

1. Introduction – Welcome

- Good evening. I am Tim Knapp, and I have the pleasure as serving as the Mayor for the City of Wilsonville.
 - It's hard to believe, but 10 years ago I delivered my first State of the City Address here at this very podium.
 - And while that is while back in time, the time has just flown by and many positive developments have occurred in Wilsonville.
- City Council members – different perspectives, better outcomes
 - Councilor Kristin Akervall, who serves as Council President
 - Councilor Susie Stevens, who has sat on Council since
 - Councilor Charlotte Lehan, a former Clackamas County Commissioner and Wilsonville Mayor
 - Newest City Councilor Ben West
 - I would also like to recognize other elected officials attending tonight:
 - Wilsonville State Representative Courtney Nuron
 - Clackamas County Commissioner Ken Humbertson
 - City of Tigard City Council President John Goodhouse
- City Council retreat in April for next two-year focus for new Council
- City Council Long-Term Objectives:
 - Good Community Design and Connectivity
 - Social connections - neighborhoods, public spaces, institutions
 - Phys. Connect: roads, sidewalks, pathways, bikeways, transit
 - Opportunities to walk, outdoor recreation
 - Access to nature and Willamette River
 - Thoughtful Land Use-Planning-People, jobs, industry, amenities
 - Planning & managing inevitable growth
 - Protecting farm & forest lands, enviro. resources, stewardship
 - Reinvesting and reinvigorating community
 - Community Amenities – library, schools, rec areas, commercial
 - Parks and recreational programming, Master plans (BF park)
 - Design matters – What is built, where, and how it relates
 - Community Economic Development – good jobs & housing options
 - People at all stages of life, differing needs & interests
 - Attractive environment that fosters quality industries with businesses paying family wages
 - Inclusive, Welcoming Community
 - WV a community of people from many backgrounds and walks of life

- Council adopted resolution, like many other cities, proclaiming our inclusivity
- City government works well: high-level of community engagement
 - Volunteers are key to making city work well – Thank you.
 - Provide thousands of hours each year serving on City boards and commissions
 - Professional level, quality City Staff – SERVICE orientation
 - Conservative budgeting and tight fiscal controls
 - For 21 consecutive years the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has recognized the City of Wilsonville Finance Department with the “Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.”
 - City regularly meets the highest principles of governmental budgeting standards.
 - Resulted in Standard & Poors Global Ratings raising the City of Wilsonville’s long-term rating in 2018 from AA+ to Triple A (AAA)
- City undertaking over past several years major planning efforts
 - Community benefit results to unfold over the next few years

2. Frog Pond Neighborhood: *New Residential Living Opportunities*

- Frog Pond West
 - Area plan adopted November 2015.
 - Future primary school site confirmed
 - Expected to become a social center like Lowry primary in Villebois neighborhood
 - Traditional suburban SF homes —help balance city portfolio of housing
 - 571 houses on lots of 4K to 12K (West neighborhood)
 - Cost of construction, new pipes & roads mean these will NOT be inexpensive homes
 - Designed to be a Connected neighborhood — for PEOPLE
 - Walkable, connected, Grid street system, limited entries on Boeckman, Stafford
 - Future regional trail & park along Boeckman Creek corridor
 - Site of NW Natural 2019 Street of Dreams new-home exhibition
- Frog Pond East and South
 - Metro added to City’s UGB in 2018
 - Master planning next 3-4 years
 - New Meridian Creek Middle School in South neighborhood already an integral component of Frog Pond neighborhood.

3. Town Center Plan: *A Vision for the Community’s Heart*

- A new vision: the Wilsonville Town Center Plan
 - Community-driven vision to “re-imagine” our town center
 - Town Center originally designed in the auto-centric era of 1970s-1980s

- Extensive public engagement:
 - Over 100 meetings and events
 - 2,000 survey responses
 - 10,000 data points
- 100-acre project area around/within Town Center Loop includes:
 - Clackamas Community College Wilsonville Campus
 - Town Center shopping center area, including Fry's Electronics & Regal Cinemas
 - Adjacent businesses along freeway
- Create an attractive, accessible place for visitors and residents of all ages to shop, eat, live, work, learn, and play.
 - Consider strategies for more attractive, commercially vibrant, mixed-use district
 - Strong community demand for easily accessible and pedestrian friendly Town Center
 - Firm resident support for a walkable modern "Main Street District" with a mix of small retail shops as core center
 - Create new street grid and sidewalk connectivity that offers multiple routing options
- Integrate urban and natural environments:
 - 'Emerald Chain' of active, open spaces
 - Link existing and future parks, promenades and urban plazas
 - From Memorial Park to the future I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge in the Town Center
- We have benefitted from a HIGHLY engaged Task Force of citizens & stakeholders!
- After receiving approval last week at the Planning Commission, the Town Center Plan comes before the City Council next month.

4. Parks & Recreation Programs: *Expanding Offerings*

- New overall Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and specific plans for Memorial Park and Boones Ferry Park
 - Theme of increased access to the Willamette River
 - Proposed new sports fields for Memorial Park and Frog Pond Community Park near Meridian Creek Middle School
 - More outdoor recreation options:
 - Improved dog park now underway with new amenities, including restrooms and a dog wash
 - Better community gardens access
 - New recreational programming for youth and seniors past year:
 - Youth Computer Coding Camp
 - Ballroom Dance for adults
 - Partnership with Wilsonville Police Department for free Personal Safety seminars at Community Center

- “Explore Wilsonville” tourism development and promotion efforts
 - 2018 re-launch of *ExploreWislonville.com* tourism and visitor-information website
 - Community events section most popular portion of website for both residents and visitors
 - Set of 12 themed “pocket trips” with Wilsonville as the base for various day trips
 - Our city’s visitor value proposition positions Wilsonville as an easily accessible location that offers a variety of overnight lodging options near many tourism attractions.
 - City and County tourism grant programs provide \$45,000 per year to support community/tourism events:
 - Wilsonville Arts & Cultural Council ‘Festival of the Arts’
 - Fun in the Park Festival
 - Wilsonville Rotary Foundation ‘Summer Concert Series’
 - Brews for Community ‘Wilsonville Brewfest’
 - Wilsonville Bicycle Events ‘Salmon Cycling Classic’
- Community Investment Strategy for Arts, Culture and Heritage
 - Strong community interest in advancing a plan that promotes arts and culture in Wilsonville
 - Drafting a strategy for public- and private-sector engagement and local support
 - WL-Wv School District’s proposed Nov. 2020 bond measure
 - includes a potential 600-seat performing arts center available for community use at Wilsonville High School

5. Coffee Creek and Basalt Creek Employment Areas: *Local Family-Wage Jobs*

- Wilsonville focus is providing the infrastructure that cultivates high-wage jobs that can support a family.
- Today, Wilsonville hosts over 21,000 jobs, in a community of 25,000 residents
 - HALF of WV jobs are in high-wage sectors manufacturing, engineering, computer programming and wholesale distribution
 - Aggregate WV annual payroll in excess of \$1.1 Billion
- City working on NEW opportunities to attract high-wage jobs.
- Coffee Creek Employment Area
 - 200-acre Regionally Significant Industrial Area
 - Envisioned as high quality attractor for good jobs
 - Est. 1500 jobs with an annual payroll of \$98 million
 - Urban Renewal Area established in 2016, after a favorable community vote 2015.
 - New businesses help pay for needed, pipes, roads,
 - Working on major infrastructure investments such as the Garden Acres Road upgrade to prepare Coffee Creek to invite PRIVATE investment
 - Attract companies that:
 - Offer high-quality employment

- Pay the taxes that support City services and amenities
- Basalt Creek Employment Area
 - Basalt Creek Concept Plan adopted in 2018
 - Basalt Creek Parkway is future boundary between Tualatin and Wilsonville
 - Working toward necessary amendments to allow future annexations and development in Basalt Creek.

6. SMART Public Transit: *More travel options increasing sustainable*

- City formed South Metro Area Regional Transit or SMART 30 years ago
 - More responsive transit service for residents and employers of Wilsonville area
 - Helps Wilsonville employers recruit and retain an top-quality workforce in a competitive global economy
 - SMART solves “last-mile connection” for transit:
 - 10 minutes from arrival of WES commuter train at the Wilsonville Transit Center to workplace door
 - Our businesses and their transit commuting workers love the quality of SMART service
 - Transit use removes single-occupancy vehicles from freeway
 - Provide more capacity for the timely movement of freight by truck
 - Transit use reduces production of greenhouse gases and VMT
 - Both environmental and social benefits
- SMART offers FREE in-town service and fare to connect with other transit systems
 - Door-to-door service for older adults and people who have a disability for out of town medical trips.
 - Newly formed Dial-a-Ride Steering Committee reviewing current demand-response service
 - Make recommendations for improved service and efficiency.
- City successfully competes to win federal grants for new buses
 - Since 2012 SMART has won over \$3.8 Million in competitive federal and state grants
 - SMART is committed to 100% alternative fuel fleet by 2028
 - By May 43% of fleet to be powered by CNG and battery-electric buses
 - Three new state-of-art battery-electric buses in the next two years
 - Exterior design created by art students from Wilsonville High School and Arts & Technology High School
 - Electric and alternative fuels buses provide a more sustainable travel option at a lower overall long-term cost of operations
- SMART Transit Master Plan amended by Council in 2018
 - Oregon House Bill 2017 provides a new statewide revenue-source to support public transit
 - SMART to receive new funds and able to compete for additional funding
 - SMART to expand with new service – new routes and more frequency

- More frequent all-day service to Tualatin and additional mid-day trips to Salem
- Extended hours of service for crosstown service into late night and weekends

7. Transportation Infrastructure: *Improving Mobility & Connectivity*

- Addressing traffic congestion is a top priority for City Council
- Wilsonville operates SMART to provide better transit option for commuting employees and residents.
- Clackamas County Board of Commissioners recently enacted a \$30/year Vehicle Registration Fee
 - Help fund road maintenance and traffic-congestion improvements.
 - Only county in the metro region without a local road funding source
 - But has more miles of roads than other counties—1400 miles
 - The Clackamas \$30/year fee matches that of Washington County
 - 40% of fee goes to cities:
 - Wilsonville anticipates about \$500,000 per year for local road improvements
 - 10% of new funds for road improvements in the “urban-rural” interface
 - such as intersection of 65th/Elligsen/Stafford roads
- City working on traffic solutions:
 - Southbound I-5 Congestion Study with ODOT:
 - Proposed I-5 “Wilsonville Facility Plan”
 - Aux Lane - Wilsonville Road past Charbonneau to Canby/Hubbard Hwy 551
 - Projected cost of \$80 M
 - City lobbying for both state and federal funds
 - Strategic spot improvements around town to improve mobility
 - Boone Ferry left turn onto WV Rd
 - New third stacking lane on I-5 SB on-ramp
 - F/M driveway improvement
 - No turn on red during rush hour from Old Town onto WV Road
 - Advocating for larger South Metro I-5 Corridor Transportation Study
 - How can transit such as WES be better utilized for commuters?
 - How can freight movement be better served?
 - Where can incremental changes like additional merge & aux lanes help reduce congestion and improve safety?
 - French Prairie Bike-Ped-Emergency Bridge part of strategy
 - Emergency-service bridge when needed
 - Access to Charbonneau when I-5 congested
 - Incident response for second-tier emergency responders
 - Redundant connection to Boone Bridge

- Seismic bridge construction improves I-5 resiliency
- Alternative transportation option & a tourism attraction
- Connect Portland metro area Ice Age Tonquin Trail with Willamette Valley Scenic Bike Route
- Metro undertaking a potential major transportation funding measure for regional voter consideration in 2020
 - I have been appointed to the advisory task force
- Keep building our interconnected grid
 - Barber w/Bridge, Vlahos, Canyon Creek, Kinsman/Boeckman to Barber;
 - Coming: “Old Town Escape” 5th Street to Kinsman connection; Garden Acres industrial Road, Boeckman ‘Dip’ Bridge
 - Pedestrian / bicycle connections and filling in the gaps in the system
- Signage and Wayfinding plan
 - Provide a unified wayfinding system for all modes of transportation
 - signs and informational kiosks
 - safe connections between key destinations and commercial districts
 - strengthen the sense of place,
 - increase foot traffic to businesses
 - offer a more enjoyable visitor experience

8. Conclusion: *Wilsonville — A community for all ages and stages of life*

- METRO projections are that another 500,000 people will call our Region home by 2040: another half-million people!
- Council to continue to set quality long-term direction for City:
 - A Connected, Complete Community
 - Environmental Stewardship valued and incorporated throughout
 - Thoughtful land use planning – maintaining a high QUALITY community
 - Strong, high quality, amenity rich, interconnected neighborhoods, commercial centers, employment areas
 - Responsible Economic Development for economic stability
 - Good Jobs, Diverse sectors, variety of skills & skill levels
 - Goods & services available locally
 - Choices for living, working, playing at all stages of our lives
 - Healthy, active living — attractive public spaces & recreation opportunities where people WANT to be
- Challenges facing us:
 - Encouraging diverse housing types and price levels - that meets needs of all WV
 - Continuing to build employment environment that attracts quality, family wage jobs both now and into the future (as unknown as that is 20 or 30 years from now!)

- Developing the transportation systems and connections to enable multiple options for how we move through our city and the region.
- The ONGOING Goal, and the overarching Challenge:
 - Create a safe, desirable, aesthetically pleasing community, which nurtures, sustains, and connects us ALL.
 - We need all of WV citizens to join in this work, if our combined efforts are to yield the future we envision. Will you join in?
 - Thank you.