



CITY OF YACHATS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES
City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N, OR 97498
Wednesday, July 16 2025

I. Call to order the City Council Meeting 1:00 pm

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, Recorder (Zoom)
Neal Morphis, City Clerk	

Audience
17

III. Announcements / [Correspondence](#)

1. Parade Sign Concern – A citizen raised concerns about the language on a sign displayed during the July 4th parade, which referenced recent events in Texas and urged sensitivity in public messaging.
2. Fireworks Concern- A citizen submitted a letter regarding the use of fireworks. While not on the agenda, the issue will be addressed during the Mayor's session with a proposal to form a work group.
3. City Budget Concern- A citizen shared concerns about the city budget, which is currently being discussed with the City Manager.
4. Visitor appreciation- A visitor expressed appreciation for Yachats, describing it as a beautiful and welcoming place they discovered during the holidays.

IV. Public Comments / Citizens' Concerns (5-Minute Limit) – None

V. [Consent Agenda](#)

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

V. New Business

1. [Scharen Design Studios](#) - Adopt Master Plan - presented is the final phase of the Greater Commons Plan project. This long-term planning effort, approved by the Parks and Commons Commission and City Council, aims to guide future improvements to the Commons area. The plan is based on extensive community input gathered through surveys and outreach at public locations, ensuring broad representation. An advisory group helped incorporate this feedback into a strategic framework that will support capital planning and strengthen the City's ability to pursue grant funding. The plan remains flexible to accommodate future adjustments and identifies key goals, including addressing community needs, enhancing space utilization, and supporting effective maintenance planning. It was also noted that while the plan provides overall guidance, detailed design work—such as ADA-compliant restrooms—is already underway with a local architect.

Motion:	Motion was made to adopt this master plan as presented, understanding that this is a master plan, not a commitment:			
Ayes:	Collins, O'Shaughnessey, Hedlund, Whitten-Carey, and Berdie	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0
Passed:	5/0			

2. [Bird City Designation Presentation](#) - The Bird City presentation highlighted the City's efforts to achieve and maintain official "Bird City" recognition, which supports bird-friendly community practices. The initiative focuses on habitat preservation, bird safety, public education, and community engagement. Actions include protecting native vegetation, reducing threats like window strikes and light pollution, and promoting responsible pet ownership. The City is also working to involve the public through educational events and

partnerships with conservation groups. Next steps include finalizing the Bird City application, identifying specific sites for habitat improvement, developing public outreach materials, and community events that raise awareness. The Mayor asked that staff have a Proclamation ready to read into the record at the next meeting.

3. [Little Log Church Museum Presentation](#) – The presentation on the Little Log Church Museum centered on finalizing interior design updates and planning future exhibits. The City Manager opened the session by highlighting its significance, particularly in shaping Indigenous-themed displays and interior improvements. Architects David Chamberlain and Friends of the Little Log Church Museum Karl Christensen shared the proposed layout, emphasizing collaboration among the City, the Friends Group, and construction teams. Attention has now shifted from exterior rehabilitation to interior enhancements, including the museum area. Drew Caldwell introduced plans for a meaningful Indigenous exhibit to be shared with local tribes for further supervision. Attendees reviewed the existing building layout using visual aids and 3D models to visualize better proposed changes aimed at improving usability while preserving the site's historic character. The presentation highlighted a collaborative approach and marked a significant milestone in preparing the museum for its eventual reopening.
4. [View the Future Contract for Services](#) (VtF) – The City Council discussed a proposed multi-year fee-for-service contract with an organization that supports local conservation and education efforts. VtF plays a key role in managing conservation easements tied to the City's 804 Mitigation Settlement and provides services that they believe the City is not equipped to handle on its own. A recent City land acquisition includes a required conservation easement; VtF thinks this reinforces the need for continued partnership. Council members considered several options, including accepting the contract as proposed, initiating a shorter pilot version, paying only for specific services.

Moved:	The motion was made to proceed with a three-year contract with an option to renew.:			
Ayes:	Whitten-Carey, Collins, Hedlund, O'Shaughnessey, and Berdie	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0

Passed:	5/0
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- a. [Finance Committee Applications](#) - Interviewed Lisa Beck and Douglas Beck.

1. RES 2025-265 Finance Committee Applicant Appointments

Motion:	The motion was made to approve RES 2025-265:			
Ayes:	Whitten-Carey, Collins, Hedlund, O'Shaughnessey, and Berdie	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0
Passed:	5/0			

- b. [The Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance](#) is seeking a designated representative from each participating municipality, ideally a City Council member and the City Manager, to join in developing a regional 50-year water sustainability plan. The role involves attending meetings aimed at fostering collaboration across jurisdictions, building relationships among local water districts, and shaping a unified long-term strategy for Lincoln County's water resources. Councilor Hedlund has expressed interest in working alongside the City Manager Price.
- c. [Pavilion Discussion](#) - The discussion on the pavilion centered on the need for critical repairs and upgrades to bring the structure up to code, with estimated costs around \$285,000. Insights from Scharen Design's architect noting that the repairs would include lifting the roof, installing new posts, and reinforcing the side walls. While recognizing the significant cost, it was emphasized that the long-term value of investing in quality improvements to make the pavilion more functional and community-friendly. Alternatives such as allowing the structure to deteriorate or demolishing it were mentioned; there was disappointment at potentially losing a space that serves as a vital community hub, especially during the summer for events and youth activities. It was highlighted that the cost of seeking funding opportunities is crucial to support the project, and it was noted that although some funds were previously budgeted, a supplemental budget is necessary to cover the full costs. It was encouraged to view the repairs as the foundation for a broader, long-term vision for multi-use community development.
- d. [Resolution 2025-266 TSP Grant Application](#) - The City Manager explained that the grant submission is in collaboration with DLCD and ODOT, which will

support the City in updating its outdated Village Circulation Plan, dating back to the late 1990s. The revised plan would include improvements for pedestrian and vehicle safety, such as sidewalks and traffic calming measures, emphasizing that without the grant, the City likely wouldn't be able to move forward due to the cost of hiring a consultant. The resolution was added to the agenda at the last minute and will undergo minor edits before being finalized and signed.

Moved:	The motion was made to approve Resolution 2025-266, with corrections, authorizing the submission of a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program grant application:			
Ayes:	Whitten-Carey, Collins, Hedlund, O'Shaughnessey, and Berdie	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstained: 0
Passed:	5/0			

Adjourn City Council Meeting 4:45 pm
Minutes prepared by: Kimmie Jackson, Recorder