

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
Tuesday, May 17, 2022

HELD HYBRID; View on Channel 9 or Channels 180 and 181 (Charter Communications) or live stream via rytv.sou.edu select RVTV Prime.

HELD HYBRID - Council and some City Staff will be live in the Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street. Citizens and presenters will be joining via zoom

Written and oral testimony will be accepted for public input. For written testimony, email public-testimony@ashland.or.us using the subject line: Ashland City Council Public Testimony.

For oral testimony, fill out a Speaker Request Form at ashland.or.us/speakerrequest and return to the City Recorder. The deadline for submitting written testimony or speaker request forms will be on Monday, May 17nd at 10 a.m. and must comply with Council Rules to be accepted.

6:00 PM REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Akins called the Business Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Moran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilors' Hyatt, Graham, Moran and DuQuenne were present. Councilors' Seffinger and Jensen were absent.

IV. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land Acknowledgement**

DuQuenne read the Land Acknowledgment.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Study Session of May 2nd, 2022
2. Business Meeting of May 3rd, 2022

Hyatt/Graham moved to approve the minutes. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees***

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

1. James M. Ragland Memorial Volunteer Spirit Service Award- *Moved to a future agenda*
2. Alan C. Bates Public Service Award *Moved to a future agenda*
3. Annual Presentation from the Historic Commission & Proclamation for National Historic Preservation Month

Moran read the proclamation .

Historic Commissioner Beverly Hovenkamp gave the Annual Historic Presentation.

Council thanked the Commission for their work.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Linda Peterson Adams – Ashland - Read a letter into the record (*see attached*).

Ian Cropper – Ashland -Spoke regarding cell towers and 5G.

VIII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Joe Lessard gave the City Manager Report.

Items discussed were:

- Tourism Grant
- Community Survey
- Look Ahead

Council and Staff discussed the Community Survey.

DuQuenne/Moran moved to ask Staff to connect with the consultants to take a deep dive into this survey before it goes out again. Discussion: DuQuenne spoke that she would like more information. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Moran & DuQuenne: YES. Councilor Hyatt and Graham: NO. Mayor Akins: YES. Motion passes 3-2.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Appointment of Eric Herron to the Planning Commission
2. Appointments to the Historic Commission – *Moved to June 7, 2022*

Hyatt/ Moran moved to approve the consent Agenda. Discussion: None. All Ayes.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Oregon Department of Energy Community Renewable Energy Grant Application

Public Works Director Scott Fleury gave a Staff report.

Founder & CEO of Stracker Solar Jeff Sharp presented Council with a PowerPoint (*see attached*).

Council discussed options.

Graham/Hyatt moved to delegate grant application decisions to the City Manager for applications through the Oregon Department of Energy's Community Renewable Solar Grant Program for the next three years. Discussion. Graham spoke that this is necessary. Hyatt spoke in support of the motion. Moran spoke in support of the motion. Graham clarified that this is the first of 3 motions tonight. **Roll Call Vote: DuQuenne, Moran, Hyatt and Graham: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

Graham/Hyatt moved to authorize the City Manager ability to sign a final legal approved Memorandum of Understanding with the Ashland Solar Coop. Discussion: Graham spoke to the importance of Ashland Solar Coop. **Roll Call Vote: Hyatt, Graham, Moran and DuQuenne: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

Graham/Moran moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a final legal approved memorandum of understanding with the Stracker Solar Corporation. Discussion: Graham spoke that she is excited about the prospect of the City getting into construction that we have had so long and to support local businesses. **Roll Call Vote: Graham, DuQuenne, Moran and Hyatt: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

XII. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Community Center and Pioneer Hall Professional Services Contract Approval

Public Works Director Scott Fleury gave a Staff report.

Council thanked Staff for their work.

Council discussed cost.

Hyatt/Moran moved approval of a professional services contract with ZCS Engineering and Architecture in the amounts of \$56,671. Discussion: Hyatt spoke in support of the motion and a safe infrastructure. DuQuenne agreed with Hyatt. Graham spoke in looking forward to getting the buildings operational. **Roll Call Vote: Graham, DuQuenne, Moran and Hyatt: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Design Build for Metal Building at Hardesty Property Contract Approval

Public Works Director Scott Fleury introduced Senior Project Manager Kaylea Kathol.

Council discussed the phases of the project and cost estimates.

Graham/Hyatt moved approval of award of a progressive Design-Build agreement with S+B James Construction Management for \$184,182 for Phase 1 design services for the development of a Public Works operations building and maintenance yard at 1291 Oak Street. Discussion: Graham spoke that as a municipality a big part of responsibility is infrastructure and long-term plans. She spoke that is important to stay on schedule. Hyatt spoke regarding B street yard what it can bring to our community. She spoke in support of the motion DuQuenne spoke that the location is excellent for workforce housing. **Roll Call Vote: DuQuenne, Moran, Graham and Hyatt: YES. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Approval of Two Contracts for Construction and Engineering Services During Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Relocation Project No. 2013-21 ***Moved to a future agenda***

XIII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS

1. First Reading of an Ordinance updating Public Digital Public Notice of City Agendas – ***Moved to May 23rd, 2022***
2. Second Reading of an Ordinance Vacation of a Public Right of Way-A Portion of Otis Street

Hyatt/Graham moved to approve the 2nd reading Right of Way Vacation of Otis Street as defined in Ordinance 3208. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: DuQuenne, Moran, Graham and Hyatt: YES. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 2021-23 Supplemental Budget ***Moved to a future agenda***
4. Resolution No 2022-11 Authorizing Banking Signatures

Interim Finance Director Alison Chan gave a Staff report.

Graham/Moran moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-11 entitled, “A resolution authorizing signatures, including facsimile signatures, for banking services on behalf of City of Ashland. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: DuQuenne, Moran, Graham and Hyatt: YES. Motion passed unanimously.

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

Moran/DuQuenne moved to adjourn the Business Meeting at 8:13 PM. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

City Recorder Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

Mayor Akins

*Items on the Agenda not considered due to time constraints are automatically continued to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting [AMC 2.04.030.(D)(3)]

****LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work—the Ikirakutsum Band of the Shasta Nation, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We honor the first stewards in the Rogue Valley and the lands we love and depend on: Tribes with ancestral lands in and surrounding the geography of the Ashland Watershed include the original past, present and future indigenous inhabitants of the Shasta, Takelma, and Athabaskan people. We also recognize and acknowledge the Shasta village of K'wakhakha—"Where the Crow lights"—that is now the Ashland City Plaza.

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The Postcard is out. "Make Your Voice Heard" it Exclaims. "On the City of Ashland Budget." It Explains. This at least is the start of an explanation of just exactly what is at stake in regards to the essential and value services that are at risk should we not support revenue sources for their continuance.

I am not sure if it is just ignorance, not reading the packet, or a pledge to a political action committee at the last election that has led some councilors to vote NO on some legal(the Recology franchise fee), some negotiated(Calle Guanajuato rents), some studied and reviewed by committee(SDCs increases) revenue realities that help us get the trash collected, the parks maintained and the water and sewer systems built.

I also do not understand some insistence to discuss cuts to Capital Improvement Projects that are funded by Enterprise Funds and not the General Fund or the discussing of a contract in terms of a particular project instead of in Council's role as a Contract Review Board.

Renegotiating already approved project parameters serves no one and only delays and adds expense to the administration(from the General Fund) of the already lengthy process. Insistence that Citizens don't expect these increases, and don't want to pay for these services, is not supported by the simple fact that Ashlanders want and need those things that promote our Common Good, that create resilience in the face of climate chaos, wealth inequality and failing infrastructure.

I have heard a lot from citizens about wanting the City to cite speeders, hire EDI managers, subsidize developers, clean graffiti and the duck pond and fix the sidewalks. What I have not heard is a commitment from those citizens for the funding of staff to provide and maintain these services.

My hope is that the Survey that will be Coming Soon to all utility customers, will show that commitment. Better yet and more importantly, I hope that a thorough explanation from the City as to what this town will look like without that commitment.

I was sorry that I was not able to watch the Business Roundtable last night(the School board budget discussion **was** a very interesting substitute). But thanks for posting the video recording so quickly.

What my takeaway from that roundtable showed is that we must commit to adapt and invest in what makes our town the exceptional place it is.

We must get away from our culture of NO and start saying YES.

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5/17/2022

2022 Ashland Resiliency Projects

Alternate CREP Grant Projects for Council

WWTP 200kW Strackers + Battery

Airport 200kW Strackers + Battery

City of Ashland Community Energy Resilience Projects

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2022 City of Ashland Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) 200 kW Resiliency Project

This 2022 Ashland WWTP Resiliency project is being developed to provide Solar Power and a battery backup system to reduce WWTP power costs and serve as a first step providing resiliency for the plant in the event of a power outage.

The 200kW solar project will consist of (16) locally produced, highest efficiency Stracker Model S1B units (like those in the ScienceWorks parking area), connected to a single Ashland Electric transformer. An appropriately sized lithium battery system will be installed at the WWTP to power a few essential components during general power outages.

The project will likely be contingent on securing an Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) Community Renewable Energy Program (CREP) grant, which could pay 100% of the total project costs. Grant applications are due June 10, so time is of the essence. Stracker Solar is available to prepare and submit the grant applications.

If this alternate project is desired, we request the City formally decide to pursue the project, and then provide a Letter of Intent to allow application to ODOE for the CREP grant.



This red box on this image shows one possible location for an (18) Stracker location – convertible to (16). The larger image shows the variety of placements available, as well as how a full 1.2MW expanded project might look.

2022 City of Ashland Airport 200 kW Resiliency Project

This 2022 Ashland Airport Resiliency project is being developed to provide a Distributed Generation (DG) Solar project with a battery backup to enable the airport to continue essential operations in the event of a power outage.

The 200kW solar project proposal consists of (16) locally produced, highest efficiency Stracker Model S1B units (like those in the ScienceWorks parking area), connected to a single Ashland Electric transformer. An appropriately sized lithium battery system will be installed in the Electric Building to power essential components for ongoing airport operation during general power outages.

The project will likely be contingent on securing an Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) Community Renewable Energy Program (CREP) grant, which could pay 100% of the total project costs. Grant applications are due June 10, so time is of the essence. Stracker Solar is available to prepare and submit the grant applications and FAA Glare Study as a service to the community.

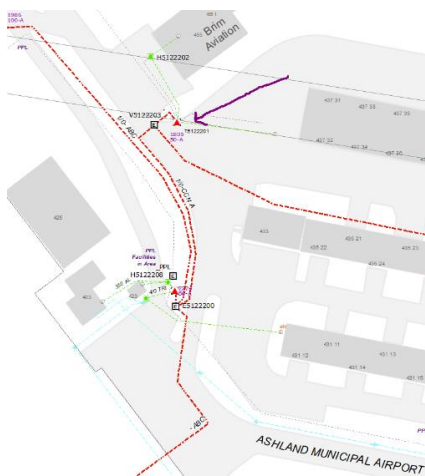
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Suggested initial 200kW Layout



Model Perspective View



Possible Electric Interconnect

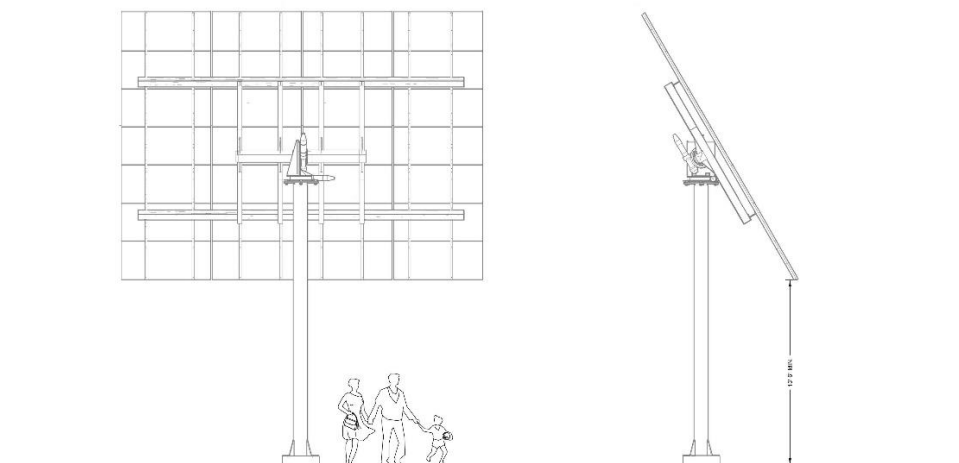


Proposed Dual-axis BiFacial PV Trackers

ADDENDA



Possible Airport system Expansion for highest production 1MW System



StrackerSolar.com
541-631-1275



Proudly produced in
Ashland, Oregon





Ashland Airport Stracker Field

16 Strackers North of Hangars

Client: Stracker Solar

Created May 5, 2022
 Updated May 10, 2022
 Time-step 1 minute
 Timezone offset
 UTC-8 Site ID
 68664.12135

Project type Basic
 Project status: active
 Category 100 to 500
 kW
 (1,000 kW / 8 acre limit)



Misc. Analysis Settings

DNI: varies (1,000.0 W/m² peak)
 Ocular transmission coefficient: 0.5
 Pupil diameter: 0.002 m
 Eye focal length: 0.017 m
 Sun subtended angle: 9.3 mrad

Analysis Methodologies:

- Observation point: Version 2
- 2-Mile Flight Path: Version 2
- Route: Version 2

Summary of Results

Glare with low potential for temporary after-image predicted

PV Name	Tilt	Orientation	"Green" Glare	"Yellow" Glare	Energy Produced
	deg	deg	min	min	kWh
PV array 1*	DA tracking	DA tracking	1,541	0	-
PV array 2*	DA tracking	DA tracking	1,642	0	-
PV array 3*	DA tracking	DA tracking	1,433	0	-
PV array 4*	DA tracking	DA tracking	1,292	0	-
PV array 5*	DA tracking	DA tracking	1,191	0	-
Stowed*	0.0	180.0	3,078	0	-

*PV area of Strackers approximated by 5 east-west strips of larger total area.

*PV area of Strackers approximated by total bounded area

