



CITY OF YACHATS CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N, OR 97498

Wednesday, June 18, 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	
Neal Morphis, City Clerk	

Audience

III. Announcements / Correspondence

IV. Public Comments / Citizens' Concerns (5-Minute Limit)

- a. [Michael Allen of Florence](#) spoke at a Board of Commissioners meeting about his dedication to climate action. He founded a local chapter of Elders Climate Action and collaborates with coastal cities on climate initiatives.

V. [Public Hearing](#) - FEMA Model Ordinance

The reading proposed changes to Ordinance 954 concerning development in floodplains, and it was noted that there were important housekeeping issues to address. Additionally, a pending lawsuit related to FEMA actions was highlighted, which could impact the ordinance changes. The lawsuit involved property owners questioning FEMA's compliance with its standards and the adequacy of biological assessment definitions. FEMA had provided municipalities with options

to adopt these new standards, implying that failure to comply could result in the loss of FEMA flood insurance and support during flood events. The option chosen by the Council involved modifying an existing ordinance to align closely with FEMA's model ordinance.

The charter required the ordinance to be read twice before it could be voted on. This item will tentatively be on the September agenda for a second time.

VI. [Consent Agenda](#)

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

V. New Business

- a. [Community Presentation on Climate Resiliency](#) - Tom Kearns, a retired philosophy professor focused on the intersection of climate change, young people, and human rights. He emphasized the growing concern among children regarding climate change, supported by a study involving 10,000 young people from various countries, including the U.S. The findings highlighted that a significant percentage of children are very worried about climate change, with many experiencing negative emotions such as sadness, anxiety, and feelings of helplessness. Kearns proposed focusing on children's rights and outlined a couple of initiatives that local governments could undertake, including an art project to raise awareness.
- b. [City Destination Marketing Organization Contract Renewal](#) - The marketing contract renewal involves extending the existing contracts for the destination marketing organization (DMO) and the Visitor Center, both held by the Yachts Area Chamber of Commerce, for an additional three years. The Visitor Center contract is centered on operating the center seven days a week, employing volunteers to assist visitors, and responding to inquiries. The payment structure for the DMO will have a higher cost in the first year to facilitate initial marketing efforts, with costs gradually tapering off in subsequent years. The

renewal aims to maintain previous initiatives while aligning with updated strategic marketing goals.

Motion:	The motion to approve the Yachts Area Chamber of Commerce as a consultant for the Visitor Center Contract and DMO Contract..			
Moved:	Collins			
Ayes:	Collins, O'Shaughnessey, Hedlund, Whitten-Carey, and Berdie	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0
Passed:	5/0			

- c. [Phase III E. 2nd Street Contract Review](#) - is the final phase extending the water line from Cedar Street to Yachats River Road. The contract requires City Council approval due to its significant financial implications. The submitted bids are competitive and below the West Tech estimate, indicating a responsible financial choice. Given the positive track record of Lasky Clifton Company in completing previous projects, it is recommended that this contract be approved and a regular oversight program established to ensure adherence to timelines and quality standards throughout the construction process.

Motion:	The motion was made to approve the City Manager's signature on this contract, allowing the Phase III E 2nd Street Project to move forward with Lasky Clifton Corporation.			
Moved:				
Ayes:	Whitten-Carey, Collins, Hedlund, O'Shaughnessey, and Berdie	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0
Passed:	5/0			

- d. [Approval of Resolutions](#): The meeting addressed several changes to resolutions related to the City budget. For Resolution 261, it was confirmed that the City would be submitting a certification to receive state marijuana funds. In Resolution 262, a correction was made to the amount for debt services on the general obligation bond for water, changing it from \$49,122 to \$43,770 based on updated information from the county; wording corrections were identified and will be incorporated.

1. RES 2025-261 State Revenue Sharing

Motion:	The motion was made to approve RES 2025-261 State Revenue Sharing.			
Ayes:	Whitten-Carey, Collins, Hedlund, O'Shaughnessey, and Berdie	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0
Passed:	5/0			

2. RES 2025-262 Collect Taxes

Motion:	The motion was made to approve RES 2025-262 Collect Taxes.			
Ayes:	Whitten-Carey, Collins, Hedlund, O'Shaughnessey, and Berdie	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0
Passed:	5/0			

3. RES 2025-263 Adopt FY 25/26 City Budget

Motion:	The motion was made to approve Resolution 2025-263, Adopting the FY 25/26 City Budget.			
Ayes:	Whitten-Carey, Collins, Hedlund, O'Shaughnessey, and Berdie	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0
Passed:	5/0			

4. RES 2025-260 Adopt FY 25/26 URD

Motion:	The motion was made to approve Resolution 2025-260, Adopting the FY 25/26 URD.			
Ayes:	Whitten-Carey, Collins, Hedlund, O'Shaughnessey, and Berdie	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0
Passed:	5/0			

Adjourn City Council Meeting 3:47 pm
Minutes prepared by: Kimmie Jackson, Recorder