



**CITY OF YACHATS  
PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION**

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES**

**City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N, OR 97498**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

- I. Public Works & Streets Commission Meeting 2:00 pm**
- II. Call to Order**
- III. Roll Call**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>P/A</b>
Linn West, Chair	<b>P</b>
Don Groth, Vice Chair	<b>P</b>
Alex Cox	<b>p</b>
Bob Bennett	<b>P</b>
James Welch	<b>P</b>
Kevin Erdahl	<b>P</b>
Don Phipps	<b>P</b>

<b>Staff Members</b>	
Bobbi Price, City Manager	Kimmie Jackson, Recorder
Rick McClung, Water Lead	Dave Buckwald, Wastewater Lead

<b>Audience</b>
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- IV. Announcements / Correspondence**
  - a. Wildfire Tabletop event will be held Monday, May 19th at 5:30 pm at the Commons.
- V. Citizens' Concerns (5-Minute Limit)**
  - a. None
- VI. Reports**
  - a. Fire Dept Report - (Linn) None
  - b. [Emergency Preparedness Committee Report](#) (Linn): Committee members met at the conex on Radar to pare down, label boxes, and

inventory items. They will set another date to visit the conex on Crestview to record the same information.

- c. [Public Works Report](#) (Rick & Dave)The [public works report](#) outlines recent and upcoming initiatives related to community infrastructure, highlighting ongoing road and bridge repairs, upgrades to municipal facilities, and maintenance of streets and parks.

- 1. The monthly speed data report (Becca) is attached for statistics.

- d. [PW Finance Report](#) - (Don G) (Link)The finance report summarizes the organization's financial status, focusing on budget performance, revenue streams, and expenditures. It highlights year-to-date revenue compared to projections, significant variances, major expenses, and funding sources.

- 1. [PW CIPs for 2025/26](#) (Neal / Julie / Don) (Link)The conversation about the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) focused on current projects, funding, and future priorities.

- 2. Finance Committee Report (Julie)The report offers a snapshot of our financial activities, showcasing budget performance and revenue trends.

**VII. Current Business**

- a. [Delineators Oceanview Dr](#)—continued discussion—(Rick)The discussion on the delineators and their replacements has proven inconclusive. It was suggested that the Council report back that no recommendation can be made, and I would like the Council to take that liberty.

- b. [Street Fee](#): Continue discussion and comments (Rick/Dave). The debate about street fees focused on funding needed to maintain and improve local infrastructure.

- c. [Fire Hydrant Painting](#)—The conversation about fire hydrants highlighted their critical role in public safety and emergency response, the need for regular maintenance to ensure functionality, and the potential for upgrades.

	The motion was made to approve a plan to only use basic yellow paint for the regular painting and maintenance of fire hydrants within the city limits.
	It was called and passed unanimously.

d. [ODOT Meeting Report](#) (City Manager)—The ODOT conversation centered on the circulation plan to improve traffic flow and connectivity. Key topics included enhancing public transportation and pedestrian pathways, and discussing funding sources to support these initiatives. Overall, the focus was on the need for a comprehensive approach to transportation planning and funding for community accessibility.

e. Speeding Data (Link) – [ODOT Memo](#), (Don P) –A request to ODOT to lower the speed limit on Highway 101 within its city limits. The current speed limits create three sections along the highway, each with different limits. ODOT conducted a speed study and recommended that these limits remain unchanged, but it also suggested a reduction north of the city limits. Commissioner Don Phipps critiqued the ODOT report, highlighting significant errors and omissions, including inadequate sampling methods, failure to consider pedestrian and bicycle activity, and lack of public input. The study did not adequately assess the safety implications of maintaining the current speed versus reducing it.

	<p>The motion was made to acknowledge that the commission members expressed their disagreement with ODOT's recommendations and recommended that Public Works staff and Don Phipps work informally to resolve the issues at hand. If these issues cannot be resolved through informal discussions, the commission will proceed to appeal to the speed zone review panel for further consideration.</p>
	<p>The vote was called and passed unanimously.</p>

f. Commissioner Don Phipps presented data from two monitoring stations indicating significant speeding in Section B of Highway 101. If tickets had been issued for speeding during five months, the city could have generated approximately \$1.7 million in revenue. ODOT has a process for the town to apply for speed enforcement cameras to ticket speeders. Linn West recommended forming a workgroup to study the costs and benefits of implementing this technology for enhancing safety for both motorists and pedestrians

Adjourn City Council Meeting 4:12 pm  
 Minutes prepared by: Kimmie Jackson, City Recorder