

Council Business Meeting

March 16, 2021

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

Appointment of three vacant positions on the Citizens' Budget Committee with two terms ending June 30, 2023 and one term ending June 30, 2024.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Citizens' Budget Committee members Paula Hyatt and Shaun Moran terms ended on December 31, 2021 when they became elected to the City Council. Committee member Pamela Lucas resigned effective immediately in January 2021. Notice was made to the public of these vacancies. Eleven citizens applied.

At the March 2nd Business Meeting, Councilmembers voted for their top three choices to fill the three vacancies in three succeeding ballots, progressively narrowing the field of applicants but ran out of time to complete the voting.

Four votes out of seven is the minimum ultimately needed for appointment of any applicant. In the final three-votes-per-Councilmember ballot on March 2, Amery and Runkel each received 5 votes, and Alphonso and Slattery each received 4 votes. There are several alternatives for now reaching a conclusion. The simplest alternative – and the one that avoids possibilities of multiple subsequent ballots or tie votes – would be to appoint the two applicants who already received 5 votes and fill the remaining vacancy by means of a final vote as follows: Each Councilmember casts one vote for either of the two applicants who already received 4 votes, and the one receiving at least 4 votes would be appointed, along with the two already decided upon.

Once the three appointees have been chosen, a decision must be made as to which one of them will fill the position with a term ending 6/30/24 and which two will fill the positions with terms ending 6/30/23. Staff suggests that this decision be made by public drawing of lots – a method adopted by the City Charter for making similar decisions in other circumstances.

FISCAL IMPACTS

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

I move to appoint _____ and _____ to the Citizens' Budget Committee with term ending June 30, 2023 and appoint _____ to the Citizens' Budget Committee with term ending June 30, 2024.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Ellen Alphonso

Attachment 2: Saladin Amery

Attachment 3: David Runkel

Attachment 4: Dennis Slattery

**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 melissa.huhtala@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 Ellen Alphonso

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

Address 185 East Nevada St, Ashland, OR 97520

Occupation Accountant Phone: Home 404-234-5990

Work

Email ellen.alphonso@gmail.com

Fax

1. Education Background

What schools have you attended? Georgia Southern University, University of Iowa, Southern Oregon University

What degrees do you hold? B.S. in Communication Arts, M.F.A. Theater Arts- Design,

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting- Public Accounting Focus

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

Over 100 hours in 5 years in continuing professional education related to governmental accounting and auditing standards.

2. Related Experience

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

In my previous position, I was on audit teams for multiple governmental entities, predominately city and county. As part of my

work experience, I performed oregon minimum standard budget testing. In my current work, I audit employee benefits

plans, so I no longer have a work conflict with volunteering for city of Ashland.

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? I always think further training would be helpful. It's hard to know

what level and topic would be most important without knowing further details.



3. Interests

Why are you applying for this position?

I am interested in volunteering more for our local government

and this feels like an area that I can provide a level of expertise in. I'm very inspired by the grassroots efforts of national progressives.

I am additionally concerned about the sustainability of the city of Ashland and would like to support in any way I can.

4. Availability

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? I prefer evening meetings and could be made available

for either with advance notice for the majority of the year. October is very challenging to me based on the work that I do.

5. Additional Information

How long have you lived in this community?

10 years

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

I'm first and foremost a mom and passionate about the local school system, as well as economic and racial justice.

8/21/2020

Date

Ellen Alphonso

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Name _____

Requesting to serve on: _____ (Commission/Committee)

Address _____

Occupation _____ Phone: Home _____

Work _____

Email _____

Fax _____

1. Education Background

What schools have you attended? _____

What degrees do you hold? _____

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

2. Related Experience

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

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



CITY OF ASHLAND

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Name David R. Runkal

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

Mailing Address 293 Plum Ridge Drive

Physical Address SAME

Occupation RETIRED Phone: Home 591-210-0031

Work _____
Email runkalr@ketchikan.com
Fax _____

1. Education Background

What schools have you attended? Penn State

What degrees do you hold? B.S. Economics

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

assess Department of Revenue - annual budgeting class -

2. Related Experience

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

Business owner

state + federal grant experience in creating budgeting

repeater covering city, county, state + federal budget

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? Always open to new training



3. Interests

Why are you applying for this position? _____

see Attached

4. Availability

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? _____

yes ~ Available

5. Additional Information

How long have you lived in this community? 19 years

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

8/17/20
Date

Dore R. Reed
Signature



This replaces application filed earlier this year, but apparently lost or discarded.

After considerable thought and consultations with friends, I'm applying for reappointment to the Citizens Budget Committee to provide experience and continuity to the city's budgeting process. Ordinarily, I would not be seeking another term, but I've been convinced that with a city manager who may or may not have Ashland experience, a new Finance Director, a new mayor and new members of the City Council having an "old hand" on board could be valuable to the city.

I never expected to seek to step into the role (or try to fill the seat) of the late Marty Levine, whose many years of unmatched service on the Budget Committee provided the city with valuable background and knowledge of city budgeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name Dennis Slattery

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

Address 1405 Pinecrest Ashland, OR

Occupation Accounting Educator Phone: Home 541 890 0506

Work _____

Email slatterd@sou.edu

Fax _____

1. Education Background

What schools have you attended? Southern Oregon University

What degrees do you hold? BS Degree in Business Administration & a Masters in Business Administration

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

I am a CPA and have been involved with governmental accounting for many years at various levels and institutions.

2. Related Experience

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

Managed resort type hotels, was a controller for a company in Medford, had my own CPA firm and have been an accounting educator

for the past 18 years. I have also served on the Ashland Citizen Budget committee, past chair, and on the Ashland City Council

for two terms. As a member of the Board of Trustees for SOU I was the finance committee co-chair.

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? I think I am pretty up to speed, but always willing to learn more.



3. Interests

Why are you applying for this position?

I think Ashland is facing a very challenging period and would

like to continue to contribute to this community in this manner. I like strategic planning and believe the work of the CBC essential.

4. Availability

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? Yes. I am fairly flexible but prefer evenings.

5. Additional Information

How long have you lived in this community?

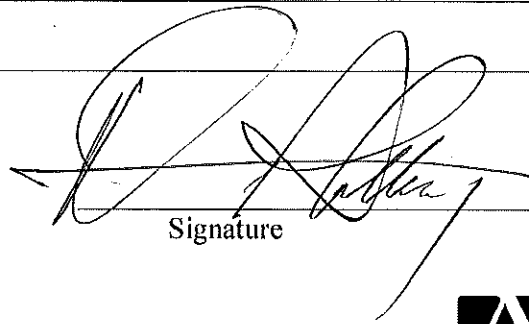
42 years

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

I think I have pretty much outlined my qualifications in this application. I am happy to have further discussions.

1/25/2021

Date



Signature

