other funds for organizations – do they run their own capital campaigns? Any opportunity for more organizations to help with capital construction campaigns, info would be appreciated to support more housing in the long run.

Question: Timeline for additional shelter beds?

Question: How many beds are unfilled for 2023? If we get to place where we have capacity, it will be easier to enforce the future camping ordinance.

Comment: Some people feel more comfortable on the streets vs. in a shelter.

### **Deanna, Washington County Supportive Housing presentation – continued (shelters)**

#### **Megan, City Manager’s Office presentation**

Question: One bed or two for safe rest pods?

Question: Safe pods close in June – what is the plan for the current residents?

#### **Marcus, City Manager’s Office presentation**

Question: How do we get the paper survey back to staff?

Question: When you present to Council, will there be public hearings?

Question: A reason why there is not a public hearing? Discussion around public comment and two readings for the ordinance.

Question: How near is near school? Do we add zones as well? Are HOA’s exempt? Response is only in consideration of public property.

Question: Do we have ability to regulate on county and state roads?

Question: That list is currently not in there – but PP location list is open for feedback and up for consideration.

Question: Parks vs. parking lots – considered part of the park? What about the Civic Center?

Question: Currently, there are no sanctioned privately owned campgrounds in the city, correct? No, other than the Elks.

Question: Clarification on current prohibited locations vs. possible locations as listed in PP.

Question: Can these rules be overwritten by Council or City Manager?

Question: How do we define storage in HMC 9.44.03?

Question: Will the group see other city or county ordinances, etc. at next meeting?

Question: How do we get notes to staff? Can people get an electronic version so folks can share with teams?