

# Council Business Meeting

February 5, 2019

<b>Agenda Item</b>	Annual Appointment to the Citizens' Budget Committee	
<b>From</b>	Melissa Huhtala	City Recorder
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## **SUMMARY**

Annual appointment of two positions on the citizens' Budget Committee with 4-year terms ending June 30, 2023.

## **POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED**

N/A

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

N/A

## **BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Notice of these vacancies were published in the local newspaper and placed on the City website.

Budget Committee Member Garrett Furuichi resigned on October 16, 2018 and Budget Committee Member Jim Nagel's term expired December 31, 2018.

New applications were received from Jim Bachman, Harry David, David Downey, Paul Fisher, Mike Morris and John Olson.

## **FISCAL IMPACTS**

N/A

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

None.

## **ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

I move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Citizens' Budget Committee with term ending June 30, 2023.

## **REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Application of Jim Bachman  
Attachment 2: Application of Harry David  
Attachment 3: Application of David Downey  
Attachment 4: Application of Paul Fisher  
Attachment 5: Application of Mike Morris  
Attachment 6: Application of John Olson  
Attachment 7: Selection Process (Voting)

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**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO  
CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE**

Please type or print answers to the following questions and submit to the City Recorder at City Hall, 20 E Main Street, or email [melissa.huhtala@ashland.or.us](mailto:melissa.huhtala@ashland.or.us). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Recorder at (541) 488-5307. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name: Jim Bachman  
Requesting to serve on: Citizens' Budget Committee (Commission/Committee)  
Address: 943 B St, Ashland, OR  
Occupation: Retired Personal Phone: 619-301-1130  
Work Phone: N/A  
Email: jbachman1267@gmail.com

**1. Education Background**

What schools have you attended? UCLA, SDSU  
What degrees do you hold? BA Psychology

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?

MBA coursework in accounting and finance

Attended Assoc of CA School Admin Business Academy

**2. Related Experience**

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

A) Fifteen years of corporate accounting/finance experience, including controller and treasurer positions.

B) Four years of public ed site and district admin experience; site and district budgets & audit support.

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why?

Yes, training specific to government accounting/applicable law applied to Oregon cities would be very useful.

Early training about parliamentary procedures and Ashland city committee rules would also be appreciated.

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**3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position?

I have a broad accounting and finance background that has prepared me to support Ashland's budget building and adoption process. I want to help.

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? *Find out if the meeting times for each commission fits your schedule by either going to our City calendar or Commission/Committee pages at [ashland.or.us](http://ashland.or.us).*

I'm retired and can be available for most day and evening meetings.

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community? **Four years**

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position.

Since moving to Ashland, I have been looking for ways to become

involved with civic matters. During the last two years I've made a practice of

attending as many city council and APRC meetings as possible

to learn about how government works in this town, a practice that

I believe has prepared me to work on city commissions and committees.

My approach to working with others is "constructive engagement" on issues without making disagreements personal. I see so-called problems as opportunities to help make things work better. For a fourteen member committee to function well, sincere mutual respect that leads to working through issues with an open mind is essential. I call that constructive engagement. Thank you for considering my application.

  
Signature

**December 14, 2018**

Date

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting to serve on: \_\_\_\_\_ (Commission/Committee)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Education Background**

What schools have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

What degrees do you hold? \_\_\_\_\_

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?

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**2. Related Experience**

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

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Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why?

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### 3. Interests

Why are you applying for this position?

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#### 4. Availability

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## **5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community? \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position.

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**Signature**

Date

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Name David Downey, Jr.

Requesting to serve on: Budget Committee (Commission/Committee)

Address 199 Terrace St Ashland, OR 97520

Occupation Stay-at-home Dad Phone: Home-cell 707-486-7191  
Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Education Background**

What schools have you attended? Santa Rosa Junior College, SOU

What degrees do you hold? A.A and B.S (completion Dec 2018)

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What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?  
As a former branch manager for Wells Fargo Bank, I attended a number of training

seminars in various financial areas.

**2. Related Experience**

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

I have over 10 years experience in retail banking, with much of that time spent in a supervisory capacity.

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Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? It would be advantageous to have

more training because that would make me better equipped to do an outstanding job.



**3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position? I am interested in local government and the overall well-being of Ashland. With two young children in this school system I care greatly about the state of our beautiful city.

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? Yes. I prefer evenings.

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community? 4 yrs in The Rogue Valley, 2 in Ashland.

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

I am active in the Ashland community as a volunteer youth sports coach at the YMCA, as well as being a local DJ for KSKQ Community Radio. These two volunteer positions provide me with the opportunity to communicate with individuals and families within our community. I also attend many of the functions at Helman Elementary School which gives me the opportunity to discuss local happenings with other interested parents.

I recently completed the Innovation and Leadership program at SOU, which focuses on progressive management practices and organizational leadership.

11/19/2018

Date

David Downey, Jr.

Signature



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Name Paul Fischer

Requesting to serve on: BUDGET (Commission/Committee)

Address 505 Ashland St.

Occupation INSTRUCTOR Phone: Home 541-261-7315  
Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Education Background**

What schools have you attended?

OREGON STATE (P&D)  
Cal. STATE STANISLAUS (MBA)

What degrees do you hold?

P+D - EDUCATION MBA LABOR RELATIONS

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?

40 YEARS INSTRUCTING BUSINESS COURSES

**2. Related Experience**

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

NEGOTIATING CONTRACT (LABOR & MANAGEMENT)

MEMBER OF BALDILE EXCELLENCE CRITERIA

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why?

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TRAINING IN  
CIVIL BUDGETING



**3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position?

I would like to

be more lively engaged

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? Day

Yes; with fore notice.

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community?

Since 1988

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED  
IN SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES, HEALTH CARE  
ACCESSIBILITY, AND MAKING OUR  
ORGANIZATIONS MORE EFFICIENT  
THROUGH THE USE OF BALDIGE CRITERIA

3/13/18

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Name Michael Morris

Requesting to serve on: Citizens Budget Committee (Commission/Committee)

Address 1300 Tolman Creek Rd Ashland, OR

Occupation General Contractor Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Work (541)-621-9406  
Email msquared@mind.net  
Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Education Background**

What schools have you attended? Ashland schools/ Oregon Institute of Technology  
Southern Oregon State College

What degrees do you hold? \_\_\_\_\_

BS Mech Engineering Tech - Oregon Institute of Technology

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?  
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**2. Related Experience**

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?  
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Eight years the Ashland City Council

Eight years Citizens Budget Committee

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? It is always beneficial to have additional training especially when it comes to municipal accounting practices and budget law



**3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position? I have always had an interest in balancing the required reinvestment in the community with the goals of the community

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? Given reasonable notice, I can make all meetings. Evenings are preferred

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community? 1955 thru 1978 and 1991 to present

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

Engineering contract and subcontract management experience.

Residential Construction contracts and management experience.

Extensive knowledge of Ashland's budget and operations as well as the water and wastewater master plans, capital improvement plans, transportation systems plan, comprehensive plan, Ashland's land use ordinance, RPS, Climate and Energy Action Plan, and the history behind many of those plans and ordinances.

An understanding of the state budget laws and the state required benefits, (PERS, OPSRP, etc).

The ability to work within diverse groups of people to achieve goals and the practical and technical expertise to understand and resolve complex problems

12/20/2018

Date

Ward R. Morris

Signature



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Name JOHN OLSON

Requesting to serve on: BUDGET (Commission/Committee)

Address 1145 5TH AV BLVD

Occupation RETIRED Phone: Home 541-890-4549

Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email MRAESTINY892HOTMAIL

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Education Background**

What schools have you attended?

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

What degrees do you hold?

C.E.D.

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?

HEIRFINDER FOR 40 YRS

17 YEAR RESIDENT

**2. Related Experience**

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

70 YEARS OF LIFE  
EXPERIENCE

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? I WILL DO WHAT IS

BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY



**3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position?

BECAUSE I love  
this community

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings?

YES ANYTIME  
BOTH DAY OR NIGHT

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community?

17 YEARS

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

I AM INTERESTED IN DOING  
WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST  
OF THIS COMMUNITY AND WILL  
DO MY BEST TO MAKE ASHLAND  
A PLACE THAT IS FILLED WITH  
LOVE AND PEACE,

Date

12/5/18

Signature

J. Hill



## **SELECTION PROCESS (VOTING)**

The seven Councilmembers will consider a field of six applicants for filling two Budget Committee vacancies. The Council could choose any one of several voting schemes (or hybrids of them) to use for making of selections: e.g., “ranked choice” voting (“instant-run-off” voting); “exhaustive ballot” voting; “first-past-the-post” (“plurality”) voting; or “approval” voting. Each of these schemes has its advocates and detractors, and each scheme entails some risk of the “spoiler effect”: Candidate A would be the most-preferred candidate in a two-candidate race; but in a race with three or more candidates, Candidate B wins because Candidate C receives only a few votes, some of which Candidate A would receive if Candidate C were not in the race.

In order to reduce the risk of a “spoiler effect”, to minimize the possibility of “tactical voting” (voting for a candidate other than one’s most-favorite candidate to try to prevent one’s least-favorite candidate from winning), and to avoid the complications of possible deadlocks and a plethora of subsequent balloting, staff is proposing a hybrid system, briefly described as follows:

- Initially, each of the seven Councilmembers votes for two separate candidates.
- If two candidates get five or more votes, the two Budget Committee vacancies are filled, and nothing further is required.
- If just one candidate receives five or more votes, he or she fills the first Budget Committee vacancy, and the second Budget Committee vacancy is filled by the first of the remaining candidates to receive four votes in subsequent balloting in which each Councilmember votes for just one candidate.

Somewhat complicated subsequent balloting will be necessary if no candidate initially receives the minimum required votes. A process for such subsequent balloting has been designed to achieve publicly verifiable majority decisions after each possible combination of votes. Since extensive subsequent balloting will be necessary only if the two Budget Committee vacancies do not get filled in the initial rounds of balloting, the full proposed process (involving up to seven ballots if certain tie votes occur) will be presented for consideration at the February 5 meeting only if necessary.