

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

6:00 PM Business Meeting

Council Present: Councilors Knauer, Bloom, Kaplan, and Hansen.

Attending via Zoom: Mayor Graham, Councilors Dahle and DuQuenne

Council Absent: None

Staff Present:

Sabrina Cotta

City Manager

Doug McGeary

Acting City Attorney

Alissa Kolodzinski

City Recorder

Chad Woodward

Climate and Energy Analyst

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

- a. Land Acknowledgement**

Councilor Bloom read the land acknowledgement.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Hansen led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IV. MAYOR'S/ CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Motion made for Bob Kaplan to act as Tem Chair for tonight's City Council meeting.

Motion: Hansen Second: Bloom

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Knauer, Dahle, Bloom, DuQuenne, Kaplan, and Hansen. YES. Motion passed

- a. MLK Proclamation – Kaplan read the proclamation

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of December 16, 2024– Study Session Meeting
b. Minutes of December 17, 2024 - Business Meeting

Motion made to accept the minutes as amended.

Motion: Bloom Second: Knauer

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Knauer, Dahle, Bloom, DuQuenne, Kaplan, and Hansen. YES. Motion passed.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Granting a Franchise Agreement to Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Use of City Rights-of-Way
b. Resolution No. 2025-01 Clarifying Non-Debt Obligation of the Services Agreement with Western Rivers Conservancy
c. Southern Oregon Goodwill Termination of Ashland Measure 37 Covenant
d. Approval of City Attorney Hiring Procedure
e. Public Arts Advisory Committee Appointment
f. Transportation Advisory Committee Appointment
g. Housing & Human Services Advisory Committee Appointment

- h. Planning Commission Appointment
- i. Approval of Liquor License for Chipotle Mexican Grill
- j. Approval of Liquor License for Shop and Smoke
- k. Approval of Liquor License for Good Juice Wine Shop
- l. Approval of Liquor License for Terrene Winery and Cidery

Request to remove item B from the consent agenda

Motion made to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda.

Motion: Bloom Second: Hansen

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Knauer, Dahle, Bloom, DuQuenne, Kaplan, and Hansen. YES. Motion passed.

Discussion on Resolution No. 2025-01

Discussion on Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC) partnership for Ashland to become the long-term steward of the property for fire safety, habitat mitigation, and economic development potential through increased recreational opportunities.

- WRC will help the City to procure funding and the City will help with earnest payments.
- This resolution would be a preliminary step to reduce risk in a multi-year process including substantial public involvement with an opportunity to withdraw from partnership at any time.
- Concern expressed about needing more information to explore how this property will impact the City of Ashland and long-term maintenance.
- The first payment to WRC would be made February 1, 2025, with subsequent payments built into the budget process.

Navickas – spoke against the project which would triple the City's responsibility for long-term maintenance of its forested land and potential negative impact in a sensitive area.

Hawk – spoke in support of the project to protect wildlife, fire risk, and provide economic development.

Motion made to approve Resolution No. 2025-01 Clarifying Non-Debt Obligation of the Services Agreement with Western Rivers Conservancy and direct the City Manager to execute the Agreement and carry out all administrative tasks necessary for its implementation. Substantive decisions, including key determinations on moving forward with specific elements of the Agreement and the final decision to acquire the property, shall be returned to the Council for review and approval.

Motion: Bloom Second: Hansen

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Knauer, Dahle, Bloom, Kaplan, and Hansen. YES. DuQuenne NO. Motion passed.

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM – 15 Minutes – *Public input or comment on City business not included on the agenda.*

Citizens spoke on fire evacuation concerns, limited disposal of hazardous waste opportunities, emergency weather shelter accommodations, and concern about the new pony wall in chambers.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. *First Reading – ORD 3245 An Ordinance Terminating Specified Commission and Re-establishing AMC Chapter 2.13 to create Advisory Committees*

Discussion with Doug McGeary:

- Review of correction of clerical errors;
 - Correction of resolution number referred to, removal of “management” from 2.13 and 2.13.005, 2.13.010 Standing Advisory Committees, Section D. removal of language related to the Commission, correction of 2.11.015 to 2.13.015
- Request to ensure the PAAC language conforms to State Law– McGeary to follow up
- Request to remove the language regarding ex-officio members in other areas and moved to Section H that applies to all Committees.
- MACs are established and may be subject to public meeting law depending on the situation.

Public Hearing Open

Public Hearing Closed

Decision:

Motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 3245, an ordinance terminating specified commissions, renaming the Municipal Audit Commission to the Municipal Audit Committee, and re-establishing AMC Chapter 2.13 to create City Council and Management Advisory Committees as discussed, amended, and reviewed; and further move to schedule the second reading and potential adoption of this ordinance at the next regularly scheduled public Council business meeting.

Motion: Bloom Second: DuQuenne

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Knauer, Dahle, Bloom, DuQuenne, Kaplan, and Hansen. YES. Motion passed.

b. First Reading – ORD 3254 An Ordinance Amending AMC Title 9 Health and Sanitation Creating Chapter 9.45 Carbon Pollution Impact Fee and Establishing Standards for a Carbon Pollution Impact Fee for New Residential Structures in the City of Ashland

Chad Woodward provided a review and presentation of the topic including findings and options for greenhouse gas reductions emissions and proposed language revision for 9.45.020 (c.) “New Residential Building: New construction of any residential building, including complete demolition and rebuilds, and any accessory dwelling units. This definition does not include additions, alterations, renovations, or repairs to existing buildings.” (presentation attached).

Discussion:

- The fee would go into the general fund to offset staffing costs required to process the fee.
- The fee would act as a disincentive with outreach regarding purpose prior to implementation.
- Most affordable housing developments going in locally and regionally is all-electric.
- Hansen spoke of a recent meeting with a representative from the gas utility franchise to gain perspective on this issue and disclosed a potential conflict of interest as the owner of a Solar company but spoke he could vote impartially with the City’s interest as forefront in mind.
- Prior reporting of energy use from franchisees was not required but voluntarily provided.
- Intent is to work with the building permit company to include data points that can be used to measure the ordinance’s efficacy if implemented.

Public Hearing Open

Sohl – submitted written testimony and supports this ordinance (ORD).

Retiz – spoke in support of this ORD and for fees to support climate justice programs.

Banks – spoke in support of ORD as benefitting health, safety, equity and affordability of housing.

Vincent – spoke against the ORD in favor of other decarbonization and warned against litigation.

Mozina – spoke that carbon dioxide is not a pollutant and does not support this ORD.
Elder – spoke of options to decarbonize natural gas before it is burned – does not support this ORD.
Archuleta – spoke in favor of choice, alternative decarbonization options., and against this ORD.
Oaks – spoke that Council is responsible to its voters, supports this ORD and climate justice programs.
Doyle – spoke in favor of the ORD in support of affordability.
Sigalove – supports this ORD – electricity is a cheaper and action must be taken now.
Schnibbe – Supports this ORD and climate justice to ensure the planet is inhabitable in the future.
Mori D. – spoke in support of this ORD and the youth that brought it, our community, and planet.
Hayes – supports this ORD to properly account for and align business interests with social good.
Dolan – did not speak
Harris – did not speak
Bangs – urged Council to follow the youth leadership in passing this ORD.
Dawn – thanked community members for their work on this and urged Council to pass this ORD.
Journet – spoke concern over pollution, thanked those that worked on this, and urged Council pass it.
Samelson – spoke in support of this policy brought by the youth and urged Council to pass this ORD.
Oguri – spoke in favor of natural gas as an alternative fuel option during power outages.

Public Hearing Closed

Discussion (cont.):

- This ordinance does not ban natural gas or require electric and is for new construction only.
- Examine current building fees and consider how to catalyze new development.
- Potential to calculate this fee based on square footage instead of a flat fee.
- Outside legal counsel was hired to analyze the ordinance for the strongest ordinance with the most likelihood of withstanding a court challenge. Other pollution controls exist.

Decision:

Motion made to approve First Reading of Ordinance #3254, An Ordinance Amending AMC Title 9 Health and Sanitation Creating Chapter 9.45 Carbon Pollution Impact Fee and Establishing Standards for a Carbon Pollution Impact Fee for New Residential Structures in the City of Ashland and set a Second Reading for February 4, 2025 with the amended included for clarification.

Motion: Hansen

Second: Bloom

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Knauer, Dahle, Bloom, DuQuenne, Kaplan, and Hansen. YES. Motion passed.

Recess taken from 8:13 to 8:22

Change in order of business

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of Council Chair

Decision: none

Motion made to confirm Jeff Dahle as Chair of the Council for one year.

Motion: Bloom

Second: DuQuenne

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor Knauer, Bloom, DuQuenne, Kaplan, and Hansen: YES. Dahle: Abstain
Motion passed.**

b. City Council Liaison Appointments to Committees

- Kaplan read off the assignments as appointed by Mayor Graham – see attached City Council Liaison Assignments document.

c. Budget Committee Appointments

- Cotta received Councilor's votes and began calculating results while the meeting continued.

XI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS

a. Second Reading – ORD 3248 An Ordinance Creating Section 2.28.600 of the Ashland Municipal Code Establishing the Parks and Recreation Department

Discussion:

- Changes from first reading include recommendations from the Parks Commission. Aside from minor clerical changes, substantive changes were read for Sections 2.28.600 Parks and Recreation Department – Creation; 2.28.610 Parks and Recreation Director – Appointment and Duties; 2.28.630 Accountability and Supervisory Structure, Section D: Clarification of Authority; and 2.28.640 Hiring and Termination of the Parks and Recreation Director, Sections A and B. (see packet for full ORD language with changes)
- Request to clarify language that if a decision is made it is announced in a public meeting

Public Hearing Open

Landt – Spoke as vice Chair of the Parks Commission to clarify APRC's requested changes.

Public Hearing Closed

Decision:

Motion made to postpone second reading of Ordinance 3248 until the next business meeting with the changes presented and changing from 'PRC' to 'APRC'.

Motion: Bloom Second: Knauer

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Dahle, Bloom, DuQuenne, Knauer, Kaplan, and Hansen. YES. Motion passed.

b. Second Reading – ORD 3252: Amending 14.16.015 to Allow for Conservation Measures

Discussion:

- Redundancy of language, wording, and purpose of the Ordinance was discussed.
- Clarification that this was reviewed by Bond Counsel required for the USDA Loan acceptance.

Mozina – did not speak

Decision:

Motion made to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 3252, Amending 14.16.015 to Allow for Conservation Measures.

Motion: Bloom Second: Dahle

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Dahle, Bloom, Kaplan, and Hansen. YES. DuQuenne, Knauer, No. Motion passed.

a. Budget Committee Appointments

Discussion: Cotta read aloud the ballots by councilor in accordance with public meeting law. Results are Kristen Roy and James Fredericks with a term ending 2028; Michael Murry and Ariana Spiegler with term ending 2026; and Meg Wage with a term ending 2025.

- Dahle recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Decision:

Motion made to appoint the winners of the Citizen's Budget Committee election results.

Motion: Hansen Second: Bloom

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Knauer, Bloom, DuQuenne, Kaplan, and Hansen. YES. Dahle abstain. Motion passed.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Council Adoption of 2200 Ashland Street Master Plan

Discussion:

- Concern expressed with discussion about the readiness of the revised document – specifically related to the word “shall” and the potential of obligating the City unnecessarily.

Decision:

Motion made to adopt the revised 2200 Ashland Street Master Plan.

Motion: Hansen

Second: DuQuenne

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Dahle, DuQuenne, Kaplan, and Hansen YES. Bloom NO. Knauer Abstain.

Motion passed.

Motion made to allow Knauer to abstain from this vote.

Motion: Bloom

Second: DuQuenne

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Knauer, Bloom, DuQuenne, Kaplan Yes. Hansen, Dahle No. Motion passed.

b. 2200 Ashland Street Facility Plan Ad Hoc Committee – Moved to next meeting

c. Request to Withdraw Affordable Housing Trust Fund RFP to Allow for Strategic Discussion Regarding How Best to Invest the Funding- Moved to next meeting

III. CITY MANAGER REPORT

IV. OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion: Bloom

Second: Hansen

All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

City Recorder Alissa Kolodzinski

Mayor Tonya Graham



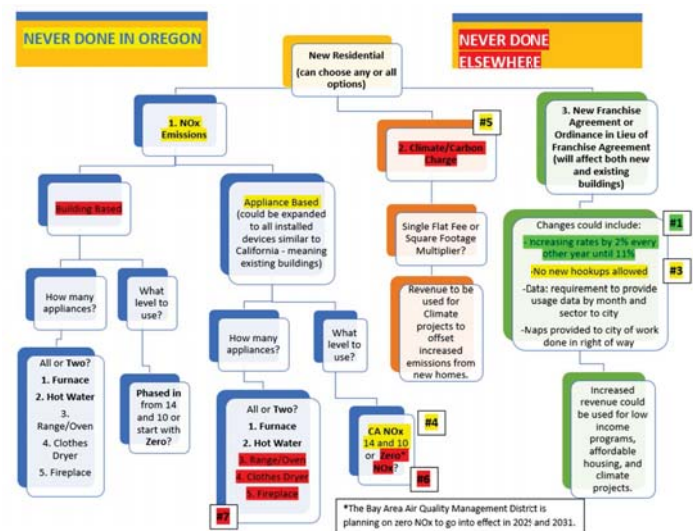
City Council Meeting: Climate Pollution Impact Fee

January 21, 2025

Background:

May 21, 2024: City Council narrowed staff review to three options. Two of which could be drafted as an ordinance around either:

1. **NOx Emissions** like California Air Resource Board's current standards.
 2. **Carbon Charge**.
- Council further directed staff to bring a proposal for adjustments to the **franchise agreements**, or other means of regulating natural gas usage by the first quarter of 2025.



Legal Considerations

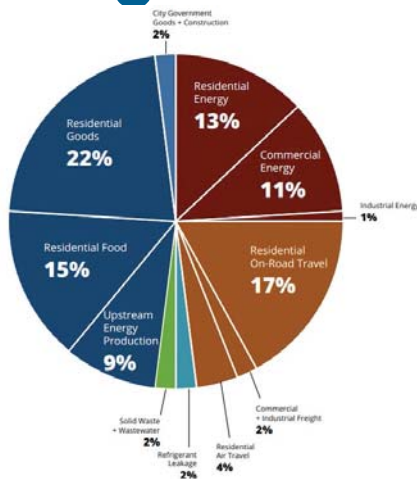
- Outside counsel utilized to review considerations.
- December 2024 – lawsuit filed against the South Coast Air Quality Management District regarding the move to a zero NOx standard.

10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12 RINNAI AMERICA CORP., NORITZ
13 AMERICA CORP., NATIONAL
14 ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS,
15 CALIFORNIA STATE PIPE TRADES
16 COUNCIL, CALIFORNIA
17 MANUFACTURERS & TECHNOLOGY
18 ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA
19 RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION,
20 RESTAURANT LAW CENTER,
21 CALIFORNIANS FOR
22 HOMEOWNERSHIP, INC., CALIFORNIA
23 HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION, and
24 CALIFORNIA APARTMENT
25 ASSOCIATION
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27 Plaintiffs,
28
29 v.
30 SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
31 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,
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33 Defendant.

Civil Action No. 2:24-cv-10482
**COMPLAINT FOR
DECLARATORY AND
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

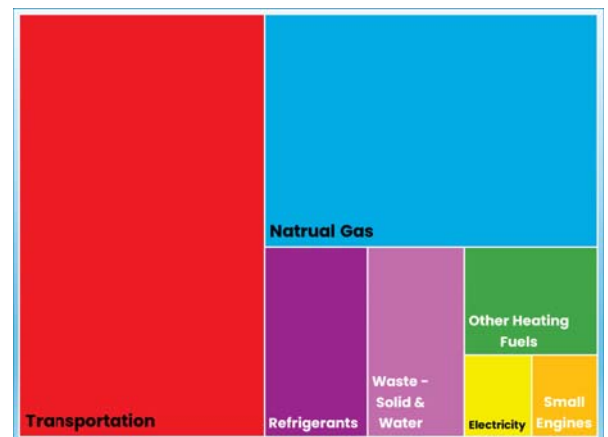


How is Ashland doing in reaching its climate goals?



Climate Impacts

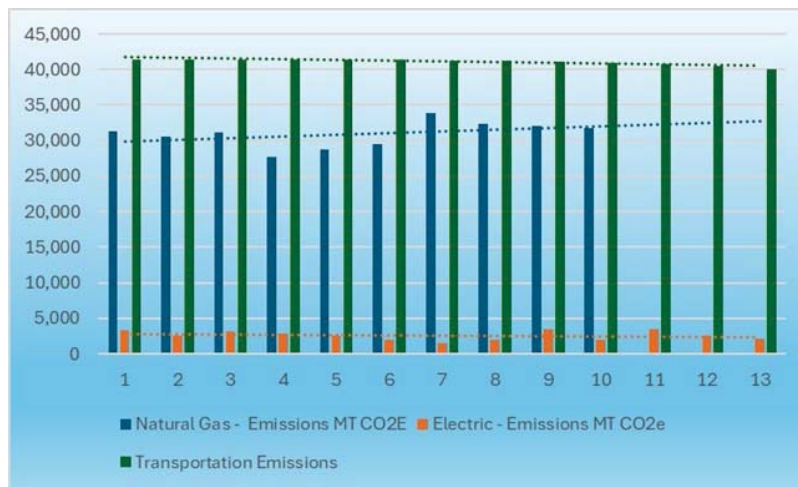
2015 CEAP Climate Inventory



2024 CEAP Inventory



How is Ashland doing in reaching its climate goals?



2024 CEAP Inventory – years 2011 – 2023



What is the possible impact of an ordinance to help Ashland meet its goals?

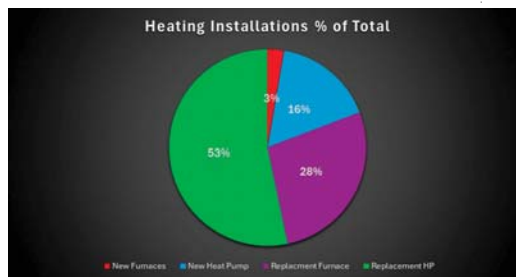
1. NOx

- Low NOx = none, reducing NOx improves air quality but does not reduce GHG's.
- Zero NOx = possible to reduce GHG

2. Climate Pollution Impact Fee

- 11.7% of new construction used natural gas furnaces; which if reduced could help Ashland meet its goals.
- New homes are smaller area for impact than existing homes – only 3% of the natural gas heating installations over the past 5 years.

Year	New Furnace	New Heat Pump	Total Heating	% New Furnace	% New Heat Pump
2019	10	65	75	13.33	86.67
2020	20	59	79	25.32	74.68
2021	7	109	116	6.03	93.97
2022	8	34	42	19.05	80.95
2023	3	42	45	6.67	93.33
TOTALS	48	309	357	11.73	85.92



What is the possible impact of an ordinance to help Ashland meet its goals?

- The Climate Pollution Impact Fee could reduce actual greenhouse gas emissions if the ordinance fee influences what type of fuel is used for each of the five covered applications.
- This ordinance is less about reducing current emissions and more about slowing the growth of emission rates from new residential homes.
- The greatest impact of this ordinance is difficult to quantify as it most likely will occur in either:
 - Other communities who may implement something similar and
 - Influencing fuel choices in existing homes both locally and abroad.



Preferred Alternative:

Climate Pollution Impact Fee – a consumer choice driven option

Based on

1. Local energy consumption
2. American Gas Association Regional Usage Data
3. Scientifically determined social cost of carbon
4. Industry/government years of service

Thermal Energy System Type	American Gas Association - Regional Usage	Annual Average Metric Tons for Ashland Home	Average Metric Ton Per Ashland Thermal Energy System	Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases Per Metric Ton	Annual Pollution Fee Per Thermal Energy System	Expected Years of Service	Total Cost Per Thermal Energy System Unit
Furnaces	53	2.49	1.32	\$208.00	\$274.56	15	\$4,118.40
Water Heaters	25	2.49	0.62	\$208.00	\$128.96	10	\$1,289.60
Ranges	5	2.49	0.12	\$208.00	\$24.96	15	\$374.40
Clothes Dryers	3	2.49	0.07	\$208.00	\$14.56	10	\$145.60
Gas Fireplaces	14	2.49	0.35	\$208.00	\$72.80	10	\$728.00
	100		2.48				\$6,656.00



Proposed language revision for Climate Protection Impact Fee

Revision to 9.45.020 (C.)

C. "New Residential Building: New construction of any residential building, including complete demolition and rebuilds, and any accessory dwelling units. This definition does not include additions, alterations, renovations, or repairs to existing buildings."



Questions?



Thank you!

**Chad Woodward
Climate & Energy Analyst**



Budget Committee Member Voting

1/21/2025



Councilor DuQuenne

Rank in order of preference 1 -7.

Name	Rank
Dahle, Dylan	
Fredericks, James	1
Gobelman, Larry	6
Morrison, Mark	
Murry, Michael	7
Navickas, Eric	
Roy, Kristen	4
Spiegler, Ariana	5
Sturm, Jeanine	2
Wade, Meg	3

1 = highest, 7 = lowest. The top 5 vote earners will be selected to be on the committee.

Those ranked 1 & 2 - term length is through **6/30/2028**.

Those ranked 3 & 4 - term length is through **6/30/2026**.

The person ranked 5 - term length is through **6/30/2025**.

Budget Committee Member Voting

1/21/2025



Mayor Graham

Rank in order of preference 1 -7.

Name	Rank
Dahle, Dylan	
Fredericks, James	3
Gobelman, Larry	6
Morrison, Mark	
Murry, Michael	5
Novickos, Eric	1
Roy, Kristen	2
Spiegler, Ariana	7
Sturm, Jeanine	
Wade, Meg	4

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Budget Committee Member Voting

1/21/2025



Councilor Knauer

Rank in order of preference 1 -7.

Name	Rank
Dahle, Dylan	<u> </u>
Fredericks, James	1
Gobelman, Larry	4
Morrison, Mark	9
Murry, Michael	3
Navickas, Eric	5
Roy, Kristen	6
Spiegler, Ariana	2
Sturm, Jeanine	8
Wade, Meg	7

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Budget Committee Member Voting

1/21/2025



Councilor Bloom

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Name	Rank
Dahle, Dylan	1 4
Fredericks, James	1
Gobelman, Larry	7
Morrison, Mark	1 5
Murry, Michael	2
Navickas, Eric	
Roy, Kristen	3
Spiegler, Ariana	4 6
Sturm, Jeanine	
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Budget Committee Member Voting

1/21/2025



Councilor Kaplan

Rank in order of preference 1 -7.

Name	Rank
Dahle, Dylan	
Fredericks, James	6
Gobelman, Larry	
Morrison, Mark	3
Murry, Michael	5
Navickas, Eric	1
Roy, Kristen	4
Spiegler, Ariana	7
Sturm, Jeanine	
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Budget Committee Member Voting

1/21/2025



Councilor Hansen

Rank in order of preference 1 -7.

Name	Rank
Dahle, Dylan	6
Fredericks, James	10 10
Gobelman, Larry	7
Morrison, Mark	4
Murry, Michael	2
Navickas, Eric	9
Roy, Kristen	1
Spiegler, Ariana	3
Sturm, Jeanine	5
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	Bloom	Dahle	DuQuenne	Graham	Hansen	Kaplan	Knauer	Total
Dahle, Dylan								0
Fredericks, James			1	3				1
Gobelman, Larry			6	6				6
Morrison, Mark								0
Murry, Michael			7	5				7
Navickas, Eric				1				0
Roy, Kristen			4	2				4
Spiegler, Ariana			5	7				5
Sturm, Jeanine			2					2
Wade, Meg			3	4				3

Rank 1 & 2

term ending 2028

Kristen Roy & James Fredericks

Rank 3 & 4

term ending 2026

Michael Murry & Ariana Spiegler

Rank 5

term ending 2025

Meg Wade



	Bloom	Dahle	DuQuenne	Graham	Hansen	Kaplan	Knauer	
Dahle, Dylan	4	0	10	10	6	10		40
Fredericks, James	1	0	1	3	10	6	1	22 2028
Gobelman, Larry	7	0	6	6	7	10	4	40
Morrison, Mark	5	0	10	10	4	3	10	42
Murry, Michael	2	0	7	5	2	5	3	24 2026
Navickas, Eric	10	0	10	1	10	1	5	37
Roy, Kristen	3	0	4	2	1	4	6	20 2028
Spiegler, Ariana	6	0	5	7	3	7	2	30 2026
Sturm, Jeanine	10	0	2	10	5	10	8	45
Wade, Meg	10	0	3	4	8	2	7	34 2025
Total	58	0	58	58	56	58	46	

Rank 1 & 2	term ending 2028
Rank 3 & 4	term ending 2026
Rank 5	term ending 2025

Any vote over 7 or no ranking = 10

City Council Liaison Assignments

January 20, 2025

Commissions & Standing Advisory Committees	2025 First Assignment	2025 Second Assignment
Parks & Recreation Commission (City Charter)	Hansen	Bloom
Planning Commission	Knauer	
Climate and Environmental Policy	Kaplan	Dahle
Historic Preservation	Dahle	
Housing and Human Services	Bloom	Kaplan
Public Art	DuQuenne	
Social Equity and Racial Justice	Dahle	DuQuenne
Transportation	Hansen	Knauer

City Ad Hoc Committees	2025 First Assignment	2025 Second Assignment
Ashland Water Advisory Committee – Dormant this year		
Early Learning Committee	Bloom	

Regional Boards & Committees	2025 First Assignment	2025 Second Assignment
Chamber of Commerce / Travel Ashland	Knauer	
Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG)	Hansen	
Jackson County Continuum of Care	Kaplan	
Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVMPO)	DuQuenne	
Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD)	DuQuenne	
Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc.	Dahle	Knauer

Community Relationships

Unlike typical Council Liaison assignments where the councilor is expected to regularly attend committee or commission meetings, the Community Liaison would be expected to open a line of communication with the leadership of the organization and check in quarterly to understand how things might be changing for that organization, learn about new activities, and discuss any challenges. The purpose of this structure is to help the City Council as a body understand the current reality of the City's primary community partners as we, and they, navigate this time of great change. As Community Liaisons, Ashland City Council members would share similar information with those community organizations at their request.

Community Organizations	2025 First Assignment	2025 Second Assignment
Ashland Community Hospital	Dahle	
Ashland School District	Kaplan	Bloom
All Age Friendly Ashland	Knauer	
Crisis Response Network	Bloom	
Mount Ashland	Hansen	
Opportunities for Housing, Resources & Assistance	Kaplan	
Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF)	Graham	Kaplan
Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association (RVMTBA)	Hansen	
Southern Oregon University (SOU)	Graham	DuQuenne