

Council Business Meeting

November 5, 2019

Agenda Item	Appointment to the Citizens' Budget Committee	
From	Melissa Huhtala	City Recorder
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SUMMARY

Appointment to the citizens' Budget Committee with 4-year term ending June 30, 2023.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Notice of this vacancy was published in the local newspaper and placed on the City website.

Applications were received from Shaun Moran and Sarah Walcher.

The Council will conduct a silent ballot appointment process to appoint the new member.

FISCAL IMPACTS

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

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

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Application of Shaun Moran

Attachment 2: Application of Sarah Welcher

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 christeb@ashland.or.us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Recorder at 488-5307. **Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Name Shaun Moran

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

Address 615 Taylor Street Ashland, OR

Occupation self employed Phone: Home 541-880-4223
Work _____
Email shaunmoran35@gmail.com
Fax _____

1. Education Background

What schools have you attended? Bates College (89' graduate), Edinburgh University (88')

What degrees do you hold? BA Political Science from Bates College

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

I worked in finance for major investment banks in various management positions for many years which required producing, managing, and analyzing budgets for several different businesses. In my career, I learned it's important to ask questions if you want to understand what is hurting or helping the department(s) and impacting the budget.

2. Related Experience

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

In my last job I was responsible for managing many people which demanded strong interpersonal skills. In addition I was a key contributor to the yearly \$80-\$100ml business bottom line. I think my experience both in managing people and understanding the process of running a business could be a valuable help to the committee. I have served on the board of several non-profits here in Ashland where my budgetary experience has been welcomed.

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? Yes, of course.... One can always learn more and if the training made sense I would be happy to attend.



CITY OF ASHLAND

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

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Name Sarah Walcher

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

Address 950 Bellview Avenue, Ashland OR 97520

Occupation Accountant

Phone: Home 541-210-3841

Work 541-482-3711

Email Sarah@Reidhanna.com

Fax _____

1. Education Background

What schools have you attended? Southern Oregon University

What degrees do you hold? B.S. Mathematics, M.B.A.

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?
I also hold a certificate in Accounting, thus I have completed the accounting curriculum at SOU

2. Related Experience

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

I have been in public accounting for the past 3 years, where I have been exposed to for-profit, not-for-profit,

as well as individual accounting and tax related issues.

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

further knowledge in your field. This knowledge can be attained through congerences, seminars, continuing education.



3. Interests

Why are you applying for this position?

I find budget work very interesting, and further I

strive to do good in our community through community service. As a citizen of Ashland I have a

vested interest in the budget, both my husband and I work here and our children attend school here.

4. Availability

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? Evenings would be best as I work a full time

job as an accountant, and also have other obligations for my children to contend with.

5. Additional Information

How long have you lived in this community?

I have lived here for almost a year.

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

I have been an active part of the community here in Ashland for

for a long time. I have worked here for almost 3 years now, and have been involved in

different service organizations. In conjunction with this, I am also a graduate of SOU

and hold twodegrees from their, as well as my certificate in accounting. I am service minded

and it is my desire to do good in our community. Further, I also have comprehensive

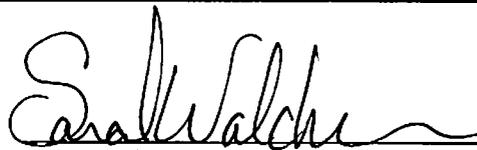
knowledge of the budget processes, and have worked with several different types

Of Budgets. Further, my background in mathematics has given me the ability to go

beyond the numbers, and look at the scope of the larger problem and use logic to explain the best answer.

August 7, 2019

Date


Signature



August 7, 2019

Melissa Huhtala
City Recorder
City Hall
20 East Main St.
Ashland, or 97520

Dear Ms. Huhtala,

I was recently made aware of the volunteer position to be selected for the Commissions/Citizen's Budget Committee and would like to express my interest in this position.

As can be seen on my application, I have 3 years of experience as a public accountant, almost all of which have been served here in Ashland. My husband and I moved to Ashland nearly a year ago and have become involved in the community, serving on various not-for-profit boards, as well as putting our efforts into community based service organizations.

As you can see from my resume, I am highly qualified for this position, as I not only understand the workings of budgets I am able to think about them in a different context, and as to how they will affect our citizens from a tax paying standpoint. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Best Regards,

Sarah Walcher