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**PHILOMATH CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION NOTES
Philomath City Hall Council Chambers
March 11, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Work session called to order at 5:41 p.m. by Mayor Chas Jones.

Present:

Mayor Chas Jones
Council President Ruth Causey
Councilor Jessica Andrade
Councilor Diane Crocker
Councilor Matt Lehman
Councilor Christopher McMorran

Absent:

Councilor Teresa Nielson

Staff Present:

City Manager Chris Workman
Assistant City Manager Chelsea Starnier
Public Works Director Kevin Fear
Finance Director Mike Murzynsky
City Recorder Ruth Post
City Attorney Jim Brewer (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

B. WORK SESSION

Start Time: 5:41 p.m.

1. Strategic Plan Draft and Pre-Budget Discussion
 - Appreciation expressed for development of the Strategic Plan and the internal work by staff to produce.
 - Use of Strategic Plan to create the staff level work plan reviewed.
 - Discussion about golf cart legalization.
 - Discussion about objectives related to cannabis and psilocybin locations and time for moving forward.
 - Discussion about website and job application platforms.
 - Grant application for development of city-owned property briefly reviewed.
 - Analysis of utility rates specifically related to low-income households discussed, including associated fees.
 - Discussion about branding campaign costs and benefit.
 - Request to add an objective related to wetlands preservation with follow-up discussion about state regulations and management.
 - Tree canopy enhancement through an incentive program suggested.
 - Elected official stipend evaluation suggested and discussed.

C. ADJOURNMENT

1. Work session adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Recorded by Ruth Post, MMC, City Recorder