



CITY OF YACHATS
YACHATS FINANCE COMMITTEE
SUMMARY MINUTES OF February 20, 2025

Chair Bobbi Price called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 10:00 am in the Yachats Commons Civic Meeting Room. Members present are Tom Lorenzen, Charles Bame-Aldrich. Julie Ekdorn, Dave Buckwald, Wastewater Lead and Rick McClung, Water Lead, and Recorder Kimmie Jackson.

Audience: 10

- I. Announcement/Correspondence: None**
- II. Citizens' Concerns: None**
- III. 2025/2026 CIP Budget Review** - During the meeting, the team discussed various project updates, budget adjustments, and future planning initiatives, including Project Consolidation. This involves packaging related projects to secure larger grants and loans, potentially leading to cost savings on mobilization fees and engineering. The team agreed to reorganize their project spreadsheet to reflect these packages and to update cost figures based on the revised Master Plan. Updates were provided on ongoing projects, such as the creek water line engineering, the West 3rd Street grant application, and inventory work on South Lincoln. They reviewed budgets for upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and SCADA systems, and made decisions regarding fund carryovers and adjustments for the next fiscal year. The discussion included Windsong Street upgrades, the need for service reconnections, and the potential relocation of the water treatment plant due to soil stability concerns. They considered a seismic retrofit for the plant and discussed the need for additional fire hydrants and planning for a more extensive reservoir. In the Budget Planning segment, the focus was on future water project allocations, clarifying completed project statuses, and adjusting budgets for ongoing work. They determined how to categorize specific expenses, such as the South Lincoln PUD agreement. During the Capital Plan discussion, the team explored project affordability and cost savings through project bundling. They emphasized the importance of planning to minimize yearly disruptions and the necessity of securing Council funding. The team discussed the Pump Station Improvement projects, deciding to combine the Riverside, Parkside, and Pontiac projects into a single effort for fiscal years 2027 and 2028, with an estimated cost of \$200,000 per year.

Additional changes and action items covered: -



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- Neal Morphis will update the CIP spreadsheet with the consolidated project packages as discussed. \$15,000 will be added back to the Public Works fuel tank and trailer budget for the current fiscal year. \$20,000 will be allocated for wastewater design standards in the current fiscal year budget. \$40,000 will be set aside for a backup generator in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. - Cleaning up appropriations and carryover amounts in the CIP spreadsheet.
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- Dave Buckwald, Wastewater Lead will obtain quotes for the combined pump station improvement projects for fiscal years 2026-2028.
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- The committee will review the audit for fiscal years 2023-2024 and prepare a recommendation for the City Council by the March 6th meeting. They will also further discuss the feasibility of a housing development project on the proposed reservoir land.
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- City Manager Price will set up interviews for new auditor candidates.
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- Julie Ekdorn will connect with Becca to review the implementation impacts of the water/sewer rate structure.
- Rick McClung, Water Lead, and Dave Buckwald, Wastewater Lead, will prepare a presentation on street fees for the March Public Works meeting. Lastly, the Finance Committee will review City Council goals at their next meeting on March 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

By Recorder Kimmie Jackson