

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES
August 15, 2023**

Executive Session

Mayor Graham, Councilor Hyatt, Bloom, Dahle, Kaplan Hansen and DuQuenne were present. Staff Present: City Manager Joe Lessard, Acting City Attorney Doug McGeary, Public Works Director Scott Fleury. Morgan Rothborne was present. Eric Herron was present for the first item. They discussed the following:

1. To conduct deliberations with persons the City of Ashland has designated to negotiate real property transactions pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e).
2. Consultation with the City Attorney on current or likely litigation pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h).

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Councilor Kaplan read the land acknowledgement.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Hyatt led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Mayor Graham, Councilor Hyatt, Bloom, Dahle, Kaplan, DuQuenne and Hansen were present.

IV. MAYOR'S/CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Graham announced there would be a benefit concert for Ukraine 2:00 p.m. on August 19, 2023, at the Ashland Highschool theater.

V. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

1. **Minutes of the July 31, 2023, Study Session**
2. **Minutes of the August 1, 2023, Business Meeting**

Councilor Bloom/Hanson m/s to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2023, Study Session and the August 1, 2023, Business Meeting. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Bloom, Kaplan, Dahle, Hyatt, DuQuenne and Hansen, YES. Motion passed.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

1. Butler Perozzi Foundation Fundraising Status

Mike Gardiner and Susan Saladof provided an update on restoring the Butler Perozzi fountain and the fund-raising campaign currently underway.

2. City Council and Other Public Meeting Labor Acknowledgement

Emily Simon, the co-chair of the Social Equity and Racial Justice Committee explained the labor acknowledgement would be read prior to every council meeting. She read the acknowledgement. Ashland would be the first municipality to read the acknowledgement. She recommended the labor acknowledgement should be read separately from the land acknowledgement.

3. Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee (SERJAC) Report

Social Equity and Racial Justice Committee Co-Chairs Emily Simon and Precious Yamaguchi provided the annual report. Simon asked the mayor to add an agenda item to the meeting appointing Taea Houston to the committee. Yamaguchi suggested creating a visitor list of businesses run by marginalized peoples as well as having a historical archive of the people who built and contributed to Ashland on media that can help direct residents and visitors.

Councilor DuQuenne expressed her appreciation for the committee and their growth. Co-chair Yamaguchi acknowledged Councilor DuQuenne and Ann Seltzer, the staff liaison, for their support and thanked the police department and the Ashland school district.

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Joe Lessard reviewed the city manager report and Look Ahead. Fire Chief Ralph Sartain spoke to the wildfire division and commented on the wildfire in Lahaina, Hawaii. He explained the difference between a fleeing event and evacuation and encouraged everyone to join Everbridge by texting 97520 to 888777. He stressed the need for the public to take personal responsibility as well. Evacuation notification would be a door to door effort involving CERT and police and radio at 1700 AM. CERT members would get flagger training to help direct traffic. Emergency and communications staff were working on getting information out to the public and the Chamber of Commerce was preparing something similar for visitors. An additional onramp to I-5 would be installed in six months.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Public Art Grant Application for the Neighborhood Public Arts: ODT Traffic Signal Box Beautification Project, Phase 2
2. Transportation Advisory Committee Appointment Removal

Councilor DuQuenne/Hyatt m/s to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Hyatt, Dahle, Bloom, Kaplan, Hansen and DuQuenne, YES. Motion Passed.

I. PUBLIC FORUM

Miriam Reed/Ashland/Wanted an expert in federal law and telecommunications to write the telecommunications ordinance.

Linda Adams/Ashland/Spoke to the Green Bag Project and the Ashland Food Bank.

Paul Mozina/Ashland/Read a document submitted into the record (see attached).

JD Barons/Ashland/Spoke to Lacy Maverick McCoy and her children and an altercation McCoy was involved in at the sunset sunrise campsite.

Kelly Marcotulli/Ashland/Wanted the city to hire Mr. Campanelli for an overhaul of the telecommunications ordinance.

Bruno Marcotulli/Ashland/Spoke to the Lahaina Maui fire and how telecommunications did not help that situation then compared it to his land line that kept them informed.

Debbie Neisewander/Ashland/Wanted a self-governing campsite included on the vacant land portion of the new emergency shelter.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

I. Acquisition of the Liberty Street Property (Taxlot 391E16AC -TL300) for the Open Space Park Program

Parks Deputy Director Rachel Dials described the land acquisition and provided background on the purchase. She noted the real estate agency had made a mistake in the contract regarding the account number, but it was corrected.

Councilor Hansen/Hyatt m/s to approve the acquisition of the 17.79-acre (approx.) portion of the Liberty Street Property known as (Taxlot 391E16AC -TL300) for the price of for \$486,525.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hansen thanked the parks commission. Councilor Hyatt explained the purchase spoke to Ashland values and priorities regarding personal wellness and wildfire safeness. Councilor DuQuenne noted prior Parks' purchases and the feedback she received from constituents to take care of what they already had. She would not support the motion. There were many management opportunities the Parks Department had missed. Mayor Graham asked for specifics in terms of the areas Councilor DuQuenne was referring to. Councilor DuQuenne cited the Ashland Street medians as an example. Councilor Hyatt clarified the medians were city responsibilities contracted with the Parks Department. Councilor DuQuenne responded that if the Parks Department was contracted to perform maintenance, they needed to do it. Mayor Graham observed that land purchase opportunities can be unplanned and circumstances where the city needed to take advantage of those opportunities. She was excited by the potential purchase. **Roll Call Vote: Councilor Kaplan, Hyatt, Hansen, Dahle, and Bloom, YES; Councilor DuQuenne, NO. Motion passed 5-1.**

2. Acquisition of the Coming Attractions property at 2200 Ashland Street for an emergency houseless shelter

City Manager Joe Lessard described the property and the acquisition. Mayor Graham explained why the item was on the agenda on short notice. Staff were working with OHRA to determine security and potential overflow so it would not impact the neighborhood. Lessard noted at this time, the partnership with OHRA was not finalized.

Public Comment

Sabena Vaughan/Ashland/Had submitted an email to council earlier that day (see attached). She had lived on Clay Street for almost twenty years. Her children attended the Siskiyou School. She requested a delay to acquire the property and wanted council to organize a town hall before there was a vote. She had just heard of the purchase. She supported a shelter but wanted the opportunity to ask questions. The city needed to discuss issues and possible solutions. She wanted to ensure safety for all and adequate support for humans as they rebuild their lives. The problem was the lack of planning and support. She described the present situation in the area and her mounting concerns. She urged council to speak with the neighborhood.

Haywood Norton/Ashland/Explained the property would require a conditional use permit. He was not against the shelter but noted issues in the area since OHRA set up their agency and a developing sense of "not everything in my backyard" seemed to be happening.

Eric Dukes/Ashland/Was a business owner for 27 years in south Ashland near OHRA. He spoke to the impact over the last two to three years. His building had been set on fire twice, transients defecated and left trash and needles on his property. There had been three overdoses since OHRA established their agency there. People needed help but council was not holding up their end of the responsibility. Siskiyou School would be just over 200 feet away from the new shelter. How would the city monitor drug use, and the overflow. He did not support the new shelter and did not feel supported. He did support helping the unhoused but wanted the city to protect businesses and livelihoods as well.

Aurilia McNamara/Ashland/Works at the Siskiyou School. She described how the school engaged with other local organizations and programs they provided. They sympathized and acknowledged the unhoused and understood options for the city were limited. She shared their regular experience of sweeping the campus prior to children arriving to remove drug paraphernalia. Students had witnessed an altercation between the unhoused and police, and once a transient verbally accosted staff in the presence of a child.

James Fox Bride/Ashland/Explained how they became interested in houselessness through volunteering at the winter shelter, had slept there overnight and felt safe. Everyone in Ashland had the capacity to solve these problems and find ways that unhoused people could be part of the solution. The unhoused could do fuels reduction work, light landscaping, day care, and parks cleanup. They encouraged a self-governing campsite.

Brigid Herron/Ashland/Encouraged council to move forward with the purchase of the property, if they did not do it now, they would lose the funding. There were issues for the neighborhood that could be solved by providing more services. She worked at the library and knew many unhoused people. They were our neighbors and we as a community needed to do more for them. She wanted input from the unhoused included in the process and recommended providing lockers and showers.

Elizabeth Adkisson/Ashland/Started The Sustainability Collective that held weekly potlucks at the Plaza for the housed and unhoused. She read from a petition they were putting together for a community resilience fund, mutual aide, and collectively building a community kitchen, with public lockers and showers, an open source collaborative art studio and more. She understood the concern expressed and wanted a space that was open to everyone so the housed and unhoused would have a connection. She supported a food forest. There was funding available through HB 2990. She encouraged people to sign the petition, 70 people had already signed it during the meeting.

Community Development Director Brandon Goldman clarified Mr. Norton's testimony and how recent passing of HB 3395 superseded the conditional use permit requirements.

Mayor Graham clarified the emergency shelter was not self-governing. Lessard added that right now before council was a shelter proposal with structure and a partner although there was not a formal agreement yet. Council would determine whether this became a self-governing site and would decide what to do with the additional property. He confirmed that pallet houses may be used there.

OHRA's Executive Director, Cass Sinclair explained OHRA's role, that they would operate the low-barrier shelter and had managed the winter shelter the year before. This shelter would be operated the same with staff present around the clock.

Housing Program Manager Linda Reid spoke to state grant requirements and provided background on the emergency order on homelessness. The state had given Jackson County money to address certain targets. Both she and Sinclair were on the group responding to the statewide mandate. The emergency order was for rapid rehousing and OHRA was also a recipient of those funds. This shelter will accept people with low-barrier, not require sobriety, allow pets, with the same rules that all shelters have. A lot had gone into this, and they had a solid plan of what a shelter would look like and how it would be run.

Councilor Bloom/Kaplan m/s I move to approve the acquisition of 2200 Ashland Street, property 391E14BB – Tax Lot 300 for a cash price of \$1,400,000 and owner carried finance of \$600,000 for twenty (20) years at 3.75% with no prepayment penalties and approve the City Manager to sign all appropriate property closing documentation.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bloom appreciated all sides of the testimony. It was a difficult situation and doing nothing was not an option. This is about the here and now, long-term would be addressed later. Councilor Kaplan thanked everyone who talked and wanted

Vaughan's email included in the record. Homelessness was increasing throughout the valley. They were fortunate in this community to have caring people volunteering. OHRA had really stepped up. This option would be better than a shelter set up with two days' notice and would make everyone's job easier. He thought it was important to have a town hall meeting. Purchasing the building was a time sensitive thing. Councilor DuQuenne appreciated all the comments. She lived on the southeast side of Ashland and thought they should investigate integrated housing throughout Ashland. She would support the motion.

Councilor Hyatt/Bloom m/s to amend the motion by directing staff to work with Siskiyou School to get the easement in support of continued education program and Siskiyou School. DISCUSSION: Councilor Hyatt thought all sides made good points. Council decisions had impacts and this body knew that. The question was how to solve a managed versus unmanaged housing issues. She thought they could make this decision in a way that took a tangible first step towards balance. Councilor Bloom agreed. Councilor Hansen added council labored over this decision and he believed this was the best option. This body wanted to take care of all its residents. He pledged to work his hardest to represent all and shine a light on south Ashland to make this an opportunity. **Roll Call Vote on amended motion: Councilor Hansen, Dahle, DuQuenne, Kaplan, Bloom, and Hyatt, YES. Motion passed.**

Continued DISCUSSION on Main Motion: Councilor Dahle thanked Vaughan for her comments. The timing was not in their control. He was concerned about proceeding without a plan. It will be a delicate balance with herculean effort on community. Mayor Graham explained it was unacceptable for business owners to find feces and syringes at their business, the school having people sleeping in the playground and it was unacceptable for people to be unhoused. This was a pilot program. Nothing was locked in for the long term and they would seek feedback. **Roll call vote on main motion: Councilor Dahle, Hyatt, Hansen, Bloom, DuQuenne and Kaplan, YES. Motion passed.**

V. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS

1. Talent-Ashland-Phoenix (TAP) Intertie New Operating Intergovernmental Agreement

Public Works Director Scott Fleury explained this was a request to approve the new intergovernmental agreement between Talent, Ashland, and Phoenix. It would cover maintenance responsibilities for how the three cities would work together to manage the TAP system. He went on to explain the process and RVCOG's role as financial administrator. The Cities of Talent and Phoenix had already approved the IGA.

Councilor Hyatt/Dahle m/s approval of the new Intergovernmental Agreement between the cities of Talent, Ashland, and Phoenix for TAP water distribution system facilities, operations and maintenance management and cost-sharing, and authorize the City Manager to execute said IGA. DISCUSSION: None. **Roll Call Vote: Councilor Bloom, Kaplan, Hansen, Dahle, Hyatt, and DuQuenne, YES. Motion passed.**

2. Contract for City Website Development with CivicPlus, LLC

Councilor Kaplan/Dahle m/s move to award a website development and support contract with Civic Plus, LLC., in the amount of \$171,977.18.

Councilor Hyatt/Hansen m/s to extend the meeting to 9:40 or the conclusion of the vote. Roll call vote: Councilor Hyatt, Dahle, Kaplan, DuQuenne, and Hansen, YES; Councilor Bloom, NO. Motion passed 5-1.

DISCUSSION: Councilor DuQuenne asked what inclusive of all users including those with disabilities would look like. IT Director Jason Wegner explained this would include people who were sight or hearing impaired. Councilor Dahle thanked Wegner. Mayor Graham was excited things were moving forward. **Roll Call Vote: Councilor Hansen, Kaplan, DuQuenne, Bloom, Dahle, and Hyatt, YES. Motion Passed.**

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

1. City Council Standing Advisory Committees Workplans Review

Item postponed to future meeting to be determined.

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

Councilor Bloom/DuQuenne m/s to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Voice Vote: ALL AYES.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Attest:


Clerk of the Council Pro Tem Dana Smith


Mayor Tonya Graham



July 18, 2023

Ethan Stuckmayer, Housing Program Division Manager,
Department of Land Conservation and Development
635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150
Salem, Oregon 97301-2540

Re: DLCD Housing Planning Assistance Grant Application

Dear Mr. Stuckmayer

I would like to take this opportunity to express the Ashland City Council's support for the City of Ashland's 2023-2025 Housing Planning Assistance grant application to the Department of Land Conservation and Development. The application aims to implement one of the strategies outlined in the recently adopted Housing Production Strategy document. Specifically, it supports a change in the City's zoning code to address the preservation of manufactured housing parks as an affordable housing type within our City.

The appropriation of funding by the Oregon Legislature to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) for the purpose of providing technical assistance to local governments aligns with our shared goals of increasing the provision and retention of needed housing. The Oregon Housing and Community Services Department has determined that approximately 32 percent of renter households in Ashland experience severe rent burden, making the City eligible for priority funding assistance from DLCD.

Ashland has been fortunate to receive planning assistance grants from DLCD in both 2019-21 and 2022-2023. These grants allowed us to collaborate with the DLCD-selected consultant, EcoNorthwest, in updating Ashland's Housing Capacity Analysis and developing the Housing Production Strategy. With the recent adoption of the Housing Production Strategy document, our community is now well-positioned to continue the momentum and implement the actions outlined in the strategy.

The grant funds will be used to enlist consultant assistance in developing a public hearing-ready draft of an ordinance. This ordinance aims to establish a Manufactured Home Park zone with restrictions on other uses, safeguarding the needed housing type as identified in the Ashland Housing Production Strategy. The City of Ashland and the State of Oregon can work together to advance our shared objectives of promoting affordable and workforce housing through the award for a Housing Planning Assistance Grant.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mayor Tonya Graham, City of Ashland

Date

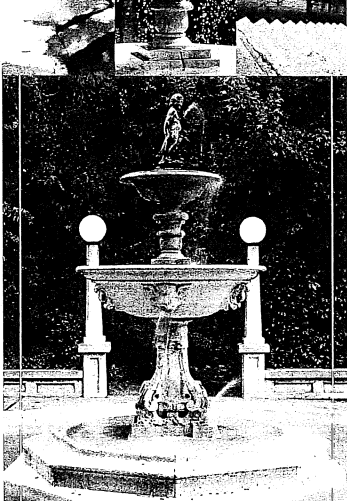
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For over 100 years, the Butler-Perozzi fountain has been the centerpiece of Lithia Park in Ashland, Oregon.

Families have visited the beautiful site to photograph special events, weddings, and graduations. Thousands of memories have been made here.

Today, the fountain and surrounding area have been worn down by weather and time. The Ashland Parks Foundation is leading a fundraising campaign to restore the fountain, repair the terrace and stairs, and replace the plumbing, lighting and electrical systems. Improved accessibility will also be added.

The campaign includes a generous maintenance fund to preserve this magnificent piece of Ashland's history long into the future.

To contribute to the Butler-Perozzi Restoration Campaign or learn more, visit AshlandParksFoundation.org



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Please pass an ordinance that establishes a moratorium on applications for small cell wireless communication facilities. The FCC was ordered by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit to respond to the evidence brought forward by the Environmental Health Trust and the Children's Health Defense that showed harmful effects of Radio Frequency Radiation on living creatures and the environment at levels thousands of times below the limits allowed by the 1996 Telecommunications Act. This August 13, 2021, decision by the DC Court has been ignored for two years by the FCC, Congress, and League of Oregon Cities.

The notion that it is a legitimate exercise of the Constitutional powers delegated to the government by the people to grant franchises and licenses to Telecom Companies that allow them to indiscriminately cause harm is ludicrous. Do I have the right to indiscriminately cause harm? Does anyone have this right? This is NOT a right therefore that can be legitimately delegated to the government by the people.

Yet that is exactly what the Telecomm companies are claiming they have a right to do. They have captured the FCC and Congress and succeeded in codifying laws and regulations that allow them to deploy their technologies as they see fit regardless of the indiscriminate harms they cause.

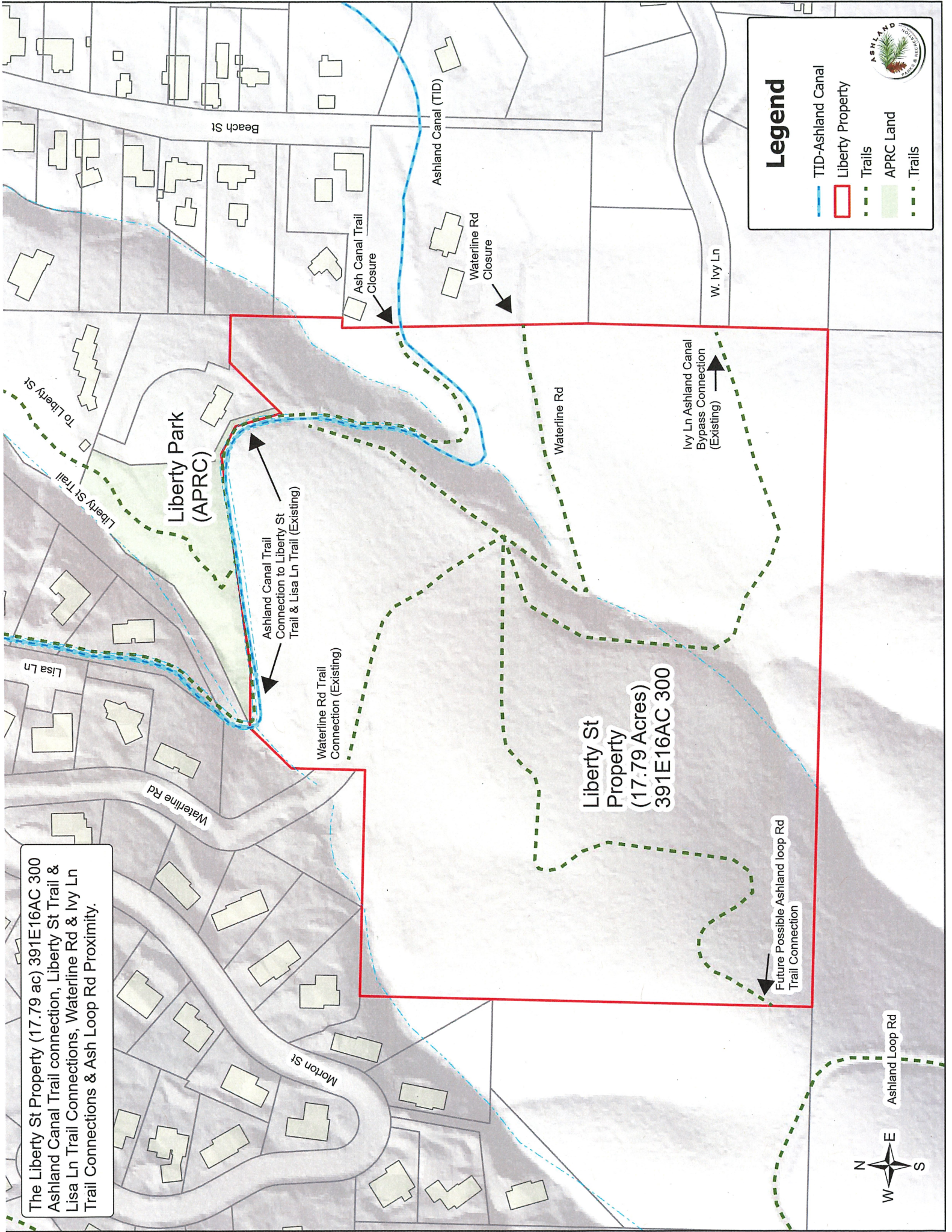
Who owns Verizon, AT&T, US Cellular and T-Mobile? Blackrock, Vanguard, and State Street, which are also the major owners of health care providers and pharmaceutical companies. They don't care if deploying 5G small wireless communication facilities causes harm because they will profit at every step of the way, from providing the 5G backbone for the Internet of Things, to providing care for the people who are injured by their deployment.

The people are not clamoring for the capacity to stream real time video to their gaming devices as they stroll down Siskiyou Boulevard. It is the government seeking to control every aspect of our lives under the guise of the fraudulent claim that human activity is causing global climate change that is driving this. With a 5G small cell network in place, the Internet of Things is possible and with that any device that consumes energy can be monitored and controlled.

The Creator of the Universe did not give any of us the right to cause indiscriminate harm to living creatures and it is a lie to pretend that the people have legitimately delegated this right to the government. Are you willing to make yourselves personally liable for the harms caused by the deployment of small cell, 5G wireless communication facilities in Ashland? Are you confident that the people harmed by your decision will not come after you and hold you personally liable?

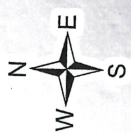
Stop the deployment of small cell wireless communication facilities in Ashland by passing a moratorium on all related applications until we all have reasonable assurance that the Radio Frequency Radiation emitted by these small cell networks will not cause harm. To do anything less is immoral and a violation of our basic human rights.

The Liberty St Property (17.79 ac) 391E16AC 300
 Ashland Canal Trail connection, Liberty St Trail &
 Lisa Ln Trail Connections, Waterline Rd & Ivy Ln
 Trail Connections & Ash Loop Rd Proximity.



Legend

- TID-Ashland Canal
- Liberty Property
- - - Trails
- APRC Land
- - - Trails



Liberty Park
(APRC)

Liberty St
Property
(17.79 Acres)
391E16AC 300

Beach St

Ashland Canal (TID)

W. Ivy Ln

Ash Canal Trail
Closure

Waterline Rd
Closure

To Liberty St

Liberty St Trail

Lisa Ln

Waterline Rd

Ashland Canal Trail
Connection to Liberty St
Trail & Lisa Ln Trail (Existing)

Waterline Rd Trail
Connection (Existing)

Waterline Rd

Ivy Ln Ashland Canal
Bypass Connection
(Existing)

Future Possible Ashland loop Rd
Trail Connection

Ashland Loop Rd

Morton St

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Property Acquisition of 2200 Ashland Street
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 3:03:18 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello, my name is Sabena Vaughan, I am a resident of Ashland, OR and my address is [REDACTED].

I am writing to you today to request that there be a delay in the vote to acquire the property at 2200 Ashland Street tonight, and I am requesting that Council organizes a town-hall style forum, seeking input from our community, before there is a vote.

I was asked by a friend yesterday if I knew about this proposed land acquisition, and I had not heard about it. The shelter, which I am in favor of, being so close to where I live and my children attend school, will have a direct and daily impact on myself and my family. So I was confused, and not feeling great about not even being given the information sooner.

I expressed to Councilor Bloom that I didn't like that residents were not informed, and asked if there could be a delayed vote and that a town hall could be arranged so more people could give input. I don't think this is possible, but I asked because it's important to me that our City Council does some due diligence with our community and do some sort of a town hall to communicate, discuss issues, proposals, and possible solutions to any issues that will be a part of implementing such a shelter into an established community space with two schools within walking distance to the shelter. And, let me be very clear about this right now, I am not against a shelter. What I want to ensure for all residents of this town — housed and unhoused — is safety for all, AND adequate supports around a group of humans who need it most as they rebuild their lives.

The problem is, there isn't a plan already in place for appropriate supports for the shelter. It is only roughly outlined in, "Next Steps". The problem is not the shelter, it's the lack of planning surrounding supports. When I asked about who would be running the shelter and who would be providing support personnel, councilor Bloom told me that right now there are plans for the new residents of this community shelter to be self-governing, with perhaps (OHRA) to be monitoring the new shelter and property, but that the City doesn't have an agency contracted yet, and no agencies have stepped forward. I understand the urgency surrounding this, but it's irresponsible for the City to do all of this in the reverse, and especially without including surrounding community, businesses, and liaisons from at least both schools who will have students walking and riding regularly in the immediate area.

Also, the self-governance model for the shelter doesn't seem like such a wise idea. There needs to be a two-tiered approach here in that, not only are there shelter/beds provided, there should *also* most definitely be accessible support people, mentoring, financial supports, mental health supports... so, so many supports... happening right there at that particular space (and not just down the street at OHRA), and especially if there is to be camping on property there. I want people to not just be housed, but be very much supported in escaping the bonds of poverty, mental health issues, and addiction, if they are even afflicted with this. Not all unhoused people are addicts, as you well know. There should be skill building, and wrap around care ensured for this type of facility to work properly. There should also be very good communication with the neighborhoods surrounding, because that is just good practice, heads off conflict, and provides open pathways of communications and possibilities for collaboration, for all. So, yes, I'm disheartened to hear that none of that is happening, or even being planned for.

Anyway, I just want to state again, as I go further into this, I am not against a shelter. This isn't a NIMBY issue, or even a complaint on my behalf. I am simply stating my concerns as a resident on this street, in this area, and town. I went on to outline these issues with Councilor Bloom yesterday, when I met with him in person:

- There is inadequate street lighting on middle Clay Street, and especially under the bridge, and along the bike path.
- There has been an increase of crime, bike theft, open drug dealing and doing (which we witness ALL the time in the parking lot of Clay Street Park), vandalism, mail theft, and tagging with spray paint under the bridge and on the bike path, and onto cars, mailboxes, and signage on this portion of our street.

•There are consistently humans sleeping in the Clay Street park and in particular in the ditch. There are no public bathrooms there, so there have been toileting activities in the park, and on our street. This isn't safe for anyone, including the children in the area, because The Siskiyou School sits right up against the park, and this section of Clay street serves as a major pathway for children to ride or walk to Bellview Elementary, and in the opposite direction to both AMS and AHS . To be clear, more policing isn't the solution.

•I have been saying this next piece for a loooong time, and with or without a shelter this issue is extremely problematic. Bi-Mart's accessibility of weapons and ammunition within walking distance of two schools is not only problematic, it's irresponsible to not have some sort of safety measures in place for this one issue alone. I understand that the City cannot compel a business to regulate what they sell, but perhaps city officials and community members could connect with Bi-Mart about this, and create policies that work in the name of safety for all people? I don't know... but it's still a concern, and one of the issues I discussed with Councilor Bloom.

•Fires. I am concerned about any fires being used at the shelter site. My street has an over abundance of blackberry bushes. This is partially on Union Pacific railroad property, but also along the bike path, and continuing up the TID drainage that runs down our street, and also on the edge of our street. We do not have any sidewalks on our street, so the bushes are right up to, and sometimes on to, individual properties and the street itself. Another quirky issue on our street is that we have flag lots. There are multiple houses on mostly each driveway up the street. On my driveway we have three homes on our drive way, but only one faces the street. There is only one way of egress for my family, and it is down the long driveway, past two other homes, and out onto middle Clay Street. If there were a fast moving, blackberry bush fire such as the Alameda Fire, my family and I would certainly perish. I requested from Councilor Bloom that some sort of connection be made with Union Pacific, and the county to ensure our safety, and/or get a plan for blackberry and dead tree removal. But also, what assurances and safety measures will be put in place with the camping shelter residents? Doesn't my family deserve to know? Where is the communication?

•What about the people who don't have a bed space at the shelter? Where will they go, or want to congregate? What about the people who can't qualify to be at the shelter because of mental illness, and/or not wanting to be living there? They may want to stay near by, but that isn't safe for them or for us. What is the plan for that? How are shelter residents screened for registered sex offenses, being so close to schools, and small communities in the area?

I told Councilor Bloom, if the City of Ashland doesn't consider all the "what-if's" before hand, they are going to end up with someone being hurt or worse. This goes both ways, housed and unhoused.

If we are going to provide shelter and housing for our unhoused residents, we MUST have open lines of communications, and proper supports for those folks who need it the most. Property acquisitions, and plans for shelters without adequate support systems for its intended residents isn't good, in my opinion. Neither is being out of communications about this with our whole community.

To conclude here, I'm grateful for the time I spent with Councilor Bloom, and his willingness to discuss issues, hear concerns, and I do believe that he has a good heart, and cares about doing the best for the people here in Ashland. I am hopeful that our Mayor and City Councilors will continue to improve on the communication with us all, and to build trust, as it is so badly needed all the way around.

I am interested in holding the City accountable for the safety and well-being for all of our residents, housed and unhoused. This needs to be a well-rounded and resourced plan. I hope we can get there. Will you please consider out of good faith postponing your vote to acquire, and to also do the due diligence of opening up a town-hall for our community to be able to have a venue to be heard.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this 11th Hour request.

Warmly,

Sabena Vaughan



Speaker Request Form
THIS FORM IS A PUBLIC RECORD
ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

- 1) Complete this form and return it to the City Recorder prior to the discussion of the item you wish to speak about.
- 2) Speak to the City Council from the table podium microphone.
- 3) State your name and address for the record.
- 4) Limit your comments to the amount of time given to you by the Mayor, usually 3 or 5 minutes.
- 5) If you present written materials, please give a copy to the City Recorder for the record.
- 6) You may give written comments to the City Recorder for the record if you do not wish to speak. (Comments can be added to the back of this sheet if necessary)
- 7) Speakers are solely responsible for the content of their public statement.

Tonight's Meeting Date 8/15/23
Name Kelby Marcatulli

Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number _____ OR _____
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) X 56 ordinance

Land Use Public Hearing

Please indicate the following:
For: _____ Against: _____

Challenge for Conflict of Interest or Bias

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Tonight's Meeting Date 8/15/23
Name Bruna Marcatulli

Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number _____ OR _____
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) Emergency Response

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date 8-15-23
Name Debbie Neuse-Wander

Agenda topic/item number _____ OR _____
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) Emergency Homeless Shelters

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date 8-15-23
Name Sibona Vaughan

Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number XII #2 OR _____
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) Acquisition of the Carving Attractions Property @ 2200 Ashland Street

Land Use Public Hearing

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For: X - AND - Against: X

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Written Comments/Challenge: Requesting delay in vote and a town hall created. Also requesting better communication with the public.

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Tonight's Meeting Date 15 AUGUST 2023
Name MIRIAM REED

Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number _____ OR _____
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) _____

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date 8/15/23
Name Paul Mozina

Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number _____ OR _____
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) SMALL CELL ROW AND WARE

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date 8/15/23
Name Linda Adams

Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number _____ OR _____
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) ASHLAND FOOD PROJECT + VOLUNTEERISM

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date 08/15/2023
Name JV Barons
Address (no P.O. Box) Ashland, OR (please print)
Phone _____

Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number _____ OR _____
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) Warehouse in Ashland Oregon

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date 8/14/23
Name HAYWOOD NORTON

Agenda topic/item number 12 (2) Regular Meeting 2200 ASHLAND STREET
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) _____

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date 8/15/23
Name ERIC SVAS

Agenda topic/item number _____ OR _____
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) Coming Attractions

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date 8-15-2023
Name Amelia Mikhmara The Sekiyou School

Agenda topic/item number Regular Meeting Purchase of Coming Attractions Property
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) _____

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date August 15 2023
Name Amelia Mikhmara

Agenda topic/item number XII-2 Acquisition of Coming Attractions Property
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) _____

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date 8/15/2023
Name BRIGID HERRON

Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number XII, 2 OR
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) _____

Land Use Public Hearing

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Tonight's Meeting Date 8-15-23
Name Elizabeth Adkisson

Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number Community Resilience Hub OR
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) _____

Land Use Public Hearing

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