

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES
Monday, July 17, 2017
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Mayor Stromberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Councilor Rosenthal, Morris, Lemhouse, Slattery, Seffinger and Darrow were present.

1. Public Input

Pepper Trail – 2011 Crestview – Ashland-Spoke that he is Co-Chair of the Rogue Valley Audubon Commission. He spoke regarding interest of the Imperatrice Property. He spoke in support of clean energy projects.

Dave Helmich- 468 Williamson Way, Ashland-Thanked Council for their work so far on the 10 by 20 project. He spoke that the project is complex. He spoke in support of a multi-use Imperatrice. He suggested a connected cost for single or smaller sites across the freeway; incremental power cost should be manageable by all. He spoke that using space in town for solar is not the long term highest and best use.

Tom Marvin- 245 Timberlake Dr., Ashland -Thanked Staff on their work so far. He urged Council to direct Staff to work towards achieving an RFP for the Imperatrice Property. He spoke that Imperatrice is the best cite.

Kristina Lafever –2359 Blue Sky Lane –Ashland –Spoke on behalf Pollinator Project Rogue Valley (PPRV). She spoke that PPRV fully supports the 10 by 20 Plan. She spoke to the importance of clean energy.

Huelz Gutcheon–2253 HWY 99-Ashland- Spoke regarding batteries for cars and houses. He spoke regarding clean energy. He spoke regarding wind farms. He explained that Ashland currently has some solar roofs but needs more.

Louise Shakhat –870 Cambridge-Ashland-Spoke regarding the 10 by 20. She thanked Staff for the work they have done. She spoke that Ashland needs to think in the long-term. She spoke that sustainability is a catalyst for innovation. She spoke in support of the 10 by 20.

Kristi Margethalee-PO Box 987-Talent- Spoke that the Imperatrice property has conservation values and to conserve all or most of this property.

Councilor Darrow spoke that she attended the meeting regarding the Cascade Siskiyou Monument with Kate Brown and Ryan Zinke. She spoke that it was great to hear all sides. Councilor Morris spoke he too attended and doesn't feel he understands the monument and its destination.

2. Look Ahead

Interim City Administrator, John Karns spoke that parking strategy meetings are coming up. He also spoke that Emergency Shelter Meetings will begin in September. He handed out the League of Oregon Cities Conference Schedule and urged Council to attend (*see attached*).

Councilor Seffinger questioned if Council could get an update sooner than September on the Wastewater Plant.

Engineering Services Manager, Scott Fleury spoke that they are currently looking into the Granite low site for the future placement of the water treatment plant.

Councilor Slattery spoke he would like to put the search and hiring process on an upcoming agenda. Staff spoke they will work on this.

3. 10 by 20 Status Update

Interim Assistant to the City Administrator, Adam Hanks, Scott Fleury and Tom McBarlett gave an update on the 10 by 20 MW solar generation facility at the Imperatrice Property:

- Environmental assessment has been ongoing. Preliminary results are complete. The final report will be done mid-August and will be brought to Council.
- Staff has been continuing discussions with BPA on discussions regarding solar and preparation for when the 2028 contracts expire. There will be other options other than BPA and will know more when the time comes.
- Staff is working on developing a water quality plan with DEQ to meet temperature requirements.
- Staff met with DEQ, reviewed RPA and will provide the City back with a formal comment on the RPA.
- The permit phase is tentative for October 2018.
- The upper section of the Imperatrice Property is ideal for the use of storage; if not the adjacent property around the treatment plant is another option.
- Staff has not received much so far on the initial environmental assessment. There is a list of plant and flower endangered species but not yet verified.
- Tentatively there will be 16 million gallons worth of storage on site which approximately a week's worth of coverage. Due to temperature not all of this would have to be onsite.
- Next step options:
 - Pre application with Jackson County?
 - Initiate an application with Pacific Power?
- RFP Timing:
 - 3-4 Months.

Staff/Council Discussion:

City Attorney, Dave Lohman advised Staff to look at getting an attorney involved on land issues for before getting an RFP.

Councilor Lemhouse spoke in opposition of moving forward with an RFP. He spoke this plan has come up many times and no action has been taken. He supports 10 by 20 but for now suggests to do nothing until we know there is no need the land for waste water treatment plan.

Councilor Rosenthal suggested to give direction to see what can be done on the other projects such as solar.

Councilor Slattery spoke that he would like to get everything in place to make a decision. He spoke that he likes the menu approach but would like to know the timeline for these different approaches.

Mr. Hanks spoke the menu approach would likely not achieve the 10 by 20 by 2020. Suggested to get Council feedback on primary objectives of what is wanted for the 10 by 20.

Council gave Staff direction to bring back the menu approach with a plan and to clarify the goals. Council also gave direction to look into the land issues regarding solar and Imperatrice Property.

Item 5 was moved to Item 4

4. Discussion of Indigenous Peoples Day

Councilor Slattery gave a background of Indigenous Peoples Day (*see attached*). He suggested this day would be October 9th which is the same as Columbus Day. He suggested for that the group to present at the August 1st Council Meeting to give feedback of what they would want in a Resolution.

Council gave support and directed staff to get this on an agenda. Council also directed Staff to draft a Resolution for a name change for Dead Indian Road.

5. Discussion of options for increasing effectiveness of Study Sessions

Councilor Lemhouse suggested moving Study Sessions to Council Chambers. Council gave consensus for this change and Staff would look into the option. Due to time constraints this item will be continued.

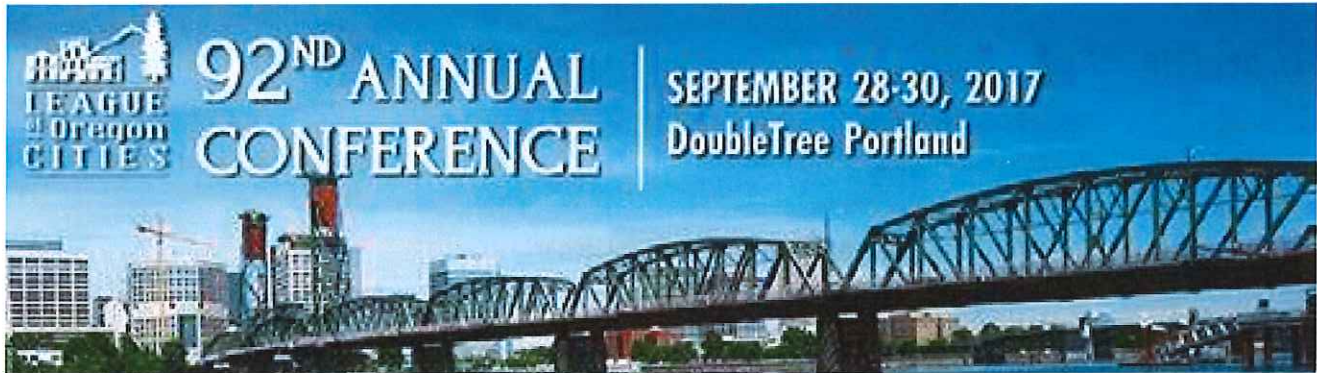
The Study Session was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

Mayor Stromberg



Check back regularly – more program information will be posted on the conference webpage as details are finalized.

Preliminary Conference Program

Topics & times subject to change

Thursday, September 28

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Mayors Business Meeting & Workshop
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9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Councilors Workshop
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Planning Directors Board Meeting
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Box lunches available for Mayors, Managers, Councilors Workshops & City Tour participants
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	City Tours

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- Tigard – Downtown Revitalization on a Suburban Main Street
 - Portland – Best of Portland
 - Portland – Smart Cities
 - Troutdale – Small Town Feel with Big Time Development

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tentative Sessions

- Homelessness: Causes and Identification
- Oregon Statewide Housing Plan
- Transportation Funding
- Drones in Cities
- Youth Engagement

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Planning Commissioner Training

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Tentative Sessions

- Homelessness: Reentry Programs
- Financing and Funding Programs for Cities
- Customer Service for City Officials
- Developing Recreational Opportunities
- Legislative Update

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Newcomers Orientation
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception with Trade Show
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	LOC Board Nominating Committee Meeting

Friday, September 29

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Small Cities Network
7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast with Trade Show
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	U.S. Congressional Offices
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies & Keynote Speaker MJ Hegar
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Visit with State Agency Directors
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Tentative Sessions

- Housing Solutions for Homelessness
 - Emergency Response: Lessons Learned
 - Attainable Housing
 - Historic Resources
 - Strategic Planning
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12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch with Trade Show
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	City Tours

- Portland – Innovative Housing Solutions
- Lake Oswego – Downtown Development
- Lake Oswego & Tigard – Water Treatment Plant Tour

2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Tentative Sessions

- Property Taxes: A Tale of Two Houses
- Performance Based Infrastructure
- Water
- Being an Effective Leaders Across Generations
- Building Healthy Cities Through Partnership with Public Health

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tentative Sessions

- Preparing Your City for an Emergency
- Transient Lodging Taxes
- Innovative Techniques for Civic Engagement
- City-Wide Risk Assessment

5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	CIS Reception and Safety Awards
6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Awards Dinner

Saturday, September 30

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Annual Membership Meeting & City Awards
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Tentative Sessions

- Continuing the Property Tax Discussion
- Success In Your City: Take Control of Your Time and Get the Right Things Done Every Day
- Focus on Your Small City Assets for Community and Economic Vitality
- Communicating with Citizens and Dealing with Disruptions

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch and Closing Program
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Dear members of the SOU community:

I am pleased to let you know that Southern Oregon University will take an important step toward recognizing the contributions and cultural significance of Native American populations when our campus begins an annual observation of Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday of October, beginning this year.

I have declared the university's intention to observe Indigenous Peoples Day after one of our students, Lupe Sims, and the Diversity and Inclusion Oversight Committee took the proposal to three governing boards on campus. The University Planning Board, Faculty Senate and Associated Students of Southern Oregon University each approved the request.

What we envision for Indigenous Peoples Day is a celebration similar to that of Veterans Day at SOU. No classes will be canceled, but the occasion will be observed through special programming.

The indigenous cultures that have evolved in the Americas for millennia deserve our acknowledgement and have particular relevance to our state, where nine sovereign tribes are recognized. I am proud of SOU's vibrant population of Native American students, and this celebration will honor the legacies of their families and ancestors.

This annual observation will provide an excellent opportunity for all of our students to learn more about the Native history of our region and country.

Several other universities, four states and at least 39 U.S. cities – including Portland, Eugene and Corvallis in Oregon – also observe Indigenous Peoples Day. It is typically celebrated on the second Monday of October, which the U.S. has observed as the federal Columbus Day holiday since 1937.

At least 17 states – including Oregon – do not recognize Columbus Day as a holiday. Oregon observed it as a "day of commemoration" – but not a legal holiday – until the 1985 Legislature added a holiday for Martin Luther King Day, combined Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays as Presidents' Day and eliminated all "days of commemoration."

Our Diversity and Inclusion Oversight Committee sought my endorsement of the new Indigenous Peoples Day after gathering approvals from the three on-campus governing panels. The committee asked me in a letter for a declaration of "our commitment to the inclusion of indigenous people's perspectives and objectives as a central aspect of the university's mission."

I am more than happy to comply. Our campus has spent time clarifying the values it holds dear, and our observation of Indigenous Peoples day is consistent with those values, especially our commitment to students, intellectual growth, responsibility to the natural and social world, and equity, diversity and inclusion.

I hope you will join me and others across our campus as we plan to celebrate our nation's original people and cultures early next fall.

Cordially,

Linda

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March 10, 2017

A Statement to Support Southern Oregon University Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day:

We, the members of the Southern Oregon University Diversity and Inclusion Committee (a coalition of Southern Oregon University faculty, staff, and students), stand in peaceful solidarity with Southern Oregon Students who are petitioning the University to formally and publically recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day, a holiday that we as a campus community would celebrate in lieu of the nationally recognized Columbus Day.

Columbus Day was first recognized by a President of the United States in 1937, though it is a known fact that Christopher Columbus *never* set foot upon present day U.S. soil. Generally observed on the second Monday of October, the holiday commemorates Columbus' so-called "discovery" of the Americas on October 12th 1492 and celebrates his "achievements." However, in these celebrations, there are often gruesome truths overlooked. Columbus and his crew committed terrible crimes against the Indigenous peoples of the Caribbean (Arawaks, Tainos, and Lucayans), including the rape of women and children, sport killings, mutilation, and enslavement. Further, Columbus' legacy includes the wide-spread dispossession and death of millions of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas, and the kidnapping, slave trade, and torture of an estimated 9.5 million Indigenous peoples from Africa.

In 1977, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed to the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas by a delegation of Native Nations. The movement to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day has increased since 1990, when South Dakota eliminated Columbus Day and formally recognized Native American Day. Several other states, including Oregon, have since abolished Columbus Day. With the ninth largest urban Native American population in the nation, the Portland City Council followed the lead of several other major U.S. cities when they unanimously voted to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day in 2015. In addition, an increasing number of prominent universities including Brown University and the University of Montana have formally recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day.

At Southern Oregon University, a large part of our mission is to cultivate civic engagement and responsible global citizenship. Our school is a public institution built on the lands of the Takelma

and Shasta peoples, located near the Klamath Basin region that is the home and ancestral territory to many tribes and bands, and established in a state that recognizes nine sovereign tribes. Further, Indigenous communities add to the cultural fabric of our university and contribute to many activities throughout the year including powwows, celebrations, lectures, conferences, community outreach, classes, and intergovernmental relationships. Following the lead of our students, we have an opportunity to remember and learn, listen and celebrate. To celebrate or remain neutral about the ongoing national Columbus Day holiday is to dismiss the humanity of Indigenous peoples and ignores the ways that Columbus' legacy still impacts us all today. We should use this day to tell the whole story about Columbus' legacy, but more importantly we must celebrate the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of Indigenous people and their contributions to our world.

We ask that Southern Oregon University join with our students to officially recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day as a day of importance to everyone in our community. We ask that you, the President, issue a statement and press release that declares SOU's recognition of Indigenous People's Day that illustrates our commitment to the inclusion of Indigenous peoples perspectives and objectives as a central aspect of the University's mission and in the strategic plan of the institution. We also desire support for an annual campus celebration with funding for food, entertainment, and access to campus facilities, such as catering and a location for the celebration.

Many thanks for your time and consideration!

In Solidarity,

Southern Oregon University's Diversity and Inclusion Committee

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