

I wish I could take full credit for what I am saying here, but in fact most of these words come from a friend who asked me to talk to you.

Many folks who would love to live in Ashland, and spend money in Ashland....Can Not. Everyone here knows why that is. Ashland does not have affordable housing, so people are living in tents like refugees. Which they are, in our town. The Governor of Oregon has declared her first priority is affordable housing. The people living in tents all around town, sometimes here in front of where we are now....
...These are the people who are protesting to try to bring this to our attention.

Affordable housing is what we actually need. That is what this Council and Administration should be putting in front of the voters and asking us to support. The 73% of the Food & Beverage tax that PARKS is in a hurry to get and dreams of spending on land acquisition and on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) , should go toward something we actually need.

Voters should not be asked to vote for money for things the economically advantage want--- such as mountain bike trails, a pump track and the oversized pool Parks yearns to build. I have attached a copy of Director Black's CIP Project list 23/25 that he presented at the APRC Special meeting of 2/21/23. It has a stunning total of just under \$17 Million dollars. And this doesn't include land buying totals.

My family and many in Ashland would love a brand new shiny pool but the point is..we need housing FIRST..... Then if there is money left or we can get a grant we can improve and rehab the pool we have. We should be voting on essentials needs for the under resourced, underserved and economically disadvantaged just surviving day by day.

Please let's work together to get our priorities straight.

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Description	2023/25 Budget Proposal		FY 2023/24			2022/23 Totals	
	F&B	SDC	Other (grant/loan)	2019-20 Totals	F&B	SDC	2022-23 Totals
Dept Payments (Calle, Briscoe, Garfield)	374,734	187,687		187,687	187,047		187,047
Real Estate Acquisition	384,878		234,878	234,878	150,000		150,000
Repair Perozzi Fountain @ Lithia Park	650,000		650,000	650,000	50,000		50,000
Japanese Garden	100,000		50,000	50,000			
Daniel Meyer Pool Retubid	10,200,000	2,200,000		2,200,000			
East Main Park Development	1,341,100	400,000	941,100	1,341,100			
Kestral Park Bridge	700,000	150,000	550,000	700,000			
Lithia Park Improvements	300,000	75,000	75,000	150,000			
All Parks Master Plan	150,000	150,000		150,000			
Mace Property Trail							
Building Maintenance (sinking/depreciation facilities fund)	300,000	150,000		150,000			
Oak Knoll Golf Course Improvements	550,000	550,000		550,000			
TID Improvements	100,000	50,000		50,000			
Ashland Creek Park Basketball Court	100,000						
Parking Lot/Road/Sidewalk Repairs in Parks	300,000	150,000		150,000			
Capital Outlay	350,000	175,000		175,000			
General Maintenance Trx to GF (sinking/depreciation equipment fund)	845,090	422,545		422,545			
ICC Ingation Control	200,000	100,000		100,000			
Total	16,945,802	4,760,232	2,266,100	7,261,210	1,409,592	150,000	9,684,592

CIP PROJECT LIST 23/25

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