

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
BUSINESS MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 20, 2023**

**Executive Session**

Mayor Graham, Councilor Hyatt, Bloom, Kaplan, DuQuenne, and Hansen were present. Staff present: City Manager Joe Lessard, Deputy City Manager Sabrina Cotta, Assistant City Attorney Carmel Zahran, Community Development Director Brandon Goldman, Housing Program Manager Linda Reid, and Public Works Director Scott Fleury.

Council and staff discussed the following item:

1. To conduct deliberations with persons the City of Ashland has designated to negotiate real property transactions pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e).

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Councilor Bloom read the land acknowledgement.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Dahle led the pledge of allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Graham, Councilor Hyatt, Bloom, Dahle, Kaplan, DuQuenne, Hansen were present.

**IV. MAYOR'S/CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Clerk of the Council Pro Tem Appointment

Mayor Graham read the appointment.

Mayor Graham noted the first item under New Business, City Council and other City Public Meetings Labor Acknowledgement was postponed to a future meeting.

**I. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES \*\*\***

1. Minutes of the June 5, 2023, Study Session
2. Minutes of the June 6, 2023, Business Meeting

**Councilor Hansen/Bloom m/s approved the minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Kaplan, Hyatt, DuQuenne, Hansen, Dahle, and Bloom, YES. Motion passed.**

## **II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

### **1. Ukraine Sister City Presentation**

Jim Nagle and Ben Stott, members of the Ashland Ukraine Restoration Project steering committee introduced the sister city concept and how it would help with fund raising for Ukraine. Mr. Stott shared his personal experiences helping the people of Ukraine. Marshall Mayer, one of the founders of Ukraine Aid International described how the foundation interacted with the Ukrainian people and police to ensure aid was distributed. The City of Sviatohirs'k was seeking support, food, generators, along with individual and municipal aid. They were asking the city to provide moral support and post fundraising events as a sister city to Sviatohirs'k on the city website.

Council strongly supported forming a sister city with Sviatohirs'k.

### **2. Ashland Fire & Rescue - Wildfire Budget Presentation**

City Manager Joe Lessard stated that staff did not propose, and council did not adopt a cut to the wildfire budget. He explained the misunderstanding and how it has prompted a program review. Deputy City Manager Sabrina Cotta and Finance Director Marianne Berry provided a presentation that further addressed the funding (see attached):

- Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation
- Addressing Inaccuracies & Questions – Was the Wildfire budget cut in half?
- Addressing Inaccuracies & Questions – What are the increases attributable to?
- Addressing Inaccuracies & Questions – What are the funding sources for the Wildfire budget?
- Addressing Inaccuracies & Questions – Wildfire budget stability.
- Addressing Inaccuracies & Questions – In Summary.
- Questions?

Fire Chief Ralph Sartain noted council funded the fire marshal position and explained the role it would play in reducing prevention and wildfire community risk reduction. As a small city, the Fire Department sought out grants. The Wildfire budget being cut in half was not a factual statement.

Councilor Bloom commented that it was unfortunate there was a misperception. Grants were becoming more competitive. They may need another mechanism to back fill the funding.

## **III. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Joe Lessard provided the report. He announced that Accounting Manager Cindy Hanks was retiring and thanked her for her good work and service.

## **IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Paul Mozina/Ashland/**Spoke about the wireless facility ordinance and took issue with the League of Oregon Cities ordinance model.

**Kelly Marcotulli/Ashland/**Used an EMF meter and shared what it meant to be electro sensitive.

## **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Dahle pulled item #3. Transportation Advisory Committee Appointments. Councilor Hansen pulled item #7 Special Procurement for Photovoltaic Solar Installation at the City's Incorporation Yard (90 N. Mountain) by Stracker Solar.

1. Resolutions 2023-16 Accepting the Abstract of Votes Regarding the Ballots Cast in the State of Oregon Election held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, Regarding Measure 15-214 & Measure 15-215
2. Early Learning Ad Hoc Committee Appointments
3. Transportation Advisory Committee Appointments
4. Liquor License Approval for Mam's Happy Thai Express at 165 E. Main Street
5. Liquor License Approval for The Peerless Hotel at 243 Fourth Street
6. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement with Addictions Recovery Center (ARC)
7. Special Procurement for Photovoltaic Solar Installation at the City's Incorporation Yard (90 N. Mountain) by Stracker Solar

**Councilor Kaplan/Dahle m/s approved Consent Agenda items 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6.**

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor DuQuenne, Hyatt, Bloom, Dahle, Kaplan, and Hansen, Yes. Motion passed.**

Councilor Dahle noted his son was one of the applicants appointed to the Transportation Committee. He was proud to see him and young people engaging in the community. He recused himself from the vote.

**Councilor Hyatt/Bloom m/s to recuse Councilor Dahle from item #3 of the Consent Agenda related to appointments to the Transportation Committee. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Hyatt, Bloom, Dahle, Kaplan, DuQuenne, and Hansen, YES. Motion passed.**

**Councilor Hyatt/Bloom m/s to approve the Transportation Committee appointments as presented. Roll Call Vote: Councilor DuQuenne, Hyatt, Bloom, Kaplan, and Hansen, Yes. Motion passed.**

Councilor Hansen declared a potential conflict of interest with Stracker Solar. At times, his company, True South Solar worked as contractors for Stracker Solar. He recused himself from the vote.

**Councilor Hyatt/DuQuenne m/s to approve Councilor Hansen's recusal item #7 related to the CREP grant. Roll Call Vote Hyatt, DuQuenne, Bloom, Dahle, and Kaplan, YES. Motion passed.**

**Councilor Hyatt/DuQuenne m/s to approve a special procurement "direct award" with Stracker Solar for installation of Stracker PV systems at the City's incorporation yard, located at 90 North Mountain Avenue per the Oregon Department of Energy approved grant application. DISCUSSION:** Councilor Kaplan asked if it was 75 kilowatt hours or 80 kilowatt hours of back up included in the project. Jeff Sharp from Stracker Solar, responded it was an 80-kilowatt sized battery system that would provide back up to the fuel pumps, generators, and basic communications in the Electric Department. Councilor Kaplan asked if there would be excess power generated for additional batteries. Mr. Sharp explained part of the program was to set up for city vehicles to grid and provide additional resilience for the building itself. It was not commercially available yet, but they were working towards it.

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor Kaplan, Hyatt, DuQuenne, Dahle, and Bloom, Yes. Motion passed.**

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS** – none

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. City Council and other City Public Meetings Labor Acknowledgement

The item was moved to a future meeting in August.

**IX. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS**

1. First Reading of Stormwater Quality Control Program Ordinance

Public Works Scott Fleury provided a presentation on the stormwater discharge quality control ordinance (see attached):

- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 Phase II Permit (DEQ)
- Ordinances
- New Ordinance Creates Section 14.10
- Questions

He noted a numbering structure that would be corrected for the second reading.

**Councilor Dahle/Hyatt m/s to approve a first reading of Ordinance 3223, titled Stormwater Discharge**

**Quality Control. DISCUSSION:** Councilor Dahle and Hyatt thanked staff. It spoke of being good stewards and met regulatory requirements. **Roll Call Vote: Councilor Kaplan, Hyatt, Bloom, DuQuenne, Dahle, and Hansen, YES. Motion passed.**

2. City Council Rules and Protocols Updates

a) First Reading of AMC 2.04 Rules of the City Council Ordinance

City Manager Joe Lessard explained the changes to the ordinance. A correction was made on page 6 of 10 in the resolution, line 18, the word “imput” should be “input”. Changing the 14 day notice requirement to 10 day allowed staff more time to work on the item and get it noticed.

Mayor Graham commented on the issues associated with attending a meeting by phone and recommended changing the language to “...would attend or vote by means of the video platform currently in use by the city.”

**Councilor Dahle/Bloom m/s to approve for first reading the update to AMC 2.04 Rules of the City Council.**

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Bloom was willing to meet more often. More meetings resulted in shorter ones, plus councilor was not getting paid to put in the extra work.

Assistant City Attorney Carmel Zahran asked for clarification regarding the mayor’s amendment.

Councilor Dahle withdrew motion.

**Councilor Dahle/Bloom m/s to approve for first reading the update to AMC 2.04 Rules of the City Council with**

**language proposed by Mayor Graham. DISUCSSION:** Councilor Hansen noted the new technology coming to the chambers. He appreciated the flexibility. **Roll Call Vote: Councilor Bloom, Hyatt, DuQuenne, Dahle, Kaplan and Hansen, YES. Motion passed.**

b) Resolution 2023–30, Council Practices and Protocols Amendment

**Councilor Hyatt/Kaplan m/s to adopt Resolution 2023–30 updating the Council Practices and Protocols with that**

**one small change. DISCUSSION:** Councilor Hyatt appreciated the efficiency. Councilor Kaplan appreciated the email response within 3 days. **Roll Call Vote: Councilor Dahle, Hansen, Bloom, Hyatt, DuQuenne and Kaplan, YES. Motion passed.**

Council consensus canceled the July 3, 2023 study session.

### **3. Resolution 2023-18, 2021-2023 BN Budget Supplemental Resolution**

Finance Director Marianne Bloom explained \$59,000 would go to the City Recorder's office and the Parks and Recreation Department. She confirmed funds to the City Recorder's office was an additional appropriation due to the special election that was unexpected. For the Parks and Recreation Department, it was due to grants received they had not anticipated. She confirmed this was not an increase to the budget. Deputy City Manager Sabrina Cotta clarified for the City Recorder's office. They were taking funds from the contingency to comply with budget requirements. For the grants, they were recognizing the revenue so they could expend it.

Ms. Cotta explained that due to changes in labor law, the temporary employee process now went through Express Employment Services. Funding came out of professional services. Starting in September, the city will have to provide paid leave to all employees. There were strict parameters. Temporary employment duration for the Parks and Recreation Department typically was a few weeks. Financially, it made sense to use Express Employment Services.

**Councilor Dahle/Bloom m/s to adopt Resolution 2022-18 authorizing 2021-23 biennial supplemental budget. Roll Call Vote: Councilor DuQuenne, Hansen, Bloom, Kaplan, Dahle, and Hyatt, YES. Motion passed.**

### **4. Contract Amendment for Forestry Management Services with Grayback Forestry, Inc.**

Deputy City Manager Sabrina Cotta explained this was a continuation of work with known partners. She confirmed it was grant funding the city had already accepted.

**Councilor Hyatt/Hansen m/s to approve a contract amendment to increase compensation by \$140,000 on the existing contract with Grayback Forestry, Inc to a contract total of \$490,000. DISCUSSION:**

Councilor Hyatt thought it was consistent with council and community values of prioritizing wildfire work. Councilor Hansen added it was timely.

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor Hyatt, Kaplan, Dahle, Hansen, DuQuenne, and Bloom, YES. Motion passed.**

### **5. Contract for Broadcast Television Services with Rogue Valley Television (RVTV)**

Deputy City Manager Sabrina Cotta and Communications Officer Dorinda Cottle explained this would continue RVTV broadcasting services. RVTV was working with the staff to ensure the new system worked for the city and RVTV. Using an IGA allowed the city to appropriate resources for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026 prior to those budgets being approved.

Ms. Cotta explained the cost increase was due to added features and cost of service. Ms. Cottle further explained RVTV would create a city based app for city only videos on demand. This app can go on smart phones, tablets, and smart TVs. The app would access city council, planning commission, park commission and budget committee meetings only. She explained how they could use a video for public service announcements. Ms. Cotta clarified it would take a larger budget to cover advisory committee meetings.

Council discussed the possibility of recording advisory committee meetings in the Siskiyou Room at the Community Development building.

**Councilor Dahle/Hyatt m/s approve the contract with Broadcast Services with Rogue Valley Television and approve this agreement with Southern Oregon University.**

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Hyatt commented it was integral to transparency and access and was appropriate and necessary. Mayor Graham noted the RFP for the new website. It was a whole package of improvements that would make it easier for the public to understand and participate with local government. **Roll Call Vote: Councilor Hansen, Kaplan, DuQuenne, Bloom, Dahle, and Hyatt, YES. Motion passed.**

**6. Contract for Janitorial Services with Pathways, Inc.**

Public Works Operations Deputy Director Mike Morrison explained Pathways, Inc. was an Oregon Forward Program, and the city was obligated to use them if they can provide the service, which they do. He acknowledged the escalation of confrontations in public restrooms for Pathways staff. They were being trained in de-escalation tactics.

Councilor Kaplan asked about quality and whether staff evaluates moving cleaning services inhouse. Mr. Morrison explained they review it every year and although their prices have increased, it was still more cost effective to use Pathways, Inc. Quality issues were addressed.

Councilor DuQuenne expressed concern using Pathways and wanted another RFP. She did not see their efficiency and used the trash cans in the parks and across from Fire Station #1 as examples. She was receiving a lot of negative feedback from the community about Pathways' level of service and some of their conduct. Mr. Morrison explained Pathways, Inc. was a Qualified Rehabilitation Facilitator that provided job opportunities to people who otherwise might not have them. It was a state mandate. If they did not meet the standards, the city could terminate the agreement, but it would be a process. Increased garbage collection could happen at an additional cost. However, sometimes it is an issue with Recology or city staff, not Pathways. Councilor DuQuenne would not support the agreement.

Deputy City Manager Sabrina Cotta noted the recently approved budget addressed some of the trash issues in the downtown area. The trash cans were not the appropriate size. Staff will look into replacing the cans and increasing recycling receptacles. Recology did not provide service on weekends. The city needed a better solution.

Assistant City Attorney Carmel Zahran asked Mr. Morrison to elaborate on the staff working at Pathways. Mr. Morrison explained Pathways provided job opportunities to people who otherwise might not have a job. It was a good program, possibly not always the best service but helped people in need.

Councilor Hyatt confirmed steps were being and had already been taken regarding trash in the downtown and other areas. Ms. Cotta added it was best to separate downtown trash receptacles from this contract.

**Councilor Hyatt/Kaplan m/s approval of a contract with Pathways, Inc. for janitorial services in the amount of \$447,229.77 for a term beginning July 1, 2023 ending June 30, 2024. DISCUSSION:** Councilor Hyatt stressed the importance of living our values which included belonging and respect of all of our residents. These were our friends and neighbors. Not only was it mandated by state law, but it was also the right thing to do. She appreciated that staff continued cost of outsource versus in-house. She was proud to live in a community that supported this work. Councilor Kaplan agreed. He recognized the challenges that

occur sometimes in contracting with a service like this but also thought it was the right thing to do. Councilor DuQuenne agreed but would not support the motion due to the feedback she received. Costs had increased a lot. She looked forward to other opportunities. Councilor Hyatt confirmed the contract had increased \$11,575.41 for an increase of 2.7% from the last contract which was well below inflation. Mayor Graham acknowledged there were garbage problems, but it should not be laid at the feet of Pathways. There were multiple reasons, but efforts were underway to address them. She hoped steps were being taken to ensure Pathways staff were not harassed while working. **Roll Call vote: Councilor Bloom, Hyatt, Hansen, Dahle, Kaplan, YES; Councilor DuQuenne, NO. Motion passed 5-1.**

#### **7. Contract for Construction Design and Administration Services for Ashland Street Reconstruction Project with Dowl LLC**

Public Works Director Scott Fleury explained this contract was for the administration services for the Ashland Street Rehabilitation project. The project budget was created in 2019, early 2020 at \$3.5 million. Since then, materials increased exponentially adding another million to the project. The final design included protected bike lanes, lane narrowing and the addition of two more RFB crossings. They were purchasing a micro street sweeper for the protected bike lanes.

Mr. Fleury addressed questions regarding rebidding and whether the increases experienced affected the city's ability to go other projects in the future. Through negotiation, Knife River reduced the bid \$200,000. The concern with rebidding was losing the current construction season and the unknown volatility moving forward. Staff had the funds through the Food and Beverage tax. With the Food and Beverage tax sunseting, project funds will become limited.

Presently, staff were banking some of the Food and Beverage tax funds for the street fund once it sunsets in 2030.

**Councilor Hansen/Kaplan m/s to approve a contract with construction engineering services with Dowl LLC for an amount not to exceed \$424,572.50. Principal project tasks in the amount of \$399,812.50 and contingencies in the amount of \$24,760.00. DISCUSSION:** Councilor Hansen thought it was a good plan and a much needed improvement. Councilor Kaplan appreciated the flexibility and responsiveness of adding protected bike lanes. Councilor DuQuenne appreciated staff saving the money as well as saving funds from the Food and Beverage tax. **Roll Call Vote: Councilor Hyatt, Dahle, Bloom, Kaplan, DuQuenne, and Hansen, YES. Motion passed.**

#### **8. Contract for Construction of the Ashland Street Overlay Project with LTM, Inc. (dba Knife River Materials) for the Ashland Street Reconstruction Project**

Public Works Director Scott Fleury explained this was the construction portion of the Ashland Street Rehabilitation project. Knife River did reduce the construction bid by \$200,000. The project would start in early July with completion at the end of September.

Mr. Fleury was confident they would get the 3.05% rate from the IFA. He was working on the loan application. Because of the monetary value of the debt through the IFA it would go through their board in August. The loan will also reimburse the city for expenditures to date on the engineering phase.

Mr. Fleury addressed concerns about narrowing Ashland Street during fire season. It was the season for asphalt paving season and would in phases. This would eliminate a full restriction on Ashland Street in either direction.

City Manager Joe Lessard clarified the council communication b) Five-year Street Cut Moratorium on Ashland Street had been pulled. Mr. Fleury responded to a question regarding the moratorium. He was confident in the moratorium restriction because of the work Dowl LLC, and staff had done as part of the design process in coordinating with all of the utilities and franchisees for the city. The moratorium would not restrict access to the right of way for need.

Knife River will provide a traffic and phasing plan that staff will simplify and have posted on the city's website.

**Councilor Hyatt/Kaplan m/s to approve the construction contract with LTM Incorporated doing business as Knife River materials for Ashland Street Overlay Project for a contract amount not to exceed \$3,748,086.98.**

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Hyatt appreciated the efforts made by staff. Councilor Kaplan was glad to support the motion. Councilor Dahle noted it was budgeted and things were not getting cheaper. Councilor DuQuenne appreciated the savings. Councilor Hansen thanked the Transportation Advisory Committee and staff. it will be a great investment for the community. Mayor Graham noted many projects were held back during the pandemic and it created a backlog of major projects.

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor Hansen, Bloom, Kaplan, DuQuenne, Dahle, and Hyatt, YES. Motion passed.**

**9. Sole Source Procurement Contract for Wastewater Treatment Biosolids Disposal with Dry Creek Landfill**

Public Works Operations Deputy Director Mike Morrison explained this was the only vendor in the area. Public Works Director Scott Fleury addressed alternatives. Staff had done a co-composting feasibility analysis to build and operate a composting facility. They looked at three locations and had talked to Recology as well. There were significant cost ramifications associated with it, but it would go before council at a future meeting.

**Councilor Hyatt/Kaplan m/s approval of the Dry Creek Landfill contract for the disposal of biosolids between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 at a price point of \$60.38 per ton.**

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Hyatt commented sole source was appropriate under these circumstances. it was cost effective and a requirement by DEQ. Councilor Kaplan agreed. Dry Creek Landfill took waste from seven counties. Councilor DuQuenne stated other municipalities did this but thought the city should have connected with Rogue Valley Sanitation years ago. **Roll Call Vote: Hyatt, Bloom, Hansen, DuQuenne, Dahle, and Kaplan, YES. Motion passed.**

**10. Contract for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemicals with Cascade Columbia Distribution Company, NorthStar Chemical, Inc., and TR International Trading Company**

Public Works Operations Deputy Director Mike Morrison explained the no bids the city had received were often due to the size of the city and other reasons not provided.

**Councilor Hyatt/Dahle m/s approval of the chemical contract in support the water treatment plant as follows:**

- a) Cascade Columbia Distribution Company for Sodium Hypochlorite, Cytec Superfloc N-300 LMW Flocculant, and Aluminum Sulfate in the amount of \$166,764.90**
- b) NorthStar Chemical, Inc. for Cytec Superfloc C-573 Flocculant in the amount of \$30,600**



**c) TR International Trading Company for Soda Ash**

**In the amount of \$60,547.50 for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.**

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor Kaplan, Hansen, Hyatt, Bloom, Dahle, and DuQuenne, YES. Motion passed.**

**Councilor Hyatt/Hansen m/s approval of a chemical contract with Cascade Columbia for wastewater chemicals including Sodium Hypochlorite, Citric Acid, and Aluminum Sulfate In the amount of \$132,679 for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.**

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor DuQuenne, Dahle, Bloom, Hyatt, Hansen, and Kaplan, YES. Motion passed.**

**X. OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS**

Council discussed adopting Sviatohirs'k, Ukraine, as a sister city.

**Councilor Bloom/DuQuenne m/s City of Ashland establish a sister city relationship with Sviatohirs'k, Ukraine to support humanitarian aid and fundraising efforts within the Ashland community and authorize the mayor to sign the attached memorandum of understanding that memorializes this relationship and support amidst unimaginable suffering and dire conditions faced by our brothers and sisters as citizens of Ukraine.**

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Bloom thought it was important. It put no financial burden on the city but allowed coordinating efforts for Sviatohirs'k. It aligned with Ashland's values and had the potential to grow. Cultural exchange was good. Councilor DuQuenne agreed. It was important, it was human, and she was glad to support it. Councilor Hansen thought it would benefit Ukrainians as well as the Ashland community. Councilor Kaplan appreciated the way the community came forward. They did it with integrity, humility, and conviction.

**Councilor Hyatt/Kaplan m/s to extend the meeting to 9:45 p.m. or completion of the roll call vote on the present motion. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Hyatt, Dahle, Kaplan, Hansen, YES; Councilor Bloom and DuQuenne, NO. Motion passed 4-2.**

**Continued discussion on main motion:** Councilor Dahle noted how caring the community was. He expressed appreciation for James Nagle's leadership capabilities. Mayor Graham noted David Wick had recently reminded council Ashland was a city of peace. She was glad to maintain a relationship with the mayor of Sviatohirs'k. **Roll Call Vote on main motion: Councilor Bloom, Hyatt, Hansen, DuQuenne, Kaplan and Dahle, YES. Motion passed.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING**

**Councilor Hyatt/DuQuenne m/s to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 pm. Voice Vote: ALL AYES.** Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Attest:

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Clerk of the Council Pro Tem Dana Smith

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Mayor Tonya Graham

# Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation

**Efforts for wildfire prevention & mitigation taking place across the City**

Photo: Bob Palermini

## Addressing Inaccuracies & Questions

### Was the Wildfire budget cut in half?

- No, it increased by 10% from the previous biennium
- Wildfire is a division under the Fire Department, and in the Adopted Budget it is not separated out

	BN 21-23	BN 23-25	% change
Total Fire Department	20,570,265	23,052,434 *	12.1%
Wildfire Division	3,146,442	3,458,463	9.9%

\* Adjusted for accounting treatment of projected ambulance revenue



# Addressing Inaccuracies & Questions

## What are the increases attributable to?

- For Wildfire –
  - Higher grant revenue
  - Additional \$65K approved by Council
- For Fire Department –
  - Additional funding\* below:

<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,087,220</b>
Fire and Life Safety Temporary Employees		49,789
Fire Operations Medical Screening rebudgete		92,500
Fire Marshal		203,840
Fire Training Officer		194,130
Fire Department Materials & Services rebudg		481,961
Additional Wildfire Funding		65,000

*\* Additional available funds came from carryover from previous biennium, health insurance reimbursement and Telecommunications franchise that fee was originally budgeted too low.*



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# Addressing Inaccuracies & Questions

## What are the funding sources for the Wildfire budget?

- Sources:
  - Grants
  - AFR (Ashland Forest Resiliency) Utility Surcharge
    - Resolutions 2019-20 & 2015-14
  - Transfer from the Water Fund
- In FY 2019-2020, the AFR Surcharge increased from \$1.39 to \$3 for a standard household water meter, and in tandem the transfer from the Water Fund decreased.
  - Since BN 19-21, the total non-grant Wildfire funding has been \$880,000
  - Additionally, grant revenue increased substantially



## Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation

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# Addressing Inaccuracies & Questions

Ashland Forest Resiliency Stewardship Program (AFR)  
 Historical Summary of Revenue  
*not chronological*

	Actuals FY 2015-16	Actuals FY 2019-20	Actuals FY 2021-22	Estimated / Proposed FY 2022-23	Adopted Budget	
					FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
	<i>AFR surcharge introduced at \$1.31</i>	<i>Surchg increased to \$3; water funding reduced</i>				
Grant Revenue	\$ 129,043	\$ 900,980	\$ 522,000	\$ 980,500	\$ 1,264,700	\$ 1,235,000
Transfer from Water Fund	250,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
AFR Utility Surcharge	171,416	385,651	393,681	390,000	390,000	390,000
Subtotal	421,416	435,651	443,681	440,000	440,000	440,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>550,459</b>	<b>1,336,631</b>	<b>965,681</b>	<b>1,420,500</b>	<b>1,704,700</b>	<b>1,675,000</b>

← Has remained consistent over last few BN's

- Misperception of budget cut appears to be from the Water Fund Transfer reduction in 2019
- The AFR Surcharge was purposely increased to accommodate the reduction in Water Fund transfer and create greater transparency for water rate payers



## Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation

# Addressing Inaccuracies & Questions

## In Summary

- No Wildfire Budget Cut

Fire-Wildfire	BN 2017/19 Actual	BN 2019/21 Actual	BN 2021/23 Adopted	BN 2023/25 Proposed
Material and Services	\$2,924,605	\$2,124,467	\$2,640,924	\$2,519,375
Personnel Services	\$741,378	\$790,702	\$505,518	\$874,088
Capital Outlay	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,715,983</b>	<b>\$2,915,169</b>	<b>\$3,146,442</b>	<b>\$3,393,463</b>

+ \$65K

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- Review of budget question prompted program review –
  - Watershed protection and forestlands
  - Urban interface
- Additional program review as it relates to funding allocation will continue during biennium – integrate into larger strategy:
  - Current & ongoing efforts/initiatives by other City departments
  - Appropriate Wildfire efforts for forestlands and urban interface
  - Consideration of timber sales and other funding sources



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# Questions?



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## Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation

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## Stormwater Discharge Quality Control Ordinance

June 20, 2023

## Stormwater Discharge Quality Control Ordinance

- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 Phase II Permit (DEQ)
  - Permit Focus
    - Public Education and Outreach
    - Public Involvement and Participation
    - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
    - Construction Site Runoff Control (*Erosion Control BMP*)
    - Post-Construction Site Runoff (*New and re-development*)
    - Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations
  - Annual Reporting
  - Stormwater Management Plan



## Stormwater Discharge Quality Control Ordinance

- Ordinances
  - Municipal Codes 4.27 – Storm Drainage Utility
    - Establishes Utility
  - Municipal Code 9.08 – Nuisances
    - Enforcement of “Water Pollution”



# Stormwater Discharge Quality Control Ordinance

- **New Ordinance Creates Section 14.10**
  - Stormwater Discharge Quality Control
    - Creates Formal Definitions (MS4)
    - Define Illicit Discharges - Pollutants
    - Define Appropriate Discharges
    - Escalating Enforcement Process
      - Inspect System(s)
      - Notice of Violation – Abatement
  - Low Impact Development
    - Rogue Valley Sewer Services Design Manual
    - Maintenance Agreements



QUESTIONS?



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- 2) Speak to the City Council from the table podium microphone.
- 3) State your name and address for the record.
- 4) Limit your comments to the amount of time given to you by the Mayor, usually 3 or 5 minutes.
- 5) If you present written materials, please give a copy to the City Recorder for the record.
- 6) You may give written comments to the City Recorder for the record if you do not wish to speak. (Comments can be added to the back of this sheet if necessary)
- 7) Speakers are solely responsible for the content of their public statement.

Tonight's Meeting Date 12/20/12  
Name PAUL MOSE



Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_  
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) Wireless Communication Fees Ord

Land Use Public Hearing

Please indicate the following:  
For: \_\_\_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_\_\_

**Challenge for Conflict of Interest or Bias**

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Written Comments/Challenge: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Speaker Request Form  
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- 1) Complete this form and return it to the City Recorder prior to the discussion of the item you wish to speak about.
- 2) Speak to the City Council from the table podium microphone.
- 3) State your name and address for the record.
- 4) Limit your comments to the amount of time given to you by the Mayor, usually 3 or 5 minutes.
- 5) If you present written materials, please give a copy to the City Recorder for the record.
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- 7) Speakers are solely responsible for the content of their public statement.

Tonight's Meeting Date 12/1  
Name Kelly Marcotulli



Regular Meeting

Agenda topic/item number \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_  
Topic for public forum (non agenda item) TC ordinance

Land Use Public Hearing

Please indicate the following:  
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