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**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018  
Council Chambers  
1175 E. Main Street**

Note: Items on the Agenda not considered due to time constraints are automatically continued to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting [AMC 2.04.030.E.]

**7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Councilor Slattery, Morris, Bachman, Seffinger, Rosenthal and Jensen were present.

**IV. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**V. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

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**IX. PUBLIC FORUM Business from the audience not included on the agenda.  
(Total time allowed for Public Forum is 15 minutes. The Mayor will set time limits to enable all people wishing to speak to complete their testimony.) *[15 minutes maximum]***

Susan Wilson – Ashland- Ms. Wilson read a letter into the record (*see attached*).

**Rosenthal/Morris moved to suspend the Council rules. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion**

**passed unanimously.**

Rosenthal spoke that she Ms. Wilson was correct in the fact that he confused Susan M. Wilson. He spoke that he stands by his comments he made regarding the Golf Course and the recall. He spoke in appreciation of Ms. Wilson's feedback.

**Jensen/Morris moved to reinstate the rules. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.**

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS** (Persons wishing to speak are to submit a "speaker request form" prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Public hearings shall conclude at 9:00 p.m. and be continued to a future date to be set by the Council, unless the Council, by a two-thirds vote of those present, extends the hearing(s) until up to 10:30 p.m. at which time the Council shall set a date for continuance and shall proceed with the balance of the agenda.)

1. Transportation SDC Methodology Adoption Resolution

City Administrator, Kelly Madding gave a brief Staff report.

Public Works Director Paula Brown gave a Staff report. She explained that this is a new Transportation SDC Methodology. She gave a background of the process. She spoke that Staff recommends approval of this item.

**Mayor Stromberg opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM**

Council discussed the option of a 3-year phasing out process.

**Public Input:**

**None.**

**Mayor Stromberg closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 PM**

**Jensen/Bachman moved to approve the Resolution Adopting Transportation Systems Development Charge Methodology (2018), Pursuant to Ashland Municipal Code Sections 4.20.040 and 4.20.050, with the three-year phase in process. Discussion:** Jensen spoke to the importance of moving forward on this. Bachman agreed with Jensen and spoke that she is happy to see the City catching up with inflation. Seffinger spoke that she is happy for the consideration for affordable housing. Rosenthal thanked Ms. Brown, the consultant and Staff for their work on this item and spoke in support of the motion. Morris agreed with Rosenthal. **Roll Call Vote: Councilor Slattery, Morris, Bachman, Seffinger, Rosenthal and Jensen: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**XIII. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**XIV. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS**

1. Transportation SDC Methodology Adoption Resolution

**XV. OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING**

**The Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala:**

**Attest:**

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**Mayor Stromberg**

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November 6, 2018

Mayor and City Council  
City of Ashland  
20 E. Main Street  
Ashland, OR 97520

Dear Mayor Stromberg and Councilors:

My name is Susan Wilson and I live in Ashland. I wrote a letter to the editor about the Ashland Golf Course which appeared mid-October in the Daily Tidings. On Saturday, Councilor Rosenthal responded with counterpoints about the golf course but then accused me of being "responsible for the loss of \$24,581 in hard earned Ashland taxpayer resources" in the recall election last March.

I wasn't involved with the recall effort. Councilor Rosenthal apparently confused me with another Susan Wilson and didn't bother to check his sources. Also, the points I raised about the golf course had nothing to do with the recall so I assume this was the classic strategy of diverting attention from the real issues at hand.

But, what struck me most, was that a high-level elected city official was publicly attacking a private citizen for doing something that is a civic right. In at least two letters to the editor and at least one Council meeting, Councilor Rosenthal has strongly criticized those behind the recall in what's beginning to look like a personal vendetta.

While I didn't support the recall, those who did weren't engaged in anything illegal, immoral, unethical or against the rules. It's any citizen's prerogative to pursue this course of action. And alternatively, shouldn't we consider the possibility that a more effective, less defensive council could have mitigated the anger and frustration felt by those involved and avoided a recall altogether?

This is just another example of the divisive rhetoric and personal attacks we've seen all too often. Mr. Mayor, in your leadership role, it is you who sets the tone and establishes the culture and values of the council over time. It's your responsibility to end the singling out of individuals for opprobrium. We don't allow bullying in our schools. Why would we allow it on our council?

A written correction appeared in the Tidings today. Also appropriate would be an apology from Councilor Rosenthal to me and to the Susan Wilson he thought I was.

Sincerely,



Susan Wilson