

# Council Business Meeting

December 6, 2022

<b>Agenda Item</b>	Resolutions 2022-36 Suspending Ordinances Affecting City Commissions Transitioned to Standing Advisory Committees	
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## SUMMARY

City Council adopted Resolution 2022-24 on September 20, 2022, and Resolution 2022-32 on November 1, 2022, establishing the following seven (7) Standing Advisory Committees:

- Climate and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (CEPAC; combining Climate Policy and Conservation & Climate Outreach Commissions)
- Forest Land Advisory Committee (FLAC)
- Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC; to support historic dist. certifications)
- Housing & Human Services Advisory Committee (HHSAC)
- Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC)
- Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee (SERJAC)
- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

These Advisory Committees were created a part of a transition from the previous City Commissions advisory structure. The restructuring of City commissions to Standing Advisory Committees is intended to reduce the need for staff support of formal commissions and adjust the number and character of City Council advisory bodies. As part of this transition the City Attorney was directed to return to Council with the second step in the transition process and recommend corresponding Ashland Municipal Code updates/changes. This action is an interim step in the transition process by suspending the operation of the following ordinances until the new Advisory Committee structure is determined to be fully functional.

- Chapter 2.11 MUNICIPAL AUDIT COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.13 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.15 FOREST LANDS COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.17 PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.18 CONSERVATION COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.19 HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.20 SOCIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.23 ASHLAND AIRPORT COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.24 HISTORIC COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.25 TREE COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.26 ASHLAND WILDFIRE SAFETY COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.27 CLIMATE POLICY COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.56 CITY BAND

**POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED**

N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

Resolution 2022-24 adopted Sept. 20, 2022, creating five new Standing Advisory Committees

Resolution 2022-32 adopted Nov. 1, 2022, creating two additional Standing Advisory Committees

**BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACTS**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

City staff recommends suspending the identified AMC ordinances pending future determinations that the new Standing Advisory Committee structure is fully functional and performing to the satisfaction of the City Council.

**ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

Adopt Resolution 2022-36 that suspends the operations of specific City Commissions established in the Ashland Municipal Code that have transitioned to Standing Advisory Committees or are currently not functioning.

**REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

Resolutions 2022-36, Resolution Suspending Operation of Ordinances of the City of Ashland Affecting Specified Commission and Entities

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-36**

**RESOLUTION SUSPENDING OPERATION OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND AFFECTING SPECIFIED COMMISSIONS AND ENTITIES**

**RECITALS:**

- A. Whereas the City Council of the City has an interest in promoting continued community participation in advising the City Council and City management; and
- B. Whereas the city Council of the City has passed Resolutions Nos. 2022-24 and 2022-32 that has created a committee structure to replace specific commissions that is intended to more efficiently provide important practical and technical knowledge on issues and topics important to sustaining the quality of life in the city and on the operational effectiveness of the City of Ashland organization; and
- C. Whereas the City Council wishes to leave the commissions in place but suspend their operations while the new committee system proves it ability to effectuate the purpose for the change to a committee structure system,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OREGON, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The operations and activities authorized and provided for by ordinance affecting the following Commissions and entities as specified hereunder are hereby suspended, and such Commissions will have no decision making or authority to act until further resolved by the City Council of the City of Ashland.

- Chapter 2.11 MUNICIPAL AUDIT COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.13 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
- Chapter 2.15 FOREST LANDS COMMISSION
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- Chapter 2.56 CITY BAND

**SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

SIGNED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Julie Akins, Mayor

Reviewed as to form:

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Doug McGear, Interim City Attorney