



CITY OF YACHATS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES
City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N, OR 97498
Wednesday, May 21, 2025

- I. **Call to order the Work Session City Council Meeting 11:00 am**
II. **Roll Call**

Council Members	P/A
Craig Berdie, Mayor	P
Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey	P
Catherine Whitten-Carey	P
Barry Collins	P
Nicole Hedlund	P

Staff Members	
Bobbi Price, City Manager	Kimmie Jackson, City Recorder
Neal Morphis, City Clerk	Rick McClung, Water Lead

Audience
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WORK SESSION

- I. [Street Fee Presentation and Conversation given by Rick McClung and Bobbi Price](#). Rick McClung reported on the current funding challenges related to street maintenance, explaining that funding has historically been reactive, addressing complaints from residents rather than being proactive. He pointed out the lack of consistent funding for street paving initiatives due to city budget limitations; discussed the idea of creating a dedicated street fund, separate from the general fund, to ensure stable funding for street maintenance; indicating out of a total of \$73,000, only 10% was spent on significant repairs. Additionally, he noted that of the \$56,000 allocated for maintenance, \$12,000 was designated for street lights and \$10,000 for mowing.
- II. [Review of City Council Rules](#) - The City Council began reviewing the proposed update up to Section 3.2. It was decided that Mayor Berdie and Councilor

Collins would review all the changes submitted by all Council members and present a draft at a later meeting.

Works Session adjourned at 12:50 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

- I. New Business**
- II. Ongoing Business**
- III. Other Business**
- IV. The City Council Regular meeting is called to order with the same members in attendance at 1:00 pm.**
- V. Announcements / Correspondence**
 - a. Correspondence was received regarding Ocean View Drive delineators and the parking lot Ivy.
 - b. Received correspondence from a Toledo Councilor asking to support Hwy 101 as a Safe Corridor.
 - c. The Mayor attended a hearing last month at the State Legislature for a Funding request for the water and streets initiative for middle-income housing.
- a. IV. Public Comments / Citizens' Concerns (5-Minute Limit)**
 - a. None
- VI. Consent Agenda**

Motion:	The motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.			
Moved:	O'Shaughnessey			
Ayes:	Collins, O'Shaughnessey, Hedlund, Whitten-Carey, and Berdie	Nays:	Absent:	Abstained:
Passed:	5/0			

V. New Business

- a. Dahl's Disposal Rate Proposal for 2025-2026 focused on its waste management services, highlighting its commitment to sustainability and efficient waste disposal. It also provided an overview of its operations, including residential and commercial collection services, recycling programs, and community engagement initiatives.

Motion:	The motion was made to accept the proposed rate increase for Dahl Disposal:			
Moved:	O'Shaughnessey			
Ayes:	Collins, O'Shaughnessey, Hedlund, Whitten-Carey, and Berdie	Nays:	Absent:	Abstained:
Passed:	5/0			

Staff will prepare a resolution to memorialize this action and send it for signatures.

- b. [Library Commission](#) New Member Approval – Marg Petersen.

Motion:	The motion was made to accept Marg Petersen's application to serve on the Library Commission and approve Resolution 2025-255			
Ayes:	Collins, O'Shaughnessey, Hedlund, Whitten-Carey, and Berdie	Nays:	Absent:	Abstained:
Passed:	5/0			

- c. [Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County presentation](#) – The Economic Development Alliance presentation focused on strategies and initiatives to foster economic growth in the community. Key topics included an overview of current projects, collaboration with local businesses, and efforts to attract new investments. Highlighted successes were in job creation and workforce development, as well as partnerships with educational institutions to enhance skills training. They discussed local economic challenges and proposed solutions, including incentive programs and infrastructure improvements. The presentation highlighted the importance of community engagement and stakeholder collaboration in promoting sustainable economic development.

VI. Ongoing Business

- a. [Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce](#) – DMO Contract – The Chamber Director's report provided an overview of the organization's recent activities, initiatives, and overall impact on the local business community. There has been an increase in membership, with efforts to engage and support local

businesses through various networking events and resources. The report also discussed several initiatives aimed at promoting economic development, including partnerships with local government and other organizations to support business growth and attract investment.

- b. [Cape Perpetua Collaborative](#), led by Talina King, has reported efforts to welcome diverse groups to the coast, including a custom tour for Outdoor Afro and partnerships with View the Future for tide pool and ridge experiences that promote environmental responsibility and public education. Additionally, the Collaborative collaborates with Trail Keepers of Oregon for tide pool-to-trails events.
- c. [Joanne Kittel and Gretchen Dubie, of View the Future](#), were involved in activities that included expanding cultural awareness, developing educational programs, increasing tribal partnerships, and working on conservation easements and land protection efforts, with a focus on Yachats Ridge.
- d. [Speed Study](#) – ODOT’s speed study analyzed traffic and speed to assess road safety. By collecting data on vehicle speeds and traffic volume, the study identified areas with significant issues related to speeding. The speed study confirmed the extension of the 45-mile-per-hour zone 500ft beyond the Fire Department. They also provided recommendations, including increased enforcement, improved signage, and community awareness campaigns, to enhance safety and encourage responsible driving. Deputy Dorsey agreed with the findings of the ODOT study. She also suggested purchasing a mobile digital speed sign that could be used to ticket offenders, as her ability to park along the 45 mph zone is limited. This sign could enhance traffic control.
- e. [Water Capacity](#) – Rick McClung’s presentation on water capacity highlighted the challenges of meeting supply and demand, particularly due to population growth and potential droughts. He highlighted the need for improvements in water storage and distribution, as well as conservation efforts, to ensure a reliable water supply. [City of Yachats Audit](#) 2022–2023, Resolution 2025–256; after discussion, the vote was called.

Motion:	The motion to accept Audit 2022–2023 as presented:			
Moved:	Collins			
Ayes:	Whitten–Carey, Collins, O’Shaughnessey, Hedlund, and Berdie	Nays:	Absent:	Abstained:

Passed:	5/0
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- f. City of Yachats Audit 2023-2024, Resolution 2025-257; after discussion, the vote was called.

Motion:	The motion to accept Audit 2023-2024 as presented:			
Moved:	Collins			
Ayes:	Whitten-Carey, Collins, O'Shaughnessey, Hedlund, and Berdie	Nays:	Absent:	Abstained:
Passed:	5/0			

VII. Other Business

- a. Councilor Collins and Mayor Berdie will work on Council Rules and present a draft at the next Council meeting.

Adjourn City Council Meeting 3:51 pm

Minutes prepared by: Kimmie Jackson, City Recorder