

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

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**HELD HYBRID (Limited In-Person Social Distancing Seating and Zoom Meeting Access)
The Special Business Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street.**

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6:00 PM Regular Business Meeting*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Akins called the Council Business Meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Councilors' Hyatt, Graham, Seffinger, DuQuenne and Jensen were present. Councilor Moran was absent.

IV. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

V. Land Acknowledgement**

Councilor Graham read the land acknowledgment.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Business Meeting of June 7, 2022

Hyatt/DuQuenne moved to approve the minutes. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees***

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

1. James M. Ragland Memorial Volunteer Spirit Service Award

Citizen Mike Hersh was awarded the James M. Ragland Memorial Volunteer Service Award. Councilor Seffinger presented the award. She spoke thanking Mr. Hersh for all of his many years of volunteer work and services to the City. The award was accepted by his wife Char Hersh.

2. Alan C. Bates Public Service Award

Councilor Seffinger was awarded with the Alan. C. Bates Public Service Award. Councilor Jensen presented this award. He spoke in appreciation of her service to the City.

3. Band Board Annual Report

Not in attendance; moved to a future meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

Mira – Ashland – Thanked Council. She spoke regarding the benefits of electrification.

Sara Servantes – Ashland -Spoke regarding climate change and the importance to keep the Community safe.

Sue Wilson – Ashland – Spoke requesting the Juneteenth celebration be continued.

Linda Peterson Adams – Ashland – Read a statement into the record regarding working together (*see attached*).

Leda Shepiro – Ashland – Spoke regarding the City survey.

IX. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Joe Lessard gave the Manager Report.

Items discussed were:

- Pallet Housing Program
- Referendums and Initiatives options and deadlines

Council discussed ballot measure options.

Jensen/Hyatt moved to request staff to bring forth a process and language for Council to consider endorsing the pure Food and Beverage Ballot Measure as presented by the Parks Commission. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: Hyatt, Graham, Seffinger and Jensen: YES. DuQuenne: NO. Motion passed 4-2.

DuQuenne/Graham moved to give Staff direction on July 5th to come back to Council with verbiage for the proposed ballot measure that was presented to Council from City Manager Joe Lessard and also with verbiage for the ballot that was brought to Council

today regarding the pure Food and Beverage. Discussion: DuQuenne spoke to the importance to look at both. Graham spoke regarding the proposals and that it is important to look at both. Hyatt clarified that July 5th is a business meeting not a Study Session it is a Business Meeting. She spoke in support of the motion. Jensen spoke that he will not support the motion and his reasons why. Lessard explained the workload this would be for Staff. Graham spoke that she would like to decide on a path on July 5th and then direct Staff to bring back information. **Roll Call Vote: Jensen, DuQuenne, Hyatt, Seffinger and Graham: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Reconfirmation of agenda items from June 14, 2022 Special Called Business Meeting

Hyatt/Graham moved to approve Reconfirmation of agenda items from June 14, 2022 Special Called Business Meeting. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: Hyatt, Graham, Seffinger, DuQuenne and Jensen: YES. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution adopting proposed City of Ashland Vision and Value Statement

Jensen pulled this item.

Jensen spoke suggested grammatical changes.

Jensen/Seffinger moved to make 2 small changes in the Vision Statement: Remove “lives within its means” and change community of affordability to read with a focus on housing and child care. Discussion: Hyatt thanked all who has been working on this and spoke in support of the vote. **Roll Call Vote: DuQuenne, Seffinger, Jensen, Hyatt and Graham: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

Hyatt/Graham moved to adopt the Resolution adopting the proposed City of Ashland Vision and Value Statement as amended. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: Jensen, Hyatt, Graham, DuQuenne and Seffinger: YES. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution adopting Wildfire Mitigation Plan for the City of Ashland Electrical Department

DuQuenne pulled this item.

Electric Director Thomas McBartlett gave a Staff report.

Graham/Hyatt moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-20 adopting a wildfire mitigation plan for the City of Ashland’s electric utility and to direct staff to make the appropriate filings of the plan with the Oregon PUC. Discussion: Graham thanked Staff and spoke in support of the motion. Hyatt spoke in appreciation and in support of the motion. Roll Call Vote: Jensen, Hyatt, Graham, DuQuenne and Seffinger: YES. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Miscellaneous Fees & Charges for FY 2023 and Repealing Resolution 2022-06

Lessard gave a brief Staff report.

Community Development Director and Public Works Director Scott Fleury discussed Community Development Fees and Public Works Fees.

Council discussed the Fees and Charges.

Graham/Hyatt moved to approve Resolution 2022-13 with the fee changes in section 4 and section 10 removed from exhibit A. Discussion: Graham spoke in support of the motion and the importance in helping our community members. Hyatt spoke in support of the motion. **Roll Call Vote: Jensen, Hyatt, Graham, and Seffinger: YES. Councilor DuQuenne: NO. Motion passed 4-1.**

2. Approval of Tourism Grants to Non-Profit Entities

Assistant City Manager Sabrina Cotta gave a brief Staff Report.

DuQuenne asked to recuse herself from this item due to being the founder of Southern Oregon Pride.

Hyatt/Graham moved to accept DuQuenne's request to recuse herself from this vote. Discussion: None. **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Jensen/Seffinger moved to adopt the recommend allocations made by the 2021-22 Tourism Subcommittee and approved by the Citizens' Budget Committee with \$80,000 being allocated to tourism, as listed in attachment. Discussion: Seffinger spoke that this was a well done process. Hyatt gave spoke in gratitude to Finance Administrative Assistant Natalie Thompson for all of her work. **Roll Call Vote: Graham, Seffinger, Jensen, Hyatt and DuQuenne: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

XII. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

XIII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS

1. Approval of Pathway Janitorial Service Contract

Public Works Director Scott Fleury presented the Council with a Staff Report.

Council discussed options.

Jensen/Hyatt moved to approve the award of the public contract for janitorial services to Pathway Enterprises, Inc. Discussion: Jensen spoke that this is a worthy organization that has done work for our City for a long time and spoke in support of the motion. Hyatt spoke that if we do not do this work in house that it is our obligation under Oregon State Law to contract with those identified by the State. She spoke in support of the motion. DuQuenne spoke that she cannot support this motion at this time due to budget and not enough information. Graham spoke in support of the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Hyatt, Graham, Seffinger and Jensen: YES. DuQuenne: NO. Motion passed 4-1.

2. First Reading of Ordinance No.3211 Relating To Pedicab Operations and Alcoholic Beverages; Adding New AMC 10.40.050

City Attorney Katrina Brown gave a brief Staff Report.

Graham/DuQuenne moved to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 3211 and advance it to Second Reading for enactment. Discussion: None. **Roll Call Vote: Hyatt, Graham, Seffinger, DuQuenne and Jensen: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution Authorizing a Decrease in the Loan Amount from the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund

Public Works Director gave a Staff Report.

Jensen/Graham moved to approve “A Resolution Authorizing a Decrease in the Loan Amount From the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund by Entering into a Financing Contract with the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority” and further authorize the City Manager to execute the amended contract with the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority. Discussion: Graham thanked Fleury and Staff. Hyatt thanked Staff and spoke to the importance of this Resolution. **Roll Call Vote: Jensen, DuQuenne, Graham, Hyatt and Seffinger: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS

Hyatt spoke regarding the LOC survey.

Seffinger spoke that she attended the Lomakatsi program and spoke to the importance of the program.

XV. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

Graham/Hyatt moved to adjourn the Council Business Meeting. Discussion: None. Voice Vote.: All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

City Recorder Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

Mayor Akins

*Items on the Agenda not considered due to time constraints are automatically continued to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting [AMC 2.04.030.(D)(3)]

****LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work—the Ikirakutsum Band of the Shasta Nation, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We honor the first stewards in the Rogue Valley and the lands we love and depend on: Tribes with ancestral lands in and surrounding the geography of the Ashland Watershed include the original past, present and future indigenous inhabitants of the Shasta, Takelma, and Athabaskan people. We also recognize and acknowledge the Shasta village of K'wakhakha - "Where the Crow Lights" - that is now the Ashland City Plaza.

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