



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL/PARK COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Council Chamber, 1175 E Main Street - 5:30 PM

To attend the meeting or provide public testimony, please see participation instructions.

I. CALL TO ORDER

** LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

II. ROLL CALL

III. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

1. Preliminary 4th Quarter Financial Update as of June 30, 2026

IV. PARKS FEE

1. Parks Fee
2. Resolution No. 2025-13
3. PowerPoint 8-3-26 Council Update on City Strategic Plan

V. ADJOURNMENT FROM JOINT MEETING

VI. CALL TO ORDER FOR PARK COMMISSION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VIII. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

X. CONSENT AGENDA

XI. BUSINESS

XII. ACTING DIRECTORS REPORT

XIII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

XIV. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

1. Park Commission Study Session September 2 Council Chamber 6 PM
Park Commission Business Meeting September 9 Council Chamber 6 PM
Trails Advisory Committee September 16 the Grove 4:15 PM
Park Commission Study Session October 7 Council Chamber 6 PM
Ashland Senior Advisory Committee October 12 Senior Center 3:30 PM

XV. ADJOURNMENT

If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Nancy Mero at Nancy.mero@ashlandoregon.gov or 541-552-2256 (TTY phone number 1-800-735-2900). Notification at least three business days before the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



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Participation Instructions

This meeting will be held in-person in Council Chamber 1175 E. Main St. Those who wish to provide oral testimony must attend the meeting, fill out a speaker request card, and give it to a staff member before the meeting begins. If you would like to give testimony electronically, please contact Nancy Mero at nancy.mero@ashlandoregon.gov by 10:00 AM the morning of the meeting. Please type “**Virtual Public Testimony**” in the subject line.

Written testimony will be accepted via email sent to Nancy Mero at nancy.mero@ashland.or.us. Please type “**Public Testimony**” in the subject line. Written testimony submitted by 11:00 AM the Tuesday before the meeting will be made available to the Park Commissioners before the meeting. All testimony will be included in the meeting minutes.

For ways to view this meeting and watch previously recorded Park Commission meetings, please visit this webpage. <https://ashlandoregon.gov/740/Watch-a-Meeting>





City of Ashland
Summary of Fund Balances
Preliminary as of June 30, 2026

Fund	Balance June 30, 2026	Balance June 30, 2025	Change From FY 2025	Assigned Ending Fund Balance	Unassigned Ending Fund Balance	2025-2026 Requirements	Over(Under) Requirements
General Fund	\$ 13,516,457	\$ 15,372,019	\$ (1,855,561)	983,887	12,532,570	6,935,840	181%
Tourism Fund	990,463	922,621	67,842	990,463	-	No Policy	N/A
Housing Fund	166,142	127,476	38,666	166,142	-	No Policy	N/A
Community Block Grant Fund	32,555	36,617	(4,062)	32,555	-	No Policy	N/A
Reserve Fund	5,263,000	1,980,546	3,282,454	5,263,000	-	No Policy	N/A
Street Fund	1,479,594	4,151,856	(2,672,262)	1,479,594	-	1,243,454	119%
SDC Street Fund	2,411,236	2,930,798	(519,562)	2,411,236	-	No Policy	N/A
Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund	403,611	-	403,611	403,611	-	57,394	703%
Airport Fund	416,194	431,093	(14,899)	416,194	-	162,862	256%
Capital Improvements Fund	860,643	372,739	487,905	-	860,643	No Policy	N/A
Parks Capital Improvements Fund	3,631,843	3,339,320	292,523	3,631,843	-	No Policy	N/A
SDC Parks Fund	540,665	479,909	60,757	540,665	-	No Policy	N/A
Debt Service Fund	237,985	1,101,412	(863,427)	237,985	-	No Policy	N/A
Water Fund	16,412,772	18,791,692	(2,378,920)	6,000,000	10,412,772	3,021,117	345%
SDC Water Fund	549,149	976,558	(427,409)	549,149	-	No Policy	N/A
Wastewater Fund	7,307,264	7,572,951	(265,687)	-	7,307,264	2,187,956	334%
SDC Wastewater Fund	2,940,328	2,726,658	213,670	2,940,328	-	No Policy	N/A
Storm Drain Fund	2,245,884	2,136,737	109,147	-	2,245,884	237,612	945%
SDC Storm Drain Fund	77,168	55,106	22,062	77,168	-	No Policy	N/A
Electric Fund	9,013,000	7,621,813	1,391,187	-	9,013,000	4,648,750	194%
Telecommunications Fund	2,679,588	2,848,373	(168,785)	-	2,679,588	677,544	395%
Insurance Services Fund	2,742,521	2,610,622	131,899	2,742,521	-	1,421,579	193%
Equipment Fund	9,406,876	7,589,751	1,817,125	9,406,876	-	2,271,000	414%
Cemetery Trust Fund	977,484	995,101	(17,617)	977,484	-	No Policy	N/A
	<u>\$ 84,302,423</u>	<u>\$ 85,171,768</u>	<u>\$ (869,345)</u>	<u>39,250,708</u>	<u>45,051,721</u>		
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 84,302,423</u>	<u>\$ 85,171,768</u>	<u>\$ (869,345)</u>				
Restricted and Committed Funds							
Restricted	\$ 12,900,839	\$ 17,160,976	\$ (4,260,137)				
Committed	26,349,863	24,949,972	1,399,891				
Unassigned	<u>45,051,721</u>	<u>43,060,820</u>	<u>1,990,900</u>				
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 84,302,423</u>	<u>\$ 85,171,768</u>	<u>\$ (869,345)</u>				



City of Ashland Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - City Wide

Preliminary as of June 30, 2026
(100% of Fiscal Year)

	Fiscal Year 2026 Year-To-Date Actuals	1st Year of Biennial Budget	Percent Collected / Expended	Year-over-Year Change	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-To-Date Actuals	Fiscal Year 2025 End -of-Year Actuals	Percent Collected / Expended
	Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year		
City-Wide Revenues							
Taxes	\$ 31,018,828	\$ 32,326,291	96.0%	108.8%	\$ 28,517,601	\$ 28,517,601	100.0%
Licenses and Permits	1,134,721	1,273,955	89.1%	103.1%	1,101,054	1,101,054	100.0%
Intergovernmental Revenues	5,120,067	5,552,709	92.2%	124.4%	4,115,134	4,115,134	100.0%
Charges for Services - Rate & Internal	56,324,317	58,084,734	97.0%	102.8%	54,783,108	54,783,108	100.0%
Charges for Services - Misc. Service fees	702,201	672,000	104.5%	124.4%	564,371	564,371	100.0%
System Development Charges	629,121	555,000	113.4%	87.2%	721,709	721,708	100.0%
Fines and Forfeitures	231,405	229,500	100.8%	126.5%	182,961	182,961	100.0%
Assessment Payments	-	3,000	0.0%	0.0%	4,915	4,915	100.0%
Interest on Investments	3,282,317	3,405,000	96.4%	84.4%	3,887,246	3,887,246	100.0%
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,626,381	402,150	1399.1%	1473.0%	381,970	381,970	100.0%
Total Revenues	104,069,358	102,504,339	101.5%	110.4%	94,260,069	94,260,069	100.0%
Budgetary Resources:							
Other Financing Sources	253,370	41,010,975	0.6%	-24.3%	1,042,229	1,042,229	100.0%
Transfers In	2,882,291	2,799,613	103.0%	53.5%	5,382,660	5,382,661	100.0%
Total Budgetary Resources	3,135,661	43,810,588	7.2%	48.8%	6,424,890	6,424,890	100.0%
Total Resources	107,205,019	146,314,927	73.3%	106.5%	100,684,959	100,684,959	100.0%
City-Wide Expenditures							
Personnel Services	42,826,594	45,305,990	94.5%	106.4%	40,248,933	40,248,933	100.0%
Materials and Services	42,492,359	46,636,551	91.1%	94.4%	44,990,336	44,990,336	100.0%
Debt Service	2,104,250	3,567,068	59.0%	71.1%	2,958,133	2,958,133	100.0%
Total Operating Expenditures	87,423,203	95,509,609	91.5%	99.1%	88,197,401	88,197,401	100.0%
Capital Construction							
Capital Outlay	17,768,870	33,296,776	53.4%	160.8%	11,049,592	11,049,592	100.0%
Transfers Out	2,882,291	2,799,613	103.0%	53.5%	5,382,661	5,382,661	100.0%
Contingencies	-	2,543,413	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Budgetary Requirements	2,882,291	5,343,026	53.9%	53.5%	5,382,661	5,382,661	100.0%
Total Requirements	108,074,364	134,149,411	80.6%	103.3%	104,629,654	104,629,653	100.0%
Excess (Deficiency) of Resources over Requirements	(869,345)	12,165,516	107.1%	22.0%	(3,944,695)	(3,944,694)	100.0%
Working Capital Carryover	85,171,768	81,478,779	104.5%	95.6%	89,116,462	89,116,462	100.0%
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	\$ 84,302,424	\$ 93,644,295	90.0%	99.0%	\$ 85,171,768	\$ 85,171,768	100.0%



City of Ashland
Statement of Resources, Requirements, and Changes in Fund Balance
Preliminary as of June 30, 2026
(100% of Fiscal Year)

		Fiscal Year 2026		Budget to Actual		Preliminary Fiscal		Actual Percent
		Fiscal Year 2026	1st Year of Biennial	Percent	Actual to Actual	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-	Year 2025 End-of-	Collected /
		1st Year Actuals	Budget	Collected /	Year-over-Year	Date Actuals	Year Actuals	Expended
		Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year		
110	General Fund Revenues							
	Taxes	\$ 26,567,021	\$ 26,791,393	99.2%	108.8%	\$ 24,424,056	\$ 24,424,056	100.0%
	Licenses and Permits	1,134,721	1,273,955	89.1%	103.1%	1,101,054	1,101,054	100.0%
	Intergovernmental	1,213,774	940,554	129.0%	100.8%	1,204,430	1,204,430	100.0%
	Charges for Services	10,528,891	10,907,625	96.5%	94.7%	11,121,520	11,121,520	100.0%
	Fines	231,405	229,500	100.8%	126.5%	182,961	182,961	100.0%
	Interest on Investments	607,515	851,000	71.4%	71.5%	850,261	850,261	100.0%
	Miscellaneous	62,149	13,150	472.6%	36.6%	169,950	169,950	100.0%
	Transfer In (Street Fund)	135,000	135,000	100.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Transfer In (Parks General Fund)	-	-	N/A	0.0%	631,966	631,966	100.0%
	Transfer In (Debt Service Fund)	900,000	900,000	100.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Transfer In (Parks CIP)	422,545	422,545	100.0%	100.0%	422,545	422,545	100.0%
	Transfer In (Water Fund)	-	-	N/A	0.0%	50,000	50,000	100.0%
	Transfer In (Parks Equipment Fund)	-	-	N/A	0.0%	473,608	473,608	100.0%
	Transfer In (Health Benefits Fund)	-	-	N/A	0.0%	2,225,545	2,225,545	100.0%
	Transfer In (Cemetery)	75,000	75,000	100.0%	159.2%	47,111	47,111	100.0%
	Total Revenues and Other Sources	41,878,020	42,539,722	98.4%	97.6%	42,905,007	42,905,007	100.0%
110	General Fund Expenditures							
	Administration Department	4,854,315	4,320,512	112.4%	139.6%	3,477,326	3,477,326	100.0%
	Administration - Municipal Court	574,621	574,893	100.0%	102.7%	559,658	559,658	100.0%
	Information Technology Department	1,166,354	1,372,610	85.0%	72.3%	1,612,123	1,612,123	100.0%
	Finance Department	3,102,506	3,400,447	91.2%	95.1%	3,263,434	3,263,434	100.0%
	City Recorder	-	-	N/A	0.0%	268,303	268,303	100.0%
	Police Department	8,728,890	9,382,322	93.0%	98.7%	8,844,074	8,844,074	100.0%
	Fire and Rescue Department	11,573,432	11,894,743	97.3%	95.1%	12,167,031	12,167,031	100.0%
	Public Works Department	3,477,291	4,325,333	80.4%	111.9%	3,108,117	3,108,118	100.0%
	Community Development	2,104,786	2,389,405	88.1%	98.7%	2,131,635	2,131,635	100.0%
	Parks Department	6,987,642	7,750,540	90.2%	89.4%	7,812,768	7,812,768	100.0%
	Transfer Out (Tourism Fund)	36,639	53,961	67.9%	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Transfer Out (Housing Fund)	100,000	100,000	100.0%	100.0%	100,000	100,000	100.0%
	Transfer Out (Capital Improvements)	400,000	300,000	133.3%	37.6%	1,064,446	1,064,446	100.0%
	Transfer Out (Debt Service Fund)	153,000	153,000	100.0%	84.4%	181,297	181,297	100.0%
	Transfer Out (Equipment Fund)	473,607	473,607	100.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Transfer Out (Cemetery Fund)	500	500	100.0%	100.0%	500	500	100.0%



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Statement of Resources, Requirements, and Changes in Fund Balance
Preliminary as of June 30, 2026
(100% of Fiscal Year)

	Fiscal Year 2026 1st Year Actuals	Fiscal Year 2026 1st Year of Biennial Budget	Budget to Actual Percent Collected / Expended	Actual to Actual Year-over-Year Change	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to- Date Actuals	Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 End-of- Year Actuals	Actual Percent Collected / Expended
	Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year		
Contingency	-	1,056,376	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	43,733,582	47,548,249	92.0%	98.1%	44,590,713	44,590,713	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(1,855,561)	(5,008,527)	63.0%	110.1%	(1,685,706)	(1,685,706)	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	15,372,019	16,340,214	94.1%	90.1%	17,057,725	17,057,725	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 13,516,457	\$ 11,331,687	119.3%	87.9%	\$ 15,372,019	\$ 15,372,019	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	983,887						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 12,532,570						



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		Fiscal Year 2026		Budget to Actual	Actual to Actual	Preliminary Fiscal		Actual Percent
		Fiscal Year 2026	1st Year of Biennial	Percent	Year-over-Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-	Year 2025 End-of-	Collected /
		1st Year Actuals	Budget	Collected /	Change	Date Actuals	Year Actuals	Expended
		Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year		
211	Parks General Fund							
	Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
	Interest	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Miscellaneous	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Transfer In (General Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Total Revenues and Other Sources	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Personnel Services	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Materials and Services	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Capital Outlay	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Transfer Out (General Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	631,966	631,966	100.0%
	Contingency	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Total Expenditures and Other Uses	-	-	N/A	N/A	631,966	631,966	100.0%
	Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	-	-	N/A	N/A	(631,966)	(631,966)	100.0%
	Beginning Fund Balance	-	-	N/A	N/A	631,966	631,966	100.0%
	Ending Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ (0)	\$ -	N/A
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:								
	Restricted and Committed Funds	-	-					
	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -	-					



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		Fiscal Year 2026		Budget to Actual	Actual to Actual	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-		Preliminary Fiscal	Actual Percent
		Fiscal Year 2026	1st Year of Biennial	Percent	Year-over-Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-	Year 2025 End-of-	Year Actuals	Collected /
		1st Year Actuals	Budget	Collected /	Change	Date Actuals	Year Actuals		Expended
		Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year			
230	Tourism Fund								
	Taxes	\$ 994,790	\$ 900,000	110.5%	107.8%	\$ 922,661	\$ 922,661		100.0%
	Interest on Investments	37,578	39,000	96.4%	89.2%	42,129	42,129		100.0%
	Miscellaneous	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-		N/A
	Transfer In (General Fund)	36,639	53,961	67.9%	N/A	-	-		N/A
	Total Revenues and Other Sources	1,069,007	992,961	107.7%	110.8%	964,790	964,790		100.0%
	Personnel Services	96,218	91,426	105.2%	111.7%	86,120	86,120		100.0%
	Materials and Services	904,947	941,900	96.1%	96.5%	938,166	938,166		100.0%
	Contingency		31,000	0.0%	N/A	-	-		N/A
	Total Expenditures and Other Uses	1,001,165	1,064,326	94.1%	97.7%	1,024,286	1,024,286		100.0%
	Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	67,842	(71,365)	195.1%	-114.0%	(59,496)	(59,496)		100.0%
	Beginning Fund Balance	922,621	382,937	240.9%	93.9%	982,117	982,117		100.0%
	Ending Fund Balance	\$ 990,463	\$ 311,572	317.9%	107.4%	\$ 922,621	\$ 922,621		100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:									
	Restricted and Committed Funds	990,463							
	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -							



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		Fiscal Year 2026 1st Year of Biennial Budget	Budget to Actual Percent Collected / Expended	Actual to Actual Year-over-Year Change	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to- Date Actuals	Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 End-of- Year Actuals	Actual Percent Collected / Expended	
		Current Fiscal Year			Prior Fiscal Year			
240	Housing Fund							
	Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
	Intergovernmental	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Interest on Investments	5,606	8,000	70.1%	43.5%	12,894	12,894	100.0%
	Miscellaneous	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Transfer In (General Fund)	100,000	100,000	100.0%	100.0%	100,000	100,000	100.0%
	Total Revenues and Other Sources	105,606	108,000	97.8%	93.5%	112,894	112,894	100.0%
	Personnel Services	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Materials and Services	66,940	218,642	30.6%	28.1%	238,060	238,060	100.0%
	Capital Outlay	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Total Expenditures and Other Uses	66,940	218,642	30.6%	28.1%	238,060	238,060	100.0%
	Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	38,666	(110,642)	134.9%	-30.9%	(125,166)	(125,166)	100.0%
	Beginning Fund Balance	127,476	110,642	115.2%	50.5%	252,642	252,642	100.0%
	Ending Fund Balance	\$ 166,142	\$ -	0.0%	130.3%	\$ 127,476	\$ 127,476	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:								
	Restricted and Committed Funds	166,142						
	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -						



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		Fiscal Year 2026	1st Year of Biennial	Percent	Year-over-Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-	Year 2025 End-of-	Collected /
		1st Year Actuals	Budget	Collected /	Change	Date Actuals	Year Actuals	Expended
		Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year		
250	Community Development Block Fund							
	Intergovernmental	\$ 58,555	\$ 281,943	20.8%	30.5%	\$ 191,762	\$ 191,762	100.0%
	Total Revenues and Other Sources	58,555	281,943	20.8%	30.5%	191,762	191,762	100.0%
	Personnel Services	38,221	39,536	96.7%	117.5%	32,527	32,527	100.0%
	Materials and Services	24,395	279,026	8.7%	15.3%	159,235	159,235	100.0%
	Total Expenditures and Other Uses	62,616	318,562	19.7%	32.7%	191,762	191,762	100.0%
	Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(4,062)	(36,619)	88.9%	-40619100.0%	0	-	N/A
	Beginning Fund Balance	36,617	36,619	100.0%	100.0%	36,617	36,617	100.0%
	Ending Fund Balance	\$ 32,555	\$ -	0.0%	88.9%	\$ 36,617	\$ 36,617	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:								
	Restricted and Committed Funds	32,555						
	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -						



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		1st Year Actuals	Budget	Collected /	Change	Date Actuals	Year Actuals	Year Actuals	Expended
		Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year			
255	Reserve Fund								
	Interest on Investments	\$ 82,454	\$ 82,000	100.6%	88.7%	\$ 92,994	\$ 92,994		100.0%
	Miscellaneous	3,200,000	-	N/A	N/A	-	-		N/A
	Total Revenues and Other Sources	3,282,454	82,000	4003.0%	4003.0%	92,994	92,994		100.0%
	Operating Transfer out	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-		N/A
	Total Expenditures and Other Uses	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-		N/A
	Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	3,282,454	82,000	4003.0%	3529.7%	92,994	92,994		100.0%
	Beginning Fund Balance	1,980,546	1,987,552	99.6%	104.9%	1,887,552	1,887,552		100.0%
	Ending Fund Balance	\$ 5,263,000	\$ 2,069,552	254.3%	265.7%	\$ 1,980,546	\$ 1,980,546		100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:									
	Restricted and Committed Funds	5,263,000							
	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -							



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Street Fund

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	Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year		
Taxes	\$ 1,824,782	\$ 2,600,000	70.2%	82.3%	\$ 2,216,306	\$ 2,216,306	100.0%
Intergovernmental	1,771,820	1,753,294	101.1%	101.6%	1,744,738	1,744,738	100.0%
Charges for Services - Rates	1,712,155	1,756,100	97.5%	108.0%	1,584,730	1,584,730	100.0%
Charges for Services - Misc. Service Fees	-	15,000	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
System Development Charges	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Assessments	-	3,000	0.0%	0.0%	4,915	4,915	100.0%
Interest on Investments	126,235	80,000	157.8%	76.4%	165,230	165,230	100.0%
Miscellaneous	14,981	-	N/A	534.8%	2,801	2,801	100.0%
Other Financing Sources	-	7,215,157	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Revenues and Other Sources	5,449,973	13,422,551	40.6%	95.3%	5,718,719	5,718,719	100.0%
Public Works - Ground Maintenance	-	-	N/A	0.0%	214,089	214,089	100.0%
Public Works - Street Operations	7,987,235	9,974,612	80.1%	140.0%	5,707,141	5,707,140	100.0%
Public Works - Street Operations Debt	-	429,625	0.0%	0.0%	81,266	81,266	100.0%
Public Works - Transportation SDC's	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Transfer Out (General Fund)	135,000	135,000	100.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Contingency	-	127,493	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	8,122,235	10,666,730	76.1%	135.3%	6,002,495	6,002,495	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(2,672,262)	2,755,821	-97.0%	941.7%	(283,776)	(283,776)	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	4,151,856	3,815,163	108.8%	93.6%	4,435,632	4,435,632	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,479,594	\$ 6,570,984	22.5%	35.6%	\$ 4,151,856	\$ 4,151,856	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	1,479,594						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -						



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		Fiscal Year 2026		Budget to Actual	Actual to Actual	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-		Preliminary Fiscal	Actual Percent
		1st Year Actuals	1st Year of Biennial Budget	Percent Collected / Expended	Year-over-Year Change	Date Actuals	Year Actuals	End-of-Year Actuals	Collected / Expended
		Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year			
263	SDC Street Fund								
	System Development Charges	\$ 193,474	\$ 150,000	129.0%	90.0%	\$ 214,998	\$ 214,998		100.0%
	Interest on Investments	127,079	100,000	127.1%	101.2%	125,608	125,608		100.0%
	Other Financing Sources	-	-	N/A	0.0%	536,427	536,427		100.0%
	Total Revenues and Other Sources	320,553	250,000	128.2%	36.5%	877,034	877,033		100.0%
	Materials and Services	66,884	25,000	267.5%	N/A	-	-		N/A
	Capital Outlay	721,033	25,425	2835.9%	619.3%	116,431	116,431		100.0%
	Debt Service	52,197	150,000	34.8%	N/A	-	-		N/A
	Contingency	-	750	0.0%	N/A	-	-		N/A
	Total Expenditures and Other Uses	840,115	201,175	417.6%	721.6%	116,431	116,431		100.0%
	Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(519,562)	48,825	-1064.1%	-68.3%	760,603	760,602		100.0%
	Beginning Fund Balance	<u>2,930,798</u>	2,120,196	138.2%	135.0%	2,170,196	2,170,196		100.0%
	Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,411,236</u>	<u>\$ 2,169,021</u>	111.2%	82.3%	<u>\$ 2,930,798</u>	<u>\$ 2,930,798</u>		100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:									
	Restricted and Committed Funds	2,411,236							
	Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ -</u>							



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	Fiscal Year 2026 1st Year Actuals	Fiscal Year 2026 1st Year of Biennial Budget	Budget to Actual Percent Collected / Expended	Actual to Actual Year-over-Year Change	Fiscal Year 2025 Date Actuals	Year-to- Year Actuals	Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 End-of- Year Actuals	Actual Percent Collected / Expended
265 Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund								
Taxes	\$ 800,171	\$ 938,898	85.2%	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	
Intergovernmental	75,644	192,918	39.2%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Interest on Investments	5,315	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Miscellaneous	9	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Transfer In (Water Fund)	50,000	50,000	100.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	931,139	1,181,816	78.8%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Personnel Services	454,789	652,939	69.7%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Materials and Services	72,739	112,318	64.8%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Contingency	-	22,958	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	527,528	788,215	66.9%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	403,611	393,601	102.5%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Beginning Fund Balance	-	-	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 403,611	\$ 393,601	102.5%	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:								
Restricted and Committed Funds	-							
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 403,611							



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Airport Fund							
Intergovernmental	\$ 148,422	\$ 1,314,000	11.3%	N/A	\$ (4,035)	\$ (4,035)	100.0%
Charges for Services - Rates	198,923	190,000	104.7%	104.0%	191,287	191,287	100.0%
Interest on Investments	16,039	10,000	160.4%	89.6%	17,903	17,903	100.0%
Miscellaneous	-	-	N/A	N/A	2,000	2,000	100.0%
Other Financing Sources	-	171,000	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Revenues and Other Sources	363,384	1,685,000	21.6%	175.4%	207,155	207,155	100.0%
Materials and Services	215,143	209,718	102.6%	292.4%	73,572	73,572	100.0%
Capital Outlay	163,140	1,520,000	10.7%	408.1%	39,975	39,975	100.0%
Contingency	-	6,292	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	378,282	1,736,010	21.8%	333.1%	113,547	113,547	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(14,899)	(51,010)	70.8%	-15.9%	93,608	93,608	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	431,093	242,850	177.5%	127.7%	337,485	337,485	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 416,194	\$ 191,840	216.9%	96.5%	\$ 431,093	\$ 431,093	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	416,194						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -						



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410 Capital Improvements Fund								
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	
Charges for Services - Misc. Service fees	-	-	N/A	0.0%	(159,264)	(159,264)	100.0%	
Interest on Investments	6,640	22,000	30.2%	17.9%	37,072	37,072	100.0%	
Miscellaneous	803,600	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Transfer In (General Fund)	400,000	300,000	133.3%	37.6%	1,064,446	1,064,446	100.0%	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	1,210,240	322,000	375.9%	128.4%	942,254	942,254	100.0%	
Public Works - Capital Outlay	722,336	836,634	86.3%	46.7%	1,547,059	1,547,059	100.0%	
Finance - Open Space (Parks)	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Transfer Out (Debt Service Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Transfer Out (Insurance Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Contingency	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	722,336	836,634	86.3%	46.7%	1,547,059	1,547,059	100.0%	
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	487,904	(514,634)	194.8%	-80.7%	(604,804)	(604,805)	100.0%	
Beginning Fund Balance	372,739	514,634	72.4%	38.1%	977,544	977,544	100.0%	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 860,643	\$ -	0.0%	230.9%	\$ 372,739	\$ 372,739	100.0%	
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:								
Restricted and Committed Funds	-							
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 860,643							



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411 Parks Capital Improvement Fund							
Taxes	\$ 624,925	\$ 885,000	70.6%	82.3%	\$ 759,009	\$ 759,009	100.0%
Intergovernmental	21,420	860,000	2.5%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Interest on Investments	140,663	143,000	98.4%	82.8%	169,874	169,874	100.0%
Miscellaneous	163,495	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Revenues and Other Sources	950,503	1,888,000	50.3%	102.3%	928,883	928,883	100.0%
Materials and Services	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Capital Outlay	99,435	4,093,000	2.4%	18.0%	552,625	552,625	100.0%
Transfer Out (Debt Service Fund)	136,000	136,000	100.0%	73.3%	185,643	185,643	100.0%
Transfer Out (General Fund)	422,545	422,545	100.0%	100.0%	422,545	422,545	100.0%
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	657,980	4,651,545	14.1%	56.7%	1,160,813	1,160,813	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	292,523	(2,763,545)	110.6%	-126.1%	(231,930)	(231,930)	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	3,339,320	3,934,374	84.9%	93.5%	3,571,250	3,571,250	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 3,631,843	\$ 1,170,829	310.2%	108.8%	\$ 3,339,320	\$ 3,339,320	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	3,631,843						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -						



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413 SDC Parks Fund								
System Development Charges - Parks	\$ 40,175	\$ 50,000	80.3%	94.5%	\$ 42,508	\$ 42,508	100.0%	
Interest on Investments	20,582	19,000	108.3%	102.9%	19,999	19,999	100.0%	
Other Financing Sources	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	60,756	69,000	88.1%	97.2%	62,507	62,507	100.0%	
Materials and Services	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Capital Outlay	-	325,000	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Contingency	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	-	325,000	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	60,756	(256,000)	123.7%	97.2%	62,507	62,507	100.0%	
Beginning Fund Balance	479,909	476,362	100.7%	115.0%	417,402	417,402	100.0%	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 540,665	\$ 220,362	245.4%	112.7%	\$ 479,909	\$ 479,909	100.0%	
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:								
Restricted and Committed Funds	540,665							
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -							



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Debt Services

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	Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year		
Taxes	\$ 207,140	\$ 211,000	98.2%	102.0%	\$ 203,011	\$ 203,011	100.0%
Charges for Services - Internal	-	-	N/A	0.0%	1,261,595	1,261,595	100.0%
Interest on Investments	33,139	1,000	3313.9%	127.8%	25,929	25,929	100.0%
Transfer In (General Fund)	153,000	153,000	100.0%	84.4%	181,297	181,297	100.0%
Transfer In (Parks CIP)	136,000	136,000	100.0%	73.3%	185,643	185,643	100.0%
Total Revenues and Other Sources	529,279	501,000	105.6%	28.5%	1,857,475	1,857,475	100.0%
Debt Service	492,706	493,976	99.7%	27.3%	1,806,362	1,806,362	100.0%
Transfer Out (General Fund)	900,000	900,000	100.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	1,392,706	1,393,976	99.9%	77.1%	1,806,362	1,806,362	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(863,427)	(892,976)	3.3%	-1689.3%	51,113	51,113	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	1,101,412	1,097,889	100.3%	104.9%	1,050,299	1,050,299	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 237,985	\$ 204,913	116.1%	21.6%	\$ 1,101,412	\$ 1,101,412	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	237,985						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -						



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	Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year		
670 Water Fund							
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,456,928	\$ -	N/A	210.0%	\$ 693,933	\$ 693,933	100.0%
Charges for Services - Rates	9,575,460	10,827,000	88.4%	107.5%	8,910,870	8,910,870	100.0%
Charges for Services - Misc. Service Fees	65,345	89,000	73.4%	81.5%	80,159	80,159	100.0%
Interest on Investments	659,960	749,000	88.1%	79.3%	832,320	832,320	100.0%
Miscellaneous	10,362	25,000	41.4%	352.7%	2,938	2,938	100.0%
Other Financing Sources	-	21,000,000	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Revenues and Other Sources	11,768,055	32,690,000	36.0%	111.9%	10,520,219	10,520,220	100.0%
Public Works - Conservation	140,864	302,100	46.6%	161.4%	87,300	87,300	100.0%
Public Works - Water Supply	821,390	3,658,164	22.5%	176.2%	466,146	466,146	100.0%
Public Works - Water Supply Debt	118,500	118,501	100.0%	100.0%	118,500	118,500	100.0%
Public Works - Water Distribution	5,967,073	6,198,868	96.3%	94.7%	6,302,878	6,302,878	100.0%
Public Works - Water Distribution Debt	208,282	208,283	100.0%	100.5%	207,306	207,306	100.0%
Public Works - Water Treatment	6,480,946	5,167,792	125.4%	369.8%	1,752,353	1,752,353	100.0%
Public Works - Water Treatment Debt	359,921	359,922	100.0%	100.0%	359,890	359,890	100.0%
Transfer Out (Wildfire Fund)	50,000	50,000	100.0%	100.0%	50,000	50,000	100.0%
Contingency	-	236,122	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	14,146,975	16,299,752	86.8%	151.4%	9,344,372	9,344,373	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(2,378,920)	16,390,248	-14.5%	-202.3%	1,175,847	1,175,847	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	18,791,692	17,413,662	107.9%	106.7%	17,615,845	17,615,845	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 16,412,772	\$ 33,803,910	48.6%	87.3%	\$ 18,791,692	\$ 18,791,692	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	6,000,000						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 10,412,772						



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673 SDC Water Fund								
System Development Charges - Water	\$ 178,919	\$ 175,000	102.2%	92.9%	\$ 192,551	\$ 192,551	100.0%	
Interest on Investments	31,337	42,000	74.6%	69.2%	45,257	45,257	100.0%	
Miscellaneous	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Other Financing Sources	-	3,628,990	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	210,256	3,845,990	5.5%	88.4%	237,808	237,808	100.0%	
Materials and Services	-	150,000	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	N/A	
Capital Outlay	434,573	2,350,609	18.5%	18.5%	24,513	24,513	100.0%	
Public Works - Debt SDC's	203,092	203,093	100.0%	100.0%	203,092	203,092	100.0%	
Contingency	-	10,593	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	637,665	2,714,295	23.5%	23.5%	227,605	227,605	100.0%	
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(427,409)	1,131,695	-37.8%	-4189.1%	10,203	10,203	100.0%	
Beginning Fund Balance	976,558	649,599	150.3%	101.1%	966,355	966,355	100.0%	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 549,149	\$ 1,781,294	30.8%	56.2%	\$ 976,558	\$ 976,558	100.0%	
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:								
Restricted and Committed Funds	549,149							
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -							



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		Fiscal Year 2026		Budget to Actual	Actual to Actual	Preliminary Fiscal		Actual Percent				
		Fiscal Year 2026	1st Year of Biennial	Percent	Year-over-Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-	Year 2025 End-of-	Collected /				
		1st Year Actuals	Budget	Collected /	Change	Date Actuals	Year Actuals	Expended				
		Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year						
675	Wastewater Fund											
	Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	N/A	N/A	\$	(7,442)	\$	(7,442)	100.0%
	Intergovernmental		-		-	N/A	N/A		98,752		98,752	100.0%
	Charges for Services - Rates		6,446,451		6,505,000	99.1%	104.1%		6,192,564		6,192,564	100.0%
	Charges for Services - Misc. Service Fees		-		-	N/A	N/A		-		-	N/A
	System Development Charges		-		-	N/A	N/A		-		-	N/A
	Interest on Investments		268,420		250,000	107.4%	91.4%		293,537		293,537	100.0%
	Miscellaneous		4,015		-	N/A	9297.8%		43		43	100.4%
	Other Financing Sources		253,370		4,507,052	5.6%	50.1%		505,802		505,802	100.0%
	Total Revenues and Other Sources		6,972,256		11,262,052	61.9%	98.4%		7,083,256		7,083,256	100.0%
	Public Works - Wastewater Collection		2,381,260		3,980,765	59.8%	92.1%		2,584,460		2,584,460	100.0%
	Public Works - Wastewater Collection Debt		47,700		47,701	100.0%	109.3%		43,631		43,631	100.0%
	Public Works - Wastewater Treatment		4,399,275		5,932,884	74.2%	130.9%		3,361,546		3,361,546	100.0%
	Public Works - Wastewater Treatment Debt		409,708		926,579	44.2%	322.2%		127,142		127,142	100.0%
	Contingency		-		223,028	0.0%	N/A		-		-	N/A
	Total Expenditures and Other Uses		7,237,943		11,110,957	65.1%	118.3%		6,116,779		6,116,779	100.0%
	Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses		(265,687)		151,095	-175.8%	-27.5%		966,477		966,477	100.0%
	Beginning Fund Balance		7,572,951		5,168,802	146.5%	114.6%		6,606,474		6,606,474	100.0%
	Ending Fund Balance	\$	7,307,264	\$	5,319,897	137.4%	96.5%	\$	7,572,951	\$	7,572,951	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:												
	Restricted and Committed Funds		-									
	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	7,307,264									



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677 SDC Sewer Fund							
System Development Charges - Wastewater	\$ 197,163	\$ 150,000	131.4%	79.2%	\$ 248,826	\$ 248,826	100.0%
Interest on Investments	116,157	110,000	105.6%	103.6%	112,113	112,113	100.0%
Miscellaneous	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Other Financing Sources	-	610,250	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Revenues and Other Sources	313,320	870,250	36.0%	86.8%	360,939	360,939	100.0%
Materials and Services	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Capital Outlay	99,649	490,875	20.3%	1564.1%	6,371	6,371	100.0%
Contingency	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	99,649	490,875	20.3%	1564.1%	6,371	6,371	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	213,670	379,375	56.3%	60.3%	354,568	354,568	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	2,726,658	2,632,113	103.6%	114.9%	2,372,090	2,372,090	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 2,940,328	\$ 3,011,488	97.6%	107.8%	\$ 2,726,658	\$ 2,726,658	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	2,940,328						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -						



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Stormwater Fund

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	Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year		
Stormwater Fund							
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Charges for Services - Rates	806,226	850,000	94.9%	103.6%	778,512	778,512	100.0%
Charges for Services - Misc. Service Fees	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
System Development Charges	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Interest on Investments	84,838	84,000	101.0%	88.8%	95,489	95,489	100.0%
Miscellaneous	(732)	-	N/A	N/A	2	2	111.0%
Other Financing Sources	-	503,526	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Revenues and Other Sources	890,332	1,437,526	61.9%	101.9%	874,003	874,003	100.0%
Public Works - Storm Water Operations	770,460	1,731,896	44.5%	93.8%	821,213	821,213	100.0%
Public Works - Storm Water Operations Debt	10,725	10,725	100.0%	98.0%	10,944	10,944	100.0%
Contingency	-	22,655	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	781,185	1,765,276	44.3%	93.9%	832,157	832,157	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	109,147	(327,750)	133.3%	260.8%	41,846	41,846	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	2,136,737	2,012,050	106.2%	102.0%	2,094,891	2,094,891	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 2,245,884	\$ 1,684,300	133.3%	105.1%	\$ 2,136,737	\$ 2,136,737	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	-						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 2,245,884						



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		Fiscal Year 2026	1st Year of Biennial	Percent	Year-over-Year	Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-	Year 2025	End-of-	Collected /
		1st Year Actuals	Budget	Collected /	Change	Date Actuals	Year Actuals	Year Actuals	Expended
		Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year			
683	SDC Storm Fund								
System Development Charges - Wastewater	\$	19,390	\$ 30,000	64.6%	84.9%	\$ 22,825	\$ 22,825	100.0%	
Interest on Investments		2,672	1,000	267.2%	136.4%	1,960	1,960	100.0%	
Miscellaneous		-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Other Financing Sources		-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Revenues and Other Sources		22,062	31,000	71.2%	89.0%	24,785	24,785	100.0%	
Materials and Services		-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Capital Outlay		-	15,169	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Public Works - Debt SDC's		-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Contingency		-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Expenditures and Other Uses		-	15,169	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses		22,062	15,831	139.4%	89.0%	24,785	24,785	100.0%	
Beginning Fund Balance		55,106	36,821	149.7%	181.7%	30,321	30,321	100.0%	
Ending Fund Balance	\$	77,168	\$ 52,652	146.6%	140.0%	\$ 55,106	\$ 55,106	100.0%	
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:									
Restricted and Committed Funds		77,168							
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	-							



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690 Electric Fund							
Intergovernmental	\$ 373,505	\$ 210,000	177.9%	201.3%	\$ 185,554	\$ 185,554	100.0%
Charges for Services - Rates	17,346,179	17,609,673	98.5%	111.3%	15,581,080	15,581,080	100.0%
Charges for Services - Misc. Service Fees	281,704	268,000	105.1%	82.0%	343,727	343,727	100.0%
Interest on Investments	327,671	296,000	110.7%	99.3%	329,899	329,899	100.0%
Miscellaneous	941,145	292,000	322.3%	1677.4%	56,106	56,106	100.0%
Other Financing Sources	-	3,375,000	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Revenues and Other Sources	19,270,203	22,050,673	87.4%	116.8%	16,496,367	16,496,366	100.0%
Electric - Conservation	1,323,492	1,752,846	75.5%	148.8%	889,241	889,241	100.0%
Electric - Supply	6,709,705	7,810,000	85.9%	89.2%	7,524,123	7,524,123	100.0%
Electric - Distribution	8,959,192	9,767,037	91.7%	100.6%	8,903,077	8,903,077	100.0%
Electric - Transmission	886,627	1,320,000	67.2%	89.1%	995,637	995,637	100.0%
Debt Service	-	221,812	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Transfer Out (Insurance Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Contingency	-	596,151	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	17,879,016	21,467,846	83.3%	97.6%	18,312,078	18,312,078	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	1,391,187	582,827	238.7%	-76.6%	(1,815,711)	(1,815,712)	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	7,621,813	8,961,820	85.0%	80.8%	9,437,525	9,437,525	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 9,013,000	\$ 9,544,647	94.4%	118.3%	\$ 7,621,813	\$ 7,621,813	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	-						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 9,013,000						



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695 Telecommunications Fund							
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Charges for Services - Rates	2,973,715	3,060,390	97.2%	110.9%	2,680,273	2,680,273	100.0%
Charges for Services - Misc. Service Fees	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Interest on Investments	101,176	110,000	92.0%	78.5%	128,923	128,923	100.0%
Miscellaneous	-	-	N/A	0.0%	1,875	1,875	100.0%
Total Revenues and Other Sources	3,074,891	3,170,390	97.0%	109.4%	2,811,070	2,811,071	100.0%
Personnel Services	997,486	1,159,709	86.0%	104.8%	951,365	951,365	100.0%
Materials & Services	1,410,468	1,538,897	91.7%	103.8%	1,358,651	1,358,651	100.0%
Capital Outlay	835,722	980,344	85.2%	289.7%	288,467	288,467	100.0%
Debt - Transfer to Debt Service Fund	-	-	N/A	0.0%	517,445	517,445	100.0%
Transfer Out (Insurance Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Contingency	-	80,958	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	3,243,676	3,759,908	86.3%	104.1%	3,115,929	3,115,928	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(168,785)	(589,518)	71.4%	55.4%	(304,858)	(304,857)	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	2,848,373	2,733,125	104.2%	90.3%	3,153,230	3,153,230	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 2,679,588	\$ 2,143,607	125.0%	94.1%	\$ 2,848,373	\$ 2,848,373	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	-						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 2,679,588						



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720 Insurance Service Fund								
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	
Charges for Services - Internal	1,973,432	1,614,939	122.2%	111.3%	1,772,393	1,772,393	100.0%	
Interest on Investments	84,694	70,000	121.0%	103.7%	81,682	81,682	100.0%	
Miscellaneous	26,396	20,000	132.0%	342.7%	7,703	7,703	100.0%	
Transfer In (All Funds)	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	2,084,522	1,704,939	122.3%	112.0%	1,861,779	1,861,778	100.0%	
Personnel Services	119,014	136,989	86.9%	2650.5%	4,490	4,490	100.0%	
Materials and Services	1,833,608	1,482,566	123.7%	135.9%	1,349,725	1,349,725	100.0%	
Contingency	-	48,587	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	1,952,623	1,668,142	117.1%	144.2%	1,354,216	1,354,215	100.0%	
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	131,899	36,797	358.5%	26.0%	507,563	507,563	100.0%	
Beginning Fund Balance	2,610,622	2,369,798	110.2%	124.1%	2,103,059	2,103,059	100.0%	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 2,742,521	\$ 2,406,595	114.0%	105.1%	\$ 2,610,622	\$ 2,610,622	100.0%	
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:								
Restricted and Committed Funds	2,742,521							
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -							



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725 Health Benefits Fund							
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Interest	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Miscellaneous	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Transfer In (General Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Revenues and Other Sources	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Personnel Services	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Materials and Services	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Capital Outlay	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Transfer Out (General Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	2,225,545	2,225,545	100.0%
Contingency	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	-	-	N/A	N/A	2,225,545	2,225,545	N/A
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	-	-	0.0%	N/A	(2,225,545)	(2,225,545)	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	-	-	0.0%	N/A	2,225,545	2,225,545	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	-	-					
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -					



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		Current Fiscal Year				Prior Fiscal Year		
730	Equipment Fund							
	Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
	Charges for Services - Internal	4,746,565	4,746,565	100.0%	101.3%	4,684,456	4,684,456	100.0%
	Charges for Services - Misc. Service Fees	355,152	300,000	118.4%	118.5%	299,749	299,749	100.0%
	Interest on Investments	355,985	297,000	119.9%	99.1%	359,062	359,062	100.0%
	Miscellaneous	400,963	52,000	771.1%	289.4%	138,552	138,552	100.0%
	Transfer In (General Fund)	473,607	473,607	100.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Total Revenues and Other Sources	6,332,271	5,869,172	107.9%	115.5%	5,481,819	5,481,819	100.0%
	Public Works - Maintenance	2,549,699	2,681,677	95.1%	102.5%	2,487,239	2,487,239	100.0%
	Public Works - Purchasing and Acquisition	1,965,447	2,271,000	86.5%	73.8%	2,663,150	2,663,150	100.0%
	Transfer Out (Insurance Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Contingency	-	80,450	0.0%	N/A	-	-	N/A
	Total Expenditures and Other Uses	4,515,146	5,033,127	89.7%	87.7%	5,150,389	5,150,389	100.0%
	Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	1,817,125	836,045	217.3%	548.3%	331,430	331,430	100.0%
	Beginning Fund Balance	7,589,751	7,471,284	101.6%	104.6%	7,258,321	7,258,321	100.0%
	Ending Fund Balance	\$ 9,406,876	\$ 8,307,329	113.2%	123.9%	\$ 7,589,751	\$ 7,589,751	100.0%
	Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
	Restricted and Committed Funds	9,406,876						
	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -						



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731 Parks Equipment Fund								
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A
Interest on Investments	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A
Transfer In (General Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A
Total Revenues and Other Sources	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A
Personnel Services	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A
Materials and Services	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A
Capital Outlay	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A
Transfer Out (General Fund)	-	-	N/A	N/A	473,608	473,608	100.0%	100.0%
Contingency	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	-	-	N/A	N/A	473,608	473,608	N/A	N/A
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	-	-	0.0%	N/A	(473,608)	(473,608)	100.0%	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	-	-	0.0%	N/A	473,608	473,608	100.0%	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:								
Restricted and Committed Funds	-	-						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -	-						



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810 Cemetery Fund							
Charges for Services	\$ 16,319	\$ 17,442	93.6%	68.5%	\$ 23,828	\$ 23,828	100.0%
Interest on Investments	40,564	41,000	98.9%	86.1%	47,111	47,111	100.0%
Transfer In (General Fund)	500	500	100.0%	100.0%	500	500	100.0%
Total Revenues and Other Sources	57,383	58,942	97.4%	80.3%	71,439	71,439	100.0%
Transfer Out (General Fund)	75,000	75,000	100.0%	159.2%	47,111	47,111	100.0%
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	75,000	75,000	100.0%	159.2%	47,111	47,111	100.0%
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(17,617)	(16,058)	-9.7%	-72.4%	24,328	24,328	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	995,101	970,273	102.6%	102.5%	970,773	970,773	100.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 977,484	\$ 954,215	102.4%	98.2%	\$ 995,101	\$ 995,101	100.0%
Reconciliation of Fund Balance:							
Restricted and Committed Funds	977,484						
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -						

City of Ashland
Preliminary Results of Operations



Preliminary as of June 30, 2026

	110 General	230 Tourism Fund	240 Housing	250 CDBG	255 Reserve	260 Street	263 SDC Street	265 Wildfire Risk	280 Airport	410 CIP	411 Parks CIP	413 SDC Parks	530 Debt Service
Carryover	15,372,019	922,621	127,476	36,617	1,980,546	4,151,856	2,930,798	-	431,093	372,739	3,339,320	479,909	1,101,412
Revenues	41,878,020	1,069,007	105,606	58,555	3,282,454	5,449,973	320,553	931,139	363,384	1,210,240	950,503	60,756	529,279
Expenditures	43,733,582	1,001,165	66,940	62,616	-	8,122,235	840,115	527,528	378,282	722,336	657,980	-	1,392,706
Ending Fund Balance	13,516,457	990,463	166,142	32,555	5,263,000	1,479,594	2,411,236	403,611	416,195	860,643	3,631,843	540,665	237,985
Unassigned	12,532,570	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	860,643	-	-	-
Fund Balance Requirement	6,935,840	No Policy	No Policy	No Policy	No Policy	1,243,454	No Policy	57,394	162,862	No Policy	No Policy	No Policy	No Policy
Over (Under) Requirement	5,596,730	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	236,140	N/A	346,217	253,333	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Over (Under) Requirement	181%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	119%	N/A	703%	256%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

All numbers below are as of June 30, 2026

Restricted For:

Asset Forfeited (Federal Funds)	42,306	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Committed For:

Downtown Parking	370,085	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Arts	-	29,997	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Future Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

All numbers below are as of Jun 30, 2026

Restricted For:

TLT Tourism (State)	-	960,467	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grubbs Case	22,235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Briscoe School Rehabilitation	198,360	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Addressing Housing Insecurity	350,901	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SDC's (State)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,411,236	-	-	-	-	540,665	-
CDBG (Federal Funds)	-	-	166,142	32,555	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perpetual Care (State)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opioid Money (Federal)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food & Beverage (Voter Approved)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,631,843	-	-

Committed For:

Reserve Fund	-	-	-	-	5,263,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Airport Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	416,195	-	-	-	-
Street Activities	-	-	-	-	-	1,479,594	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt/Bond Covenants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	237,985
Wildfire Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	403,611	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicle Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total Reserved	983,887	990,463	166,142	32,555	5,263,000	1,479,594	2,411,236	403,611	416,195	-	3,631,843	540,665	237,985
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City of Ashland
Preliminary Results of Operations, Continued

Preliminary as of June 30, 2026

	670 Water	673 SDC Water	675 Wastewater	677 SDC WW	680 Storm Drain	683 SDC Storm	690 Electric	695 IT	0720 Insurance	730 Equipment	810 Cem. Trust	Total
Carryover	18,791,692	976,558	7,572,951	2,726,658	2,136,737	55,106	7,621,813	2,848,373	2,610,622	7,589,751	995,101	85,171,768
Revenues	11,768,055	210,256	6,972,256	313,320	890,332	22,062	19,270,203	3,074,891	2,084,522	6,332,271	57,383	107,205,020
Expenditures	14,146,975	637,665	7,237,943	99,649	781,185	-	17,879,016	3,243,676	1,952,623	4,515,146	75,000	108,074,364
Ending Fund Balance	16,412,772	549,149	7,307,264	2,940,328	2,245,884	77,168	9,013,000	2,679,588	2,742,521	9,406,876	977,484	84,302,423
Unassigned	10,412,772	-	7,307,264	-	2,245,884	-	9,013,000	2,679,588	-	-	-	45,051,720
Fund Balance Requirement	3,021,117	No Policy	2,187,956	No Policy	237,612	No Policy	4,648,750	677,544	1,421,579	2,271,000	No Policy	22,865,108
Over (Under) Requirement	7,391,655	N/A	5,119,308	N/A	2,008,272	N/A	4,364,250	2,002,044	1,320,942	7,135,876	N/A	35,774,767
Over (Under) Requirement	345%	N/A	334%	N/A	945%	N/A	194%	395%	193%	414%	N/A	79%

All numbers below are as of June 30, 2026

Restricted For:

Asset Forfeited (Federal Funds)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,306
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Committed For:

Downtown Parking	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	370,085
Public Arts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,997
Future Capital Projects	6,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,000,000

All numbers below are as of Jun 30, 2026

Restricted For:

TLT Tourism (State)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	960,467
Grubbs Case	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,235
Briscoe School Rehabilitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198,360
Addressing Housing Insecurity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350,901
SDC's (State)	-	549,149	-	2,940,328	-	77,168	-	-	-	-	-	6,518,547
CDBG (Federal Funds)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198,697
Perpetual Care (State)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	977,484	977,484
Opioid Money (Federal)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food & Beverage (Voter Approved)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,631,843

Committed For:

Reserve Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,263,000
Airport Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	416,195
Street Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,479,594
Facilities Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,742,521	-	-	2,742,521
Debt/Bond Covenants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	237,985
Wildfire Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	403,611
Vehicle Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,406,876	-	9,406,876
Total Reserved	6,000,000	549,149	-	2,940,328	-	77,168	-	-	2,742,521	9,406,876	977,484	39,250,703

Restricted For:	12,900,839
Committed For:	26,349,863
	<u>39,250,703</u>



City of Ashland **Summary of Cash and Investments** Preliminary as of June 30, 2026

Fund	Balance June 30, 2026	Balance June 30, 2025	Change From FY 2025
General Fund	\$ 12,255,923	\$ 14,082,485	\$ (1,826,563)
Tourism Fund	891,665	901,261	(9,596)
Housing Fund	166,143	212,334	(46,191)
Community Block Grant Fund	24,796	26,380	(1,584)
Reserve Fund	5,262,999	1,980,545	3,282,454
Street Fund	2,108,358	3,364,509	(1,256,150)
SDC Street Fund	2,512,218	2,926,147	(413,929)
Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund	346,167	-	346,167
Airport Fund	388,399	427,991	(39,592)
Capital Improvements Fund	880,640	595,615	285,025
Parks Capital Improvements Fund	3,618,995	3,199,224	419,771
SDC Parks Fund	539,615	478,859	60,756
Debt Service Fund	236,010	1,096,167	(860,156)
Water Fund	14,724,303	17,430,154	(2,705,851)
SDC Water Fund	549,948	971,872	(421,924)
Wastewater Fund	6,345,371	6,180,536	164,835
SDC Wastewater Fund	2,940,434	2,713,575	226,859
Stormwater Fund	2,118,042	2,004,938	113,104
SDC Stormwater Fund	76,831	54,768	22,062
Electric Fund	8,064,952	7,000,239	1,064,713
Telecommunications Fund	2,265,800	2,511,892	(246,092)
Insurance Services Fund	2,682,840	2,459,324	223,516
Equipment Fund	9,434,259	7,598,137	1,836,122
Cemetery Trust Fund	977,296	991,239	(13,943)
	<u>\$ 79,412,002</u>	<u>\$ 79,208,190</u>	<u>\$ 203,812</u>
 <u>Manner of Investment</u>			
General Banking Accounts	\$ 4,529,310	\$ 1,008,415	\$ 3,520,896
Local Government Inv. Pool	62,875,331	49,046,581	13,828,751
City Investments	12,007,361	29,153,195	(17,145,834)
	<u>\$ 79,412,002</u>	<u>\$ 79,208,190</u>	<u>\$ 203,812</u>

Scenario based on Estimates as of June 30, 2026-With Park Fee

	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Forecast	Change	2026-27 Forecast	Change	2027-28 Forecast	Change	2028-29 Forecast	Change	2029-30 Forecast	Change	2030-31 Forecast	Change
Revenues	\$42,905,006	\$42,440,021	-1%	\$42,868,751	1%	\$43,836,123	2%	\$45,208,260	3%	\$46,631,331	3%	\$48,064,516	3%
Taxes	20,183,671	22,345,874	10%	22,820,743	2%	23,566,187	3%	24,339,571	3%	25,142,034	3%	25,931,922	3%
Franchise Fees	4,240,385	4,221,147	0%	4,721,147	11%	4,909,993	4%	5,106,393	4%	5,310,648	4%	5,523,074	4%
Charges for Services	11,121,520	11,090,891	0%	11,350,809	2%	11,842,102	4%	12,201,540	3%	12,573,821	3%	12,959,434	3%
Intergovernmental Revenue	584,078	631,019	7%	649,950	3%	669,448	3%	689,531	3%	710,217	3%	731,524	3%
Grants	620,352	582,755	-6%	582,755	0%	582,755	0%	582,755	0%	582,755	0%	582,755	0%
Licenses and Permits	1,101,054	1,134,721	3%	1,159,685	2%	674,198	-72%	689,030	2%	704,189	2%	719,681	2%
Fines and Forfeitures	182,961	231,405	21%	238,347	3%	245,498	3%	252,862	3%	260,448	3%	268,262	3%
Operating Transfers In	3,850,774	1,532,545	-151%	632,545	-142%	632,545	0%	632,545	0%	632,545	0%	632,545	0%
Interest on Pooled Investments	850,261	607,515	-40%	650,000	7%	650,000	0%	650,000	0%	650,000	0%	650,000	0%
Miscellaneous Revenues	169,950	62,149	-173%	62,770	1%	63,398	1%	64,032	1%	64,672	1%	65,319	1%
Expenses	\$44,590,710	\$43,733,583	-2%	\$45,486,465	4%	\$45,456,801	0%	\$47,131,468	4%	\$49,029,898	4%	\$50,996,785	4%
Personal Services	28,941,626	29,386,570	2%	31,118,089	6%	31,682,687	2%	33,100,265	4%	34,598,084	4%	36,181,673	4%
Materials & Services	12,822,638	11,678,498	-10%	12,293,095	5%	12,638,832	3%	13,195,922	4%	13,596,533	3%	13,979,831	3%
Capital Outlay	1,480,203	1,504,769	2%	885,142	-70%	445,142	-99%	445,142	0%	445,142	0%	445,142	0%
Operating Transfers Out	1,346,243	1,163,746	-16%	390,139	-198%	690,139	43%	390,139	-77%	390,139	0%	390,139	0%
Contingency Used		0	0	800,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balance	\$17,057,723	\$15,372,019		\$14,078,457		\$11,460,744		\$9,840,067		\$7,916,858		\$5,518,290	
Ending Fund Balance	\$15,372,019	\$14,078,457		\$11,460,744		\$9,840,067		\$7,916,858		\$5,518,290		\$2,586,022	
Operating Expenditures	\$41,764,264	\$41,538,675		\$44,211,184		\$44,321,520		\$46,296,187		\$48,194,617		\$50,161,504	
Fund Balance Policy (16.67%)	\$6,962,103	\$6,924,497		\$7,370,004		\$7,388,397		\$7,717,574		\$8,034,043		\$8,361,923	
Excess/(Deficiency) of Policy	\$8,409,916	\$7,153,960		\$4,090,740		\$2,451,669		\$199,283		(\$2,515,752)		(\$5,775,901)	
Unassigned	\$13,516,988												

General Fund Forecast

Scenario based on Estimates as of June 30, 2026-Without Park Fee

	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Forecast	Change	2026-27 Forecast	Change	2027-28 Forecast	Change	2028-29 Forecast	Change	2029-30 Forecast	Change	2030-31 Forecast	Change
Revenues	\$42,905,006	\$42,440,021	-1%	\$42,868,751	1%	\$43,086,123	1%	\$44,458,260	3%	\$45,881,331	3%	\$47,314,516	3%
Taxes	20,183,671	22,345,874	10%	22,820,743	2%	22,816,187	0%	23,589,571	3%	24,392,034	3%	25,181,922	3%
Franchise Fees	4,240,385	4,221,147	0%	4,721,147	11%	4,909,993	4%	5,106,393	4%	5,310,648	4%	5,523,074	4%
Charges for Services	11,121,520	11,090,891	0%	11,350,809	2%	11,842,102	4%	12,201,540	3%	12,573,821	3%	12,959,434	3%
Intergovernmental Revenue	584,078	631,019	7%	649,950	3%	669,448	3%	689,531	3%	710,217	3%	731,524	3%
Grants	620,352	582,755	-6%	582,755	0%	582,755	0%	582,755	0%	582,755	0%	582,755	0%
Licenses and Permits	1,101,054	1,134,721	3%	1,159,685	2%	674,198	-72%	689,030	2%	704,189	2%	719,681	2%
Fines and Forfeitures	182,961	231,405	21%	238,347	3%	245,498	3%	252,862	3%	260,448	3%	268,262	3%
Operating Transfers In	3,850,774	1,532,545	-151%	632,545	-142%	632,545	0%	632,545	0%	632,545	0%	632,545	0%
Interest on Pooled Investments	850,261	607,515	-40%	650,000	7%	650,000	0%	650,000	0%	650,000	0%	650,000	0%
Miscellaneous Revenues	169,950	62,149	-173%	62,770	1%	63,398	1%	64,032	1%	64,672	1%	65,319	1%
Expenses	\$44,590,710	\$43,733,583	-2%	\$45,486,465	4%	\$45,456,801	0%	\$47,131,468	4%	\$49,029,898	4%	\$50,996,785	4%
Personal Services	28,941,626	29,386,570	2%	31,118,089	6%	31,682,687	2%	33,100,265	4%	34,598,084	4%	36,181,673	4%
Materials & Services	12,822,638	11,678,498	-10%	12,293,095	5%	12,638,832	3%	13,195,922	4%	13,596,533	3%	13,979,831	3%
Capital Outlay	1,480,203	1,504,769	2%	885,142	-70%	445,142	-99%	445,142	0%	445,142	0%	445,142	0%
Operating Transfers Out	1,346,243	1,163,746	-16%	390,139	-198%	690,139	43%	390,139	-77%	390,139	0%	390,139	0%
Contingency Used		0	0	800,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balance	\$17,057,723	\$15,372,019		\$14,078,457		\$11,460,744		\$9,090,067		\$6,416,858		\$3,268,290	
Ending Fund Balance	\$15,372,019	\$14,078,457		\$11,460,744		\$9,090,067		\$6,416,858		\$3,268,290		(\$413,978)	
Operating Expenditures	\$41,764,264	\$41,538,675		\$44,211,184		\$44,321,520		\$46,296,187		\$48,194,617		\$50,161,504	
Fund Balance Policy (16.67%)	\$6,962,103	\$6,924,497		\$7,370,004		\$7,388,397		\$7,717,574		\$8,034,043		\$8,361,923	
Excess/(Deficiency) of Policy	\$8,409,916	\$7,153,960		\$4,090,740		\$1,701,669		(\$1,300,717)		(\$4,765,752)		(\$8,775,901)	
Unassigned	\$13,516,988												

**JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL****AGENDA BRIEF****August 12, 2026**

Agenda Item	IV. Parks Fee	
Presenter	Sabrina Cotta Rachel Dials	City Manager Interim Parks Director
Item Type	Action ☐ Information ☒	

SUMMARY

An overview of the impact of the Parks Fee.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

- Quality of Life that underpins the City's economic vibrancy
- Excellence in governance and city services
- Sustainability through creativity
- Current City Strategic Plan information
- FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Resolution 2025-13 created a Parks and Recreation fee of \$5 per month per household, which is charged through resident's utility bills. The fee produces approximately \$750,000 per year, or roughly 10% of the Parks Department's budget. The fee automatically sunsets on June 30, 2027, unless renewed by the City Council. Staff estimate that an additional \$400,000-\$500,000 in ongoing annual expenses will need to be cut from the Parks Department in BN27-29.

The \$5.00 fee has preserved operations of Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services while the Department has also implemented cost savings efforts within this current biennium budget. Some examples of this were presented at the June 3, 2026, Joint meeting and include staff reorganization, shared project manager position with Public Works, adjusting park restroom hours, reducing irrigation in parks and contracting concessions for the Golf Course.

During the current strategic plan engagement with over 2284 responses which equate to about 11% of Ashland's population, Parks, Trails and Recreation was the most positively mentioned service area from the survey and in-person engagement. Residents consistently point to these as strengths worth continuing:

- Lithia Park and City parks maintenance (the most praised City service)
- Community events (4th of July, Halloween, First Fridays, Lithia Park concerts)

Other major engagement received included:

- Maintain existing parks and facilities
- Keep parks safe, welcoming, and accessible
- Expand trails and recreation opportunities
- Create more activities and gathering places for families and youth
- Preserve Ashland's distinctive character

Other Southern Oregon cities facing similar funding concerns have implemented park fees. Below is a list of current park fees, when they were implemented, and how many acres those agencies maintain and manage:

City	Year fee was established	Current Fee	Amount of Acreage	Notes
Ashland	2025	\$5.15	800 + acres	+ 52 miles of trails
Medford	2005	\$8.31	800 + acres	Additional 1740 acres with Prescott Park
Talent	2004	\$8.43	18-20 acres	
Phoenix	2019	\$5.97	30 acres	
Central Point	2015	\$1.85	75-80 acres	

The \$5.00 fee was increased to \$5.15 with the CPI in July of this year

If this fee is not renewed, Parks and Recreation would focus on what we are legally mandated to do. Things like maintenance of current parks, wildfire maintenance, tree, and trail maintenance. The other parts of the budget, whole programs that contribute to

the vibrancy of the Ashland community such as community recreation, senior services, golf, and nature center operations could be at risk.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The Parks Fee provides approximately \$750,000 in revenue per year.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS AND /OR OPTIONS

Request City Council to repeal and replace the resolution by Oct 6th, 2026.

REFERENCES AND ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2025-13

PowerPoint 8-3-26 Council Update on City Strategic Plan

PREPARED BY: Rachel Dials, Interim Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13

A RESOLUTION SETTING A CITY OF ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION FEE.

RECITALS:

- A. The Parks and Recreation was created in 1908 with an elected park commission and recreation commission.
- B. Lithia Park was opened in 1916 as the keystone property for the city of Ashland.
- C. The Parks and Recreation Department is a core community asset that supports the livability and economic growth of the city.
- D. The community utilizes the parks and recreation department's programs, services, and parklands to recreate, socialize, learn, and develop a sense of community.
- E. Funds generated through this assessment will exclusively fund parks and recreation in the General Fund and will ensure programs and services are available to the benefit of the citizens of Ashland.
- F. In order to maintain and preserve these services, the City wishes to impose the following fees.

THE CITY OF ASHLAND HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A Parks Fee of \$5.00 shall be charged each month to each City of Ashland utility customer with an active electric meter to fund the Parks and Recreation Department in the General Fund. The fee shall take effect on July 1, 2025 and continue until June 30, 2027, after which it will automatically expire unless renewed by the City Council.

SECTION 2. To account for inflation an annual adjustment will be applied on July 1st of each fiscal year. The adjustment shall be based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), West Region, for the most recent 12-month period available, not to exceed 5% annually. The Finance Department shall provide public notice of the proposed adjustment at least 30 days before it takes effect, along with a brief explanation of the CPI calculation. An annual increase above 5% requires separate approval by the City Council via a duly noticed public meeting.

SECTION 3. Clarification of Fee Nature and Enforcement.

- (a) The Parks Fee is hereby designated as a utility service charge and not a tax, special assessment, or systems development charge.
- (b) The obligation to pay this fee arises solely from the use of and connection to City electric utility services and is the responsibility of the utility customer of record. This fee

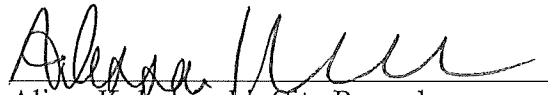
shall not be imposed upon property or property owners as a direct consequence of ownership.

(c) Nonpayment of this fee shall not result in a lien on real property and shall not be enforced through foreclosure, unless the customer of record on the utility bill is also the owner of the property.

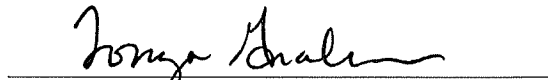
(d) Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to authorize the imposition of any charge subject to the limitations of Article XI, Sections 11 or 11b of the Oregon Constitution.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective July 1, 2025.

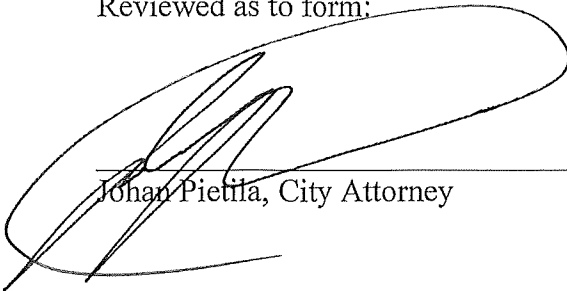
This resolution was duly PASSED and ADOPTED this 20 day of may, 2025 and takes effect July 1, 2025 upon signing by the Mayor.


Alissa Kolodzinski, City Recorder

SIGNED and APPROVED this 20 day of may, 2025.


Tonya Graham, Mayor

Reviewed as to form:


Johan Pietila, City Attorney

CITY OF ASHLAND STRATEGIC PLAN

AUGUST 3, 2026



**CITY OF ASHLAND
STRATEGIC PLAN**
Forward Together. Vision with Action.

August 3 Presentation

- **Reconnect to Project Goals + Timeline**
- **Strategic Plan Engagement Summary**
- **Action Lab Summary**
- **Draft Goal Areas + Outcomes**
- **Draft Mission, Vision, + Values**
- **Next Steps**

Reconnect to Project Goals + Timeline



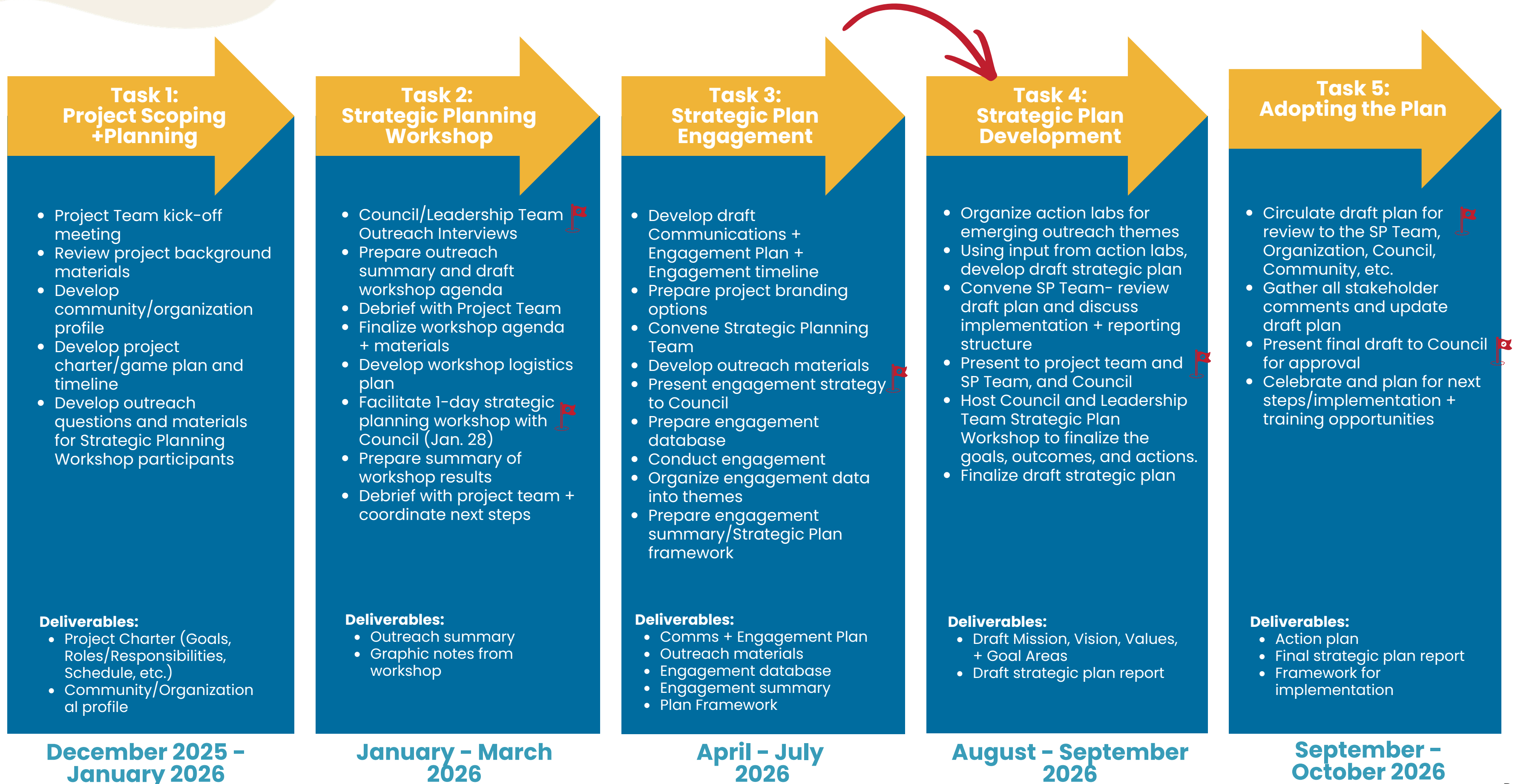
ASHLAND PROJECT GOALS

- Create Ashland's **first long-range strategic plan** that moves beyond the biennial budget to guide priorities, decisions, and resource allocation.
- Lead **robust community and staff engagement**—leveraging both broad and targeted approaches—to gather representative input and build shared understanding of challenges and opportunities.
- Facilitate Council **alignment on vision and priorities**, helping the Council move beyond issue-specific focus to a unified long-term direction grounded in community needs and realistic resource constraints.
- Clarify **Ashland's future identity and strategic choices**, enabling the community and leadership to determine the city's desired direction and priority investments for the next 5–10 years, leading to adoption by Fall 2026.

STRATEGIC PLANNING TIMELINE



Indicates project milestone /
City Council check-in point



Strategic Plan Engagement Summary



HOW WE ENGAGED ASHLAND

Between April and June 2026, the City used a broad mix of in-person, digital, and printed outreach to invite community input on the strategic plan:

- **18 community events** to increase awareness of the strategic plan, promote the online survey, and gather community input for the strategic plan (1,550+ people reached)
- **20+ locations with posters/signage**
- Direct outreach to nearly **300 residents** by email, plus newsletters reaching **10,100+ community members** and a utility bill insert
- 1 online community and staff survey (**2,284 responses**)
- Ongoing social media presence (**27 posts, April–June**)
- **18 one-on-one interviews** with key community members
- Youth-focused engagement placemat activity (**completed by 164 Ashland Middle School students**)

HEY, TEAM ASHLAND

YOUR VOICE
HELPS SHAPE
HOW WE
SERVE OUR
COMMUNITY—
NOW AND INTO
THE FUTURE.

As City staff, your insight is critical to shaping a strategic plan that reflects our operations, challenges, and opportunities.

WHAT WE'RE ASKING

Help us identify what's working and where we can improve.

Your input will help shape:

- City priorities and service delivery
- Internal operations and collaboration
- Resource alignment and decision-making
- Long-term direction for our organization

Take the staff survey
and share your insight!



PROJECT TIMELINE

Winter 2026
Project kickoff
and leadership
workshop

Spring 2026
Community and
staff
engagement

Summer 2026
Draft plan
development and
refinement

**Late Summer
2026**
Plan adoption



City of Ashland Strategic Plan

Forward Together. Vision with Action.

We're creating a community-driven Strategic Plan to guide Ashland's future and we need your input! Your feedback will help shape priorities, guide City services, and inform investments over the next 5-10 years.



Take our online survey today! Use the QR code below, or use this link in your browser to share your thoughts, comments, and insight on the future.

[ASHLANDOREGON.GOV/STRATEGICPLAN](https://ashlandoregon.gov/strategicplan)

**WE ARE
PLANNING
FOR THE
FUTURE, AND
WE WANT TO
HEAR FROM
YOU!**



What matters to you most?

We want to hear your thoughts on things like housing, public safety, economic vitality, climate resilience, infrastructure, parks and recreations, City services, and more!

Why does this matter?

A lot has changed in your community in recent years and this process will help create a clear and shared direction for Ashland's future—grounded in YOUR input.

Want to stay connected to this work?

Follow along on the City's social media sites, or visit the project website anytime for updates and opportunities to share your feedback in-person too!

*Whether you live,
work, or spend
time in Ashland—
your voice matters.*

WHO WE HEARD FROM

The community survey closed June 16 with 2,284 responses, about 11% of Ashland's population. Optional demographic questions show engagement reached most cross-sections of the community, with the clearest gaps among youth, young adults, and the Hispanic/Latino community.

In-person engagement aimed to reach all cross-sections of the Ashland community through a variety of events, interviews with community leaders, a focus group with local faith leaders, and on-site presence at the YMCA and playgrounds.

The youth-focused engagement placemat activity at Ashland Middle School was completed by 164 students.





DREAM BIG: YOUR IDEAS FOR ASHLAND!

A Strategic Plan is like a roadmap for the future. It's a shared idea of what we want our town to be like and where we want to go together. It helps us imagine better places, fun opportunities, and great experiences for everyone who lives here.

Your ideas will help guide real plans and decisions in Ashland. We want to hear from you so this plan reflects what matters most to youth—because you are helping shape the future of your community. So think big, be creative, and share your ideas!

"Your
imagination
can change
the world!"



WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT ASHLAND?

(Think parks, nature, downtown, schools, friends, events, trails, art, etc.)

the friendly people.
Book/clothing
Stores. ^{cheap}



WHAT WOULD MAKE ASHLAND EVEN MORE FUN FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES?

(Places to play, activities, events, recreation, cool spaces, etc.)

Book stores for
each genre, cheaper clothing
stores, more music stores &
a lot more

ABOUT YOU

- WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? 7th
- WHAT SCHOOL DO YOU GO TO? Ashland Middle School

WHAT IS MISSING IN ASHLAND THAT YOU WISH WE HAD?

(Stores, restaurants, activities, skate parks, pools, bike trails, etc.)

SUSHI Places
Book stores &
cheaper clothing
stores

WHAT WOULD HELP EVERYONE FEEL SAFE AND WELCOME IN ASHLAND?

safer cross walks & safer
feeling expensive stores

WHAT DID WE HEAR?

WHAT IS WORKING WELL?

Residents consistently point to these as strengths worth continuing:

- Lithia Park and City parks maintenance (the most praised City service)
- Community events (4th of July, Halloween, First Fridays, Lithia Park concerts)
- City communication tools (newsletter, Council broadcasts, See-Click-Fix, wildfire alerts)
- Wildfire preparedness, including the Firewise program and controlled burns
- Police and Fire responsiveness and community presence
- Ashland Fiber Network (AFN) affordability and local ownership
- Ashland's small-town character

WHAT DID WE HEAR?

KEY COMMUNITY TENSIONS

- **Growth vs. Preservation:** Two roughly equal groups disagree on new housing – one citing concerns of overdevelopment, wildfire evacuation capacity, and loss of Ashland's character; the other citing improving affordability and the need to retain families.
- **Compassion vs. Enforcement on Houselessness:** Residents lean supportive of services and a housing-first approach over enforcement-focused responses, by roughly 3-to-2. However, both sides raise safety and public-space concerns.
- **Maintain vs. Expand:** Residents expressed a strong preference for fixing existing parks, infrastructure, and facilities before building new ones.
- **Tourism vs. Residents:** Some residents are frustrated that downtown appearance, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and visitor amenities feel prioritized over resident needs.

TOP THEMES FROM SURVEY AND IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT

1. Housing Affordability

The dominant concern in the survey, raised by over one-third of respondents, spanning workforce housing, senior housing, supply barriers, and short-term rental impacts. A minority actively opposes further development over concerns about community character and wildfire evacuation.

2. Parks, Trails, and Recreation

The most positively mentioned service area, alongside specific criticism of maintenance, Parks Commission governance, and impacts of homelessness in parks.

3. Unhoused Population

The most divided issue in the data. A majority favor more shelter, services, and a housing-first approach, while a smaller but vocal group calls for enforcement and reduced services. However, both groups raise safety concerns in public spaces.

4. Wildfire and Emergency Preparedness

Near-universal, low-controversy support for continuing and expanding current efforts, alongside concern about evacuation route capacity.

TOP THEMES FROM SURVEY AND IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT

5. Fiscal Management and Governance

Concern about the structural budget deficit, fee increases, and specific spending decisions, paired with calls for greater transparency and clarity on Council/staff roles.

6. Institutional Anchors (Southern Oregon University, Hospital, Ashland School District)

SOU's enrollment decline, reduced hospital services, and ASD enrollment trends are viewed as a community-level survival issue with strong links to housing affordability and demographic change. Residents want the City to take a visible position within its own scope of influence.

7. Young Families and Demographic Change

Widespread concern that Ashland is aging out of young families, driven primarily by housing costs, with cascading effects on school enrollment, SOU's survival, and community vitality. Residents want more youth/teen facilities and after-school programming.

TOP THEMES FROM SURVEY AND IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT

8. Economy, Business, and Jobs

Concern about downtown economic decline and over-reliance on OSF tourism, with high commercial rents, permitting barriers for small businesses, and a desire for a clear economic development strategy and year-round events calendar.

9. Infrastructure: Roads, Sidewalks, City Hall Building, and Water

Residents want basic maintenance (roads, sidewalks) prioritized over new projects, want better-coordinated, less disruptive construction scheduling (particularly avoiding road work during peak fire season), and broadly support the water treatment plant investment.

10. Communication and Civic Engagement

Residents credit the City for improved communication tools (newsletter, Council broadcasts, See-Click-Fix) but feel decisions are often predetermined before public input is gathered, with calls for genuine two-way engagement rather than notification-only communication.

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Facebook Posts:

- 86,390 views
- 399 comments
- 421 reactions
- 55 shares

Instagram Posts:

- 2,413 views
- 417 likes

Themes from social media comments (Facebook) mirror the survey and in-person engagement: **housing affordability, fiscal concerns, lack of youth/teen activities, houselessness, and desire for better walking/biking infrastructure.**



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

According to the 164 Ashland Middle School students who completed the placemat activity, students most value Ashland's parks and outdoor spaces, want more things for kids and teens to do, more shopping/dining variety, and appreciate the small-town character. They are clearly aware of, and concerned about, the impacts of houselessness in the community.

Action Lab Summary



ENGAGEMENT + ACTION LAB THEMES

Following several months of engagement with community members, City staff, City Council, boards and commissions, and key community partners, the SSW Consulting team completed a comprehensive analysis of all input received. Through that analysis, four overarching goal areas emerged:

- **Active + Connected**
- **Community Vitality**
- **Safety + Resiliency**
- **Trusted + Accessible Government**

Action Labs helped:

- Test the goal areas
- Refine the Mission, Vision, and Values
- Develop draft outcomes and actions
- Connect the framework to existing work

DRAFT GOALS + OUTCOMES



ACTIVE + CONNECTED

Engagement Context

- Maintain existing parks and facilities
- Keep parks safe, welcoming, and accessible
- Expand trails and recreation opportunities
- Create more activities and gathering places for families and youth
- Preserve Ashland's distinctive character

ACTIVE + CONNECTED

OUTCOMES

- Parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities are well-maintained, sustainable, and prepared to meet future community needs.
- Parks and recreation spaces are safe, welcoming, and accessible for everyone.
- Recreation opportunities that foster health, connection, and community for all residents and visitors.

COMMUNITY VITALITY

Engagement Context

- Housing affordability affects workers, families, and seniors.
- Downtown vitality and economic diversity are growing concerns.
- Ashland is losing young families and students.
- SOU, schools, healthcare, and OSF are interconnected community assets.
- Youth activities and gathering spaces are significant gaps.

COMMUNITY VITALITY

OUTCOMES

- A resilient local economy that supports business growth, workforce opportunities, and housing affordability.
- A vibrant, welcoming community with thriving and high-quality public spaces.
- Community assets are leveraged to meet evolving community needs.

SAFETY + RESILIENCY

Engagement Context

- Continue strong wildfire-preparedness efforts.
- Address evacuation capacity and community readiness.
- Maintain roads, sidewalks, water, and essential infrastructure.
- Improve coordination and communication around capital projects.
- Balance services, enforcement, and public-space safety in addressing houselessness.

SAFETY + RESILIENCY

OUTCOMES

- Reliable, resilient infrastructure supports a safe and sustainable community.
- Community members are prepared for and resilient during emergencies and natural hazards.
- Community services are coordinated to promote safety, stability, and well-being.
- Regional collaboration strengthens public safety, emergency response, and community resilience.

TRUSTED + ACCESSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Engagement Context

- Communicate clearly, consistently, and transparently.
- Make it easier for residents to access information and City services.
- Strengthen community engagement and responsiveness.
- Use public resources responsibly and focus on core services.
- Build trust through accountability, follow-through, and collaborative decision-making.

TRUSTED + ACCESSIBLE GOVERNMENT

OUTCOMES

- City services are efficient, accessible, and responsive to community needs.
- City facilities and resources are managed strategically to support long-term service delivery.
- Clear, transparent, and accountable governance builds community trust.
- Community members are engaged and empowered to participate in local government.

Draft Mission, Vision, + Values



MISSION OUR PURPOSE. WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO.

DRAFT MISSION

We provide dependable public services and infrastructure that protect and enhance what makes Ashland safe, livable, and vibrant.

MISSION THEMES

- Core city services; stay in the City's lane; maintain, don't expand
- Safety and resiliency
- Community vitality
- Commitment to transparency and accountability
- Financial responsibility
- Safeguarding what people love most about Ashland
- Acknowledgement that the City of Ashland's future is tied to the health of community pillars (SOU, OSF, Ashland School District, Hospital)

VISION **OUR DESTINATION. WHERE WE ARE HEADED TOGETHER.**

DRAFT VISION

A trusted and forward-thinking City working together with our community to respect what makes Ashland unique and build a resilient, vibrant, and economically strong future.

VISION THEMES

- Preservation over growth – maintain what we have before expanding and building new things
- Diverse and strong local economy – not overdependent on a single organization for tourism)
- Safety and resiliency – especially for wildfires, access to services
- Keep vibrancy – students, young families
- Strong cross-collaboration among departments – staff know what other departments are doing, how their work intertwines, and how to increase efficiency
- Stronger staff understanding of the City's priorities and direction
- A destination employer

VALUES OUR FOUNDATION. HOW WE WORK, LEAD, AND SERVE.

DRAFT VALUES

SERVICE

We serve our community with professionalism, responsiveness, respect, and a commitment to excellence.

STEWARDSHIP

We care for public resources, focus on core services, and make thoughtful decisions. We communicate, take ownership, and follow through on our commitments.

COLLABORATION

We work as one organization and alongside our community, building meaningful relationships through listening, engagement, kindness, and mutual respect. We value diverse perspectives and strong partnerships to achieve shared goals.

PREPAREDNESS

We invest in our people, infrastructure, and planning to meet today's needs and build a resilient future.

INNOVATION

We embrace learning, creativity, forward-thinking, and continuous improvement to better serve our community.



VALUES

VALUES THEMES

Preparedness

- Invest in training, equipment, and planning so we're ready for challenges
- Staff capacity and resources to do the work
- Succession planning, employee retention, clear advancement paths to spend career at Ashland
- Forward-looking; wise investments

Connection

- We know our colleagues – across the organization, not just our department
- We are connected to our community through regular, two-way engagement

Stewardship, Financial Discipline, and/or Operational Focus

- Fiscal responsibility
- Careful decisions with public resources
- Focus on core services first/stay in our lane
- Maintain and modernize what we have – infrastructure and facilities
- We focus on doing the City's core work well instead of spreading ourselves too thin

Collaboration

- We understand how our work in different departments connect
- We work like one, unified organization, not silos

Accountability

- We take ownership of our responsibilities
- We have follow-through – staff-staff, staff-community, Council-community
- We clearly communicate our progress and explain why decisions are made

Transparency

- Explain our priorities and decisions, and the reasons behind them
- Everyone understands where the organization is headed and why
- Our policies and processes are consistent and predictable so employees and residents know what to expect

Commitment and/or Service

- Calling to be public servants
- Make/Keep our community a great place to work and live

Excellence

- High quality work
- Continuous improvement
- Leadership
- Innovation

Next Steps



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

August

- Continue refining the draft Goals, Outcomes, and Actions with the Leadership Team to ensure alignment and clear implementation strategies.
- Refine the draft Mission, Vision, and Values (MVV) based on Council and Leadership Team feedback.

September

- Convene a joint Council + Leadership Team Workshop to review + refine the complete strategic framework:
 - Mission, Vision, + Values
 - Goals
 - Outcomes
 - Actions
- Gather final input and make refinements.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Fall 2026

- Finalize the Strategic Plan design and prepare the document for Council adoption.
- Partner with the Leadership Team to launch implementation, including:
 - Embedding the Mission, Vision, and Values into organizational culture.
 - Aligning Council priorities, departmental work plans, and staff priorities with the Strategic Plan.
 - Establishing an implementation framework to support accountability, progress tracking, and long-term success.

The Strategic Plan is more than a document. The plan will serve as the City's roadmap for decision-making, organizational culture, and priority alignment for years to come.

QUESTIONS?



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MINUTES FOR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

PARK COMMISSION

July 8, 2026

Council Chamber, 1175 E Main – 6:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Weiner, Bachman, Gardiner, Adams, and Landt

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Rooklyn, Deputy City Attorney Zahran, Interim Parks

Director Dials, Recreation Supervisor Flora, Executive Assistant Mero

Absent: None

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Bachman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. **ROLL CALL** – Commissioners Weiner, Bachman, Gardiner, Adams present (Landt joined after roll call).

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Park Commission Regular Business Meeting June 10, 2026

Gardiner: His name was excluded from the roll call in the minutes.

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion: Gardiner

Second: Weiner

Vote:

<u>Gardiner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Weiner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Bachman</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Adams</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Landt</u>	<u>Yes</u>		

IV. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA** – None

V. **PUBLIC FORUM** –

Andrew DelCarlo, Oregon: Member of the Rogue Valley Masters Swim Team. Spoke to the importance of having a year round viable pool in Ashland. Spoke to the viral role a community pool plays in creating community providing the opportunity to exercise for all ages and for kids to learn to swim. Asking Parks and Rec to prioritize planning for a year round pool.

Barney Spera, Ashland: Suggested to the Park Commission that Ashland would benefit from having a Carousel. Offered to make a \$100,000.00 donation to kick off a campaign to make it happen. Touted the popularity of a carousel in Butchart Gardens in Vancouver, Canada. Could be a source of income for the City. Asked the Commissioners to look into the possibility to see if it would be viable.

VI. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2025

Chair Bachman asked for acknowledgement of the minutes by unanimous consent. No objections. Minutes acknowledged by unanimous consent.

VII. BUSINESS

1. Employment of the Parks Director (Job Description) (Action) – Deputy City Manager Rooklyn

SUMMARY – The permanent Parks and Recreation Director position has been vacant since January 28, 2026. Prior to recruiting a new Parks Director, the job description needs to be reviewed and updated.

At the June 10th Regular Park Commission meeting a Public Hearing was held to discuss the job description and gather public input. After the public hearing the Park Commissioners chose to table the discussion to give more input to the job description prior to approval.

The Park Commissioners have now had a chance to give input and feedback on the job description, and those changes and updates are reflected in the draft version. The job description represents a full rewrite of the Parks and Recreation Director job description to provide better clarity on the day-to-day role of the position, create clearer standards, and align with AMC 2.28.600 – 660.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED – Ashland Municipal Code 2.28.600 – 660

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS – Currently budgeted.

PROPOSED ACTIONS OR MOTION(S) – Adoption/Amendment: I move to adopt the Parks and Recreation Director job description [as amended].

Tabling: I move to table the Parks and Recreation Director job description to [the next regular business meeting.]

ATTACHMENTS

Draft of Parks Director job description with tracked changes

Clean version of Parks Director job description

PREPARED BY: Jordan Rooklyn, Deputy City Manager

Questions/Discussion:

- In the minimum requirements section, a bachelor's degree is listed as a minimum qualification for the job. Next the job description states that a bachelor's degree could count for four years of the nine years of required leadership experience. More clear to state five years of leadership is required.
- Preference stated to keep nine years as the required leadership experience.

- Is it an actual minimum requirement if one doesn't have to have it? If not, why do we say it is?
- Part of City's goal for assuring equal employment opportunity. Actual experience may be equal to the degree.
- Suggested under minimum qualifications, change bachelor's degree to: advanced degree could substitute for up to four years of experience.

Motion: I move that we approve the job description for the permanent Parks Director with the amendment that under the third bullet for the minimum qualifications section the word bachelor's degree be replaced with graduate degree.

Motion: Adams

Second: Weiner

Vote:

<u>Gardiner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Weiner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Bachman</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Adams</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Landt</u>	<u>Yes</u>		

2. Interim Parks Director Contract (Action) – Deputy City Manager Rooklyn

SUMMARY – At the June 10 Regular Business Meeting the Park Commission moved to appoint Rachel Dials Interim Parks Director. The Assistant City Attorney, Deputy City Manager, and Park Commission Chair have worked with the candidate to negotiate a contract.

The main points of the contract are:

- The contract is for one year or until a permanent director is hired, whichever is sooner.
- Rachel Dials will retain rights to the Deputy Director role.
- Rachel Dials will be at Step 4 of the Parks Director salary range, which represents a 10% increase from what she would make as Deputy Director.
- Other benefits – including potential severance – parallel those which City department heads receive.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED – Ashland Municipal Code 2.28.600 – 660

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS – Currently budgeted

PROPOSED ACTIONS OR MOTION(S) – I move to appoint Rachel Dials as Interim Parks Director and request City Manager to execute the contract.

ATTACHMENTS – DRAFT Interim Director Contract (Please note: Once the Park Commission has approved the final version of the Parks Director job description it will be included as Exhibit A in the Interim Parks Director Contract).

PREPARED BY: Jordan Rooklyn, Deputy City Manager

Questions/Discussion:

- If we haven't recruited a permanent director in one year, Dials remains in the position? There's no sunset? A: The contract has a sunset of one year. It is possible a decision can be made to extend the contract.
- The Deputy Director role will remain open during this period? A: Yes

Motion: I move to approve the promotion to Interim Director as written.

- Deputy Director is doing a great job as Acting Director knitting together the complexities she inherited. Look forward to moving some of that forward.
- Confirmation this process will work well. Good not to fast track the hiring of a permanent director. Happy to work with Rachel over the next year.

Motion: Weiner

Second: Gardiner

Vote:

<u>Gardiner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Weiner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Bachman</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Adams</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Landt</u>	<u>Yes</u>		

3. Pickleball Court Hours Discussion – Interim Director Dials (Information)

SUMMARY – This memo provides an operational update regarding the Lithia Park pickleball courts. This is in response to concerns regarding off-hours usage and acoustic impacts. Included are options for updated rule regulations, physical site controls, and improved collaboration with the Ashland Police Department.

Commissioners are asked to provide staff direction regarding court hours, structural sound mitigation, and facility security.

BACKGROUND

Court Hours

Increased pickleball participation has led to higher use at the Lithia Park Courts. Staff have observed the courts see the highest demand M, W, F from 8 AM -11 AM during open play.

Currently, the posted facility rules state that the courts open at 7 AM and close at "sunset," creating ambiguity that hampers enforcement. In speaking with the Ashland Police Department (APD) their recommendation was to clearly state the open and close times on signage and to refer people to contact APD with violations of the posted hours.

Locking the Courts

Locking the courts at night is one of the options discussed to reduce violations. The court complex itself features four (4) independent pedestrian entry gates and two (2) maintenance gates, all which remain unlocked at all hours. Staff have evaluated this idea,

and it would require an extra 15 minutes per shift for opening and closing. The bigger concern is confrontation with non-compliant players. If this option was considered, staff would need to implement a safety protocol with explicit escalation steps for staff to follow for non-compliant players.

APD's recommendation was to start with increased signage that includes opening and closing hours and to not lock the courts at this time. The only park facilities that are currently locked at night are public restrooms within all parks and the Japanese Garden.

Quiet Pickleball Equipment

Another idea was to **require** Quiet Pickleball Equipment such as paddles and balls.

<https://usapickleball.org/acoustics/>

Through research and discussion with the Ashland Oregon Pickleball Club, it was determined current "quiet ball" technology changes gameplay dynamics, requiring players to strike balls with significantly more force. The Club indicated that the manufacturing sector's quiet equipment technology is still evolving. Staff recommends utilizing advisory signage to **encourage** use of USA Pickleball-certified acoustic equipment rather than pursuing an unenforceable mandate.

Sound Mitigation

Staff are currently evaluating high-performance, heavy-duty vinyl sound barriers for potential use at the Lithia Park courts, looking specifically at the "Acoustiblok" system currently utilized at the Rogue X pickleball facility in Medford.

Staff need to assess how these barriers will perform within a canyon topography. Additionally, evaluation of the structural load capacity of the existing fencing will need to occur, as adding sound barriers may necessitate structural reinforcing or replacement.

While this infrastructure improvement is being explored for future Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding, staff will compile more information to present in future discussion.

ASSESSMENT – Current Ordinance: Per AMC 9.08.170, disruptive noise (such as yelling, shouting, or whistling) is prohibited in residential and noise-sensitive areas between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or whenever it unreasonably disturbs community peace based on volume, timing, or duration.

Staff requests Commission discussion regarding the implementation of designated court hours and expanded rules signage at all four entrances to the pickleball courts:

Proposed Operating Hours: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, year-round.

Signage Content (Rules & Enforcement):

- **Hours & Trespassing:** Playing outside of posted hours, playing after dark, or trespassing is strictly prohibited. Violators face citations or exclusion by the Ashland Police Department per AMC 10.68.
- **Sound Mitigation:** Players are urged to use USA Pickleball-approved "Quiet Category" paddles and acoustic balls to reduce community noise impacts.
- **Amplified Sound:** External speakers, boomboxes, and amplified audio are strictly prohibited under AMC 9.08.170.

PROPOSED ACTIONS OR MOTION(S) – N/A

ATTACHMENTS

AMC 9.08.170 Unnecessary Noise – see packet
 Current pickleball signage at Lithia Park Courts
 Specific public comments related to pickleball noise

PREPARED BY: Rachel Dials, Interim Director

Questions/Discussion:

- How much would the sound study cost? A: TBD about \$5,000.00
- Does the ORD say boom boxes, etc. are prohibited at all times? A: Yes
- Make hours of play specific and year round so the signs don't have to be changed. Put no amplified sound, boomboxes etc. on the signs, too.
- Concerns and challenges with recommendations. Hours aren't posted on Parks and Rec website. Many of the hours would be after dark much of the year. Align Japanese Garden hours with Pickleball. Spoken with pickleballers who don't understand why Ashland hasn't implemented the quiet equipment policy. Have to make it a mandate and enforce it. Consider easy, free solutions first.
- We should maximize the use of the courts we have. Lights would be one way. In the summer should maximize cooler evening hours. Closing at 8 PM is too early. Should accommodate the players.
- Seasonal hours might make sense.
- Seldom anyone playing pickleball before 7 AM. A person often blows leaves as early as 6:30 AM. Amend signs to signify no use rather than no play.
- High use in the AM between 8 and noon. Noisiest use is in the evening.
- Staff is looking for Commissioners to address some of the issues created by pickleball play. Need to make it clear on hours and no boomboxes etc. Not a fan of locking the courts. If we need enforcement we can call on APD. Focus on what we can do easily and at little cost.
- Pickleball noise impacts a lot more than neighbors. Many comments saying people no longer go to the Park or walk the trails because of pickleball. Need to implement best practices that are recommended by US Pickleball.
- Need to state on the signs that trespassing/using amplified devices are prohibited.

Direction: Need to post hours of use on the signage, potentially seasonal, potentially aligning with the hours of the Japanese Garden, include AMC on noise, encourage or mandate the use of quiet equipment. Get a general estimate of cost.

Bring it back to a study session. Maybe the August study session.

Trying to keep the August study session for just the proposed Lithia Park East Hillside Mountain Bike Trails. Could potentially bring the pickleball noise mitigation item to the August business meeting if there is to be one following the joint session with City Council.



PICKLEBALL COURTS

OPEN DAILY | 7AM – SUNSET

GENERAL RULES

These courts are for **EVERYONE**. Please be **CONSIDERATE**.

- All Lithia Park Rules and City of Ashland Ordinances apply to use of courts.
- Courts are for pickleball only.
- Non-marking court shoes **REQUIRED**.
- Do not use hard bristle brooms, tape, or anything that can damage the court surface.
- All ages and skill levels are welcome to play during "Open" and "Drop-in" play. Children under age 10 must be supervised by an adult.
- Only Ashland Parks and Recreation Department authorizes court reservations. PlayTime Scheduler and other online platforms cannot be used to reserve courts.
- Private events, leagues, lessons, and tournaments require Ashland Parks and Recreation approval and permitting prior to the event.

For more information on reserving courts and special event permit requests for private use visit ashlandoregon.gov/pickleball

 Thank you for helping us make the Lithia Park Pickleball Courts experience positive for everyone! 

Ashland Parks & Recreation | 1195 E. Main St, Ashland OR | 541.488.5340 | parksinfo@ashlandoregon.gov

OPEN PLAY RULES

Monday – Wednesday – Friday | 8am – 11am

"Open Play" is a structured pickleball gameplay experience for players of **ALL** skill levels.

- All games follow USA Pickleball Association rules.
- Join a court by placing your paddle in the paddle rack according to posted procedures.
- Two Players Per Side/Two Games Per Turn
- You may place your paddle back in the rack after your two games are done.

DROP-IN PLAY RULES

"Drop-in play" are all hours not scheduled for Open-Play and/or APRD authorized events

Drop-in sessions are for **all abilities, ages, and groups of players** to enjoy the courts privately or invite others to join in pick-up games. All courts are available unless reserved through Ashland Parks & Recreation.

When courts are full:

- All players must be present and follow posted procedures to rotate onto courts.
- Organized activities or practices that violate posted procedures and limit access to others are strictly **prohibited**.
- Once a group steps onto a court, there is a 1 hour 30-minute time limit before all group members must vacate and allow others to rotate on.
- A minimum of two players per court is required. 1v1 and 2v1 groups are encouraged to invite waiting players onto their court to maximize enjoyment for everyone.

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 Please visit the website ashlandoregon.gov/pickleball for more information as we continue to improve your pickleball experience!

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Contact the Parks & Recreation Commissioners

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Full Name Andrea Weiner

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Email

Subject Lithia Park Tennis

Message

Good afternoon Parks Commission and Department:
I would like to voice my support for reverting the Lithia Park courts back to "tennis only". The constant, intrusive noise associated with pickleball is not compatible with Lithia Park, especially when the courts are directly adjacent to our \$2 million Japanese Garden, the upper duck pond, and picnic areas.

In summer 2023, I had several e-mail conversations with staff and commission whereby they acknowledged the problem: "It is my understanding that the commissioners take this issue seriously (as do I) and that we intend to trouble shoot some of these problems (noise, hours of play, etc) in the coming months."

"I'm hopeful we can find a way to allow folks to play pickleball and also reduce/eliminate/move the damaging noise of the game for residents."

"Administratively we can lock the courts when we lock the garden each night and open them after 7am which we will be doing."

Nearly three years later, and nothing has been done to correct the error of putting pickleball in Lithia. You now have the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Andrea Weiner

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Full Name

James di Properzio, Ashland resident

Phone

Email

Subject

Cogent comment on our pickleball/tennis pickle!

Message

Dear Commissioners,

I attended the meeting but arrived too late to sign up to speak. Most of the tennis community arrived late, because they had circulated the wrong location among themselves, and thus were underrepresented among the speakers.

The double-lining proposal pits the tennis and pickleball communities against each other, and neither wants it anyway. Just months ago, in 2025, a public meeting on the renovation of the tennis courts was held, at which we were assured by the then-head of Parks and Rec that the courts would not be double-lined.

Switching the Lithia Park courts back to tennis again is a double waste of money, infuriates the pickleballers, and won't work for the AHS tennis team, because they can't split up practices and competitive home meets. The team needs 8 courts together to host meets.

Also, rules for high-school competitive tennis matches follow USTA, which forbids courts lined for pickleball entirely. The state scholastic standards follow this, though they do allow play on double-lined courts in emergencies or temporarily, neither of which would apply in Hunter Park.

Noise from pickleball in the park is a noticeable nuisance to me for more than a quarter-mile when I walk the chip trail up Lithia Park, but that problem is easily solved at no cost to the city. Multiple types of quiet and even 'near-silent' pickleballs are made now, and they perform as well or better than the first-generation, Whiffleball-style pickleballs.

Restrict play to the balls manufactured to be quieter—some are as quiet as tennis balls or quieter. Problem solved. Some pickleballers may grumble initially, until they try the new balls and realize they perform better.

Let's leave the pickleballers their 8 courts in the park, leave the tennis team and community their last remaining 8 courts in Hunter Park without double lines, and look toward where dedicated pickleball courts can be built, as they will clearly be needed in the coming years.

Sincerely,
James di Properzio

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Full Name

Robert Hart

Phone

Email

Subject

pickleball courts

Message

I live directly above the pickleball courts on the east side of Lithia Park. The noise is a constant irritant. The pickleball courts should be relocated as soon as feasible. It would be a huge win for the homeowners and Lithia Park!

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Full Name

Bonnie Mavis

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Subject	Pickleball in Lithia Park
Message	Pickleball is a fun and healthy activity that connects people and builds community, versus dividing community and creating a negative cloud. I live a couple of blocks from the courts and am challenged to hear the play until I get right above it on Granite. The sound of Pickleball, in my mind, is not a bad thing...it is a happy sound and merely a matter of personal opinion. The sound I hear whenever I am near the courts is laughter and lively conversation...isn't that the point? Our country's health in general needs more activities like this and a lovely and convenient place to do them. People can engage, move, laugh and build community, which is critical to healthy aging. In addition, the courts also attract young people and blur the lines of age that is so obvious on the streets of Ashland. Encouraging this connection and diversity is a positive way to knit together the gap between our generations. Eliminating Pickleball in Lithia is short sighted and will serve only the people who choose to make something negative out of a very positive activity that brings life to Ashland. You know the statistics...Pickleball is growing world wide and it should be aloud to grow here as well.

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Full Name	John & Rebecca Lane
Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Subject	Lithia Park

Message**There will be Noise**

Lithia Park checks all the boxes for an ideal urban park with plenty of open public spaces that support a variety of leisure and recreational activities. The park provides a safe and aesthetically pleasing environment with natural wildlife, vegetation, duck ponds, and a year-round creek. It also offers a wide range of amenities, such as; a playground, pickleball and volleyball courts, walking trails, picnic areas, an outdoor band shell, Japanese Garden, and green space for outdoor vendor markets. There are restrooms and several free parking lots to support numerous park visitors.

Amenities attract adults and children who wish to recreate. We want amenities to be well utilized. Toddlers laughing on the swings and splashing in the creek, hikers plodding on well-worn trails, music coming from the band shell, market vendors selling their wares, groups enjoying a picnic, and kids of all ages playing pickleball. There will be noise. If you have a park with lots of amenities, but without any noise, then it is probably underutilized. Welcome these outdoor activities and the exuberant noise.

Full Name

Robert Brownell

Phone

Email

SubjectKeep Pickleball in Lithia Park

Message

Dear Commissioners,

I live at 233 Granite Street, next door to Commissioner Weiner, and as close to the pickleball courts as any home in Ashland. When I am in my home, I do not hear anything from the pickleball courts. When I am on my porch, I can hear activity, but it is no bother. I can also hear concerts at the Bandshell, which is no bother. When I walk to town through the park, I can hear the shrieks of children playing. Again, this is no bother. In fact, it is expected. I live across the street from a public park. In fact, it is wonderful. The public park is being used by the public. If there is no noise from these activities, then we are doing something wrong. Hiking, walking, picnics, quiet contemplation, boisterous play, concerts, street musicians and, yes, pickleball are all accommodated. What a wonderful place.

Eliminating pickleball from Lithia Park is as absurd as prohibiting any of the other activities mentioned above. It may be the most utilized real estate in the park. It is also the activity that attracts the broadest cross-section of residents. Seniors, families, college students, young professionals and children are all frequent users. The Parks Commission should be proud that so many more people are using the park since the courts converted to pickleball. Bravo!

When people play in the park, do they make noise? Of course. Do they park in front of my house? Certainly. Because it is a park for the people of Ashland, not a dedicated open space for the residents of Granite Street.

My thoughts,
Bob Brownell

Full Name	Robin DONALDSON
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Subject	STRONGLY SUPPORT PICKLEBALL in Lithia Park
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Message	
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I must express concern that this APR message presents a perspective that feels both one-sided and dismissive of the park's longstanding purpose.

Lithia Park was established with the guiding principle "to serve the public through culture, recreation, natural beauty, and health-oriented tourism." From its original design in 1914, recreation has been a central and intentional component. Original recreational features, such as the tennis courts and bandshell are, by nature, active and sound-producing spaces. The addition of the children's playground after 1920, expanded and improved repeatedly, has always brought the joyful noise of play. More recently, the skating rink introduced in 2019 has added another layer of recreational activity and the sounds that accompany them.

The reality is that recreation and sound are inherently linked. What one person perceives as noise, another experiences as vitality, connection, and community life.

A missed hockey shot may echo loudly, but it represents effort, competition, and engagement. The laughter of children, the performances at the Elizabethan Theatre, the music of the solo cello player to the rock various bands playing in the park, or even the natural sounds of wildlife, all contribute to the rich and dynamic character of Lithia Park.

"Peace and quiet" is, ultimately, subjective. For many, the sounds of activity are not disturbances but affirmations that the park is fulfilling its purpose, bringing people together to enjoy



shared spaces.

Rather than framing these sounds as intrusions, I would encourage a broader perspective: they are indicators of a thriving public space. They reflect health, recreation, culture, and community, exactly what Lithia Park was intended to support.

I invite the APR board to join me in the living room of any one of my extended family's homes adjacent to the Lithia Park to experience, hear, measure the silence of a pickleball as it strikes the paddle.

40 Granite
70 Granite
114 Granite
227 Granite (DIRECTLY across from the pickleball courts)

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Full Name Kathleen Page

Phone

Email

Subject in support of pickleball

Message

I'm writing in support of pickleball play in Lithia Park. I understand that some people who live near the park don't like the sound of the game. The sound produced during pickleball play is quiet enough, but it has a somewhat higher pitch as compared to tennis. I often walk along Granite Street near the courts. From there, I can hear the sound of children and adults playing pickleball and I find it delightful. It's not loud at all; it is simply the sound of people engaged in recreation. If you choose to live near a public park, you must accept that the park will not be silent. There are sounds from various events that take place there, the playground, bandshell concerts, volleyball courts, and the pickleball courts. I would like to suggest the use of noise-canceling headphones for those who are bothered by the low decibel sounds produced at the courts. There are not many places to play pickleball in Ashland, and it is an increasingly popular game. Playing pickleball promotes social connections between Ashland residents and improves fitness. It would be tragic if pickleball were banned from Lithia Park. I'm certain that there are far more Ashland residents who benefit from having pickleball courts in the park as compared to the number of residents who don't like the sound of it. The Ashland Parks and Recreation commission should prioritize parks and recreation, not peace and quiet

Contact the Parks & Recreation Commissioners

Full Name	Martha Kalin
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Subject	Pickleball Courts
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Message

Hello,

I wanted to give my input on the issue of pickleball courts in Ashland, as I have heard there is discussion of eliminating the court at Lithia Park. I play regularly at Lithia Park, at least 3 or 4 times per week. I'm a retiree, so this is possible for me time wise, and it's one of the great joys of my life. I'm new to Ashland as of 3 years ago, and have met so many wonderful people of all walks of life at the pickleball courts. I donate to help support the courts, I help to clean off the courts on days when they are wet or icy. I bring my daughter and grandkids and their friends to learn how to play. I see so much intergenerational joy, diversity and camaraderie on the courts, something so very important in this time in the world. We share volunteer opportunities we're involved with and passions in our lives. We go for walks through the park before and after. We go to the nearby stores and restaurants. There is nothing comparable that I've encountered that is so wonderfully open and welcoming. I recognize that people also value the silence and beauty of Lithia Park and I count myself as one of these people as well. However, it would be a great tragedy to remove something so amazing and that brings so much joy as the beautiful Lithia Park Pickleball Courts. When I'm walking or sitting in the woods in a reflective mood, I love the sounds of children playing on the playground, or people playing music, or people of all ages playing pickleball. There must be ways to allow all of this to coexist in a respectful way.

Thank you for considering this,
Martha Kalin

4. Lithia Park Ice Rink Pavilion (Information) – Mark Knox Vice President of Ashland Parks Foundation

SUMMARY – The Ashland Parks Foundation Board member Mark Knox will present a progress report on the proposed Ice Rink replacement structure and ancillary buildings along with next steps.

ATTACHMENTS:

Lithia Ice Rink Pavillion Concept Plan – see packet

City of Ashland Pre-application for the Lithia Ice Rink Pavilion Concept Plan – see packet

PREPARED BY: Rachel Dials, Interim Director

Came before the Commission previously when it was announced the white tarp would be the permanent cover for the ice rink. Said we could do better as a community - Commissioners agreed.

Good stuff is happening. Formed a steering committee of people who understand land use and finance. Chose an architect, KSW, connected with a contractor for the cost estimate. Plans just came out last Friday. Going public with plans tonight. Presenting the plans to Rotary tomorrow. Want the Commission's general opinion on the plans.

Next step would be the Land use process. Will need sign off by City Manager, will hold more meetings with neighbors, planning commission, etc. Privately funded with the exception that Parks Department would take down the old cover.

Starting with light fundraising. Next they will meet in earnest with the neighbors. Could start with building the pavilion and phase in the rest. Would like to start building after end of the upcoming skating season. Will not interfere with/interrupt another skating season.

Dials: This will come back to the Commission to amend the CIP for this project.

Knox: Land use can take months. Would like to ask the Commission and City Council to be able to work through that process.

Questions/Discussion:

- Recommendation to put pictures of plans in poster form up at the rink to get people excited. Thrilling and beautiful!
- Pre App says two less parking spaces? A: Recounted today, there will be one extra spot. Footprint of the rink is the same? A: Yes, the new roof will cover more space, out to the property line. Chiller and cooling coils stay the same? A: Yes
- Ice rink coils are embedded in the parking lot, cannot be moved. Lower profile building would greatly benefit the neighborhood. Thank you for looking at the Nutley/Winburn intersection. Important to think about traffic calming there. It's way too wide.
- This will make the intersection busier, and it needs to be addressed. Space there that could be activated. Long term needs a bump out. Should be put into the transportation plan.
- Clarification that the ice rink footprint cannot be changed. The cover has to be designed around that. Lower profile (10 feet) will be a big benefit to the neighborhood.
- How about solar panels to offset some of the costs? Maybe someone would want to donate. Make sure the louvers don't make noise when it's windy.
- Could at least plumb for solar while it's being built. Conduit is inexpensive.
- Could the bathrooms be made more visible for other users?

- Will pass that along. Not sure they should represent the façade of the space. Maybe use wayfinding signage instead. Restrooms aren't a requirement but would be convenient.
- Envisioning restrooms being open seasonally and maybe for special events.

5. Park Walk Medallion in Front of Lithia Park (Action) – Mike Gardiner President Ashland Parks Foundation

SUMMARY – At the June 10th Regular Meeting, Ashland Parks Foundation (APF) President Gardiner again gave a presentation on the Park Walk Medallion. The purpose of the plaque is to recognize the volunteer efforts of all the many individuals who have led park walks in Lithia Park beginning in 1989. The medallion would be similar in size and fashion to medallions that have been placed at many locations around town identifying important local historical events (MAP Project) and the current Public Art Advisory Committee's efforts to create the Literary Walk around town.

Tom Foster, longtime volunteer with the Park Walk program, will be donating the money for the medallion to the APF and in return APF is facilitating securing the contractor to make the medallion.

The medallion will be created in bronze. If approved by the Commission the medallion will be installed by Parks staff in fall of 2026.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED – N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS – The medallion will be a private donation sponsored by the APF. The Department will provide the labor and supplies to install the plaque which is within the Parks Operations budget.

PROPOSED ACTIONS OR MOTION(S) – I move to approve the design and the installation of the Park Walk Medallion in the sidewalk near the main entrance to Lithia Park.

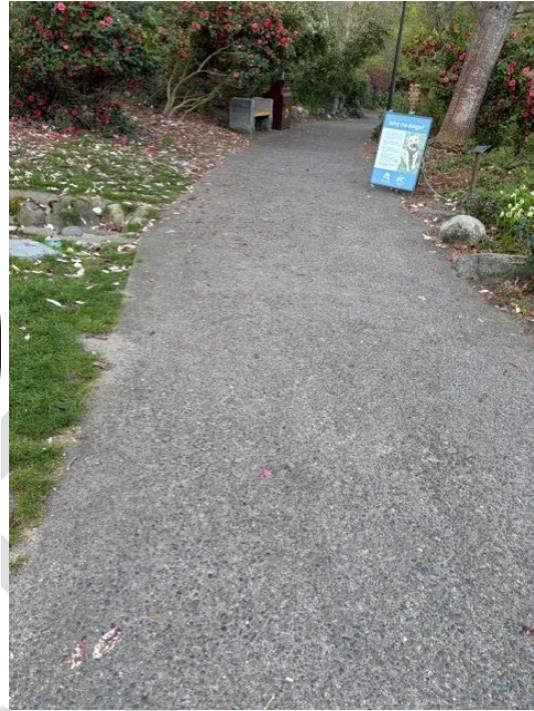
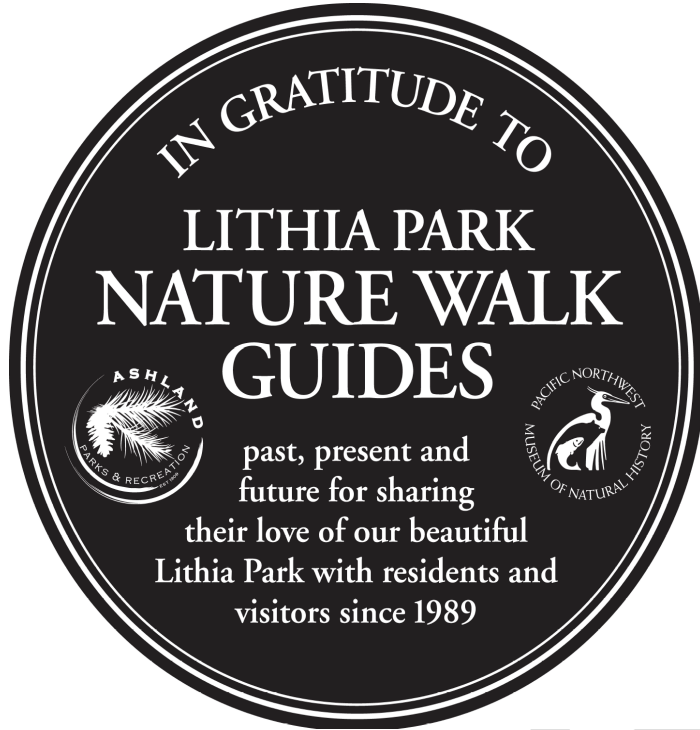
ATTACHMENTS

Picture of Location in Lithia Park

Final design artwork of medallion

PREPARED BY: Rachel Dials, Interim Director

Gardiner bringing the final medallion design back as a representative of the Ashland Parks Foundation: Employed a graphic designer to come up with several options. Presenting this rendering for approval by the Commission.



Questions/Discussion:

- How big would the medallion be? A: 18"
- Is the medallion round? A: Yes

Motion: I move to approve the design and installation of the Park Walk Medallion in the sidewalk near the main entrance to Lithia Park.

- Appreciate the opportunity to do this. Parks Department thinks they can do the installation in the fall.
- Appreciate the effort that went into this and that the medallion follows the style of other medallions around town.

Motion: Gardiner

Second: Bachman

Vote:

<u>Gardiner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Weiner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Bachman</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Adams</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Landt</u>	<u>Yes</u>		

6. Lithia Park East Hillside Mt. Bike Trail Proposal Public Input Update (Information)
Interim Director Dials

SUMMARY – Update on Public Input for Lithia Park East Hillside Mountain Bike Trail.

- **Comment Period opened on the website on June 15, and comments will be received through September 3, 2026.** We have collected and filed 87 public comments that date back to 2025. There is a direct link on the main Parks and Recreation homepage that highlights the public process, ways to give input and includes a link to the trail proposal.
- **Parks Commission Study Session on August 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber** where the trail proposal will be presented *only* for discussion and public comments.
- **Park Commission Regular Business** meeting September 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber for potential action on proposed trail.
- **The proposed trail is now marked with biodegradable paint.** RED for the uphill section and ORANGE for downhill section. The trail crossings as of right now are marked with two lines (=). Specific signage for the trail crossings and Notice of the proposed trail will go up by July 22nd or as soon as possible.
- **Staff will coordinate with TAC to hold at least one public meeting on-site to view the trail.** That meeting is TBD. TAC will have a meeting on July 15, and this will be on the agenda for discussion.
- **Staff have viewed the full trail site.** The proposed trail traverse's rough terrain which may make it difficult for some members of the public to see the full impact. It was suggested that TAC or the proposer put together some drone footage that could be shared.

PROPOSED ACTIONS OR MOTION(S) – N/A

Information only. Staff seeking feedback.

ATTACHMENTS – N/A

Questions/Discussion:

- Is it possible for staff to take the Commissioners on the trails? Yes. Two at a time to avoid violating public meeting law.
- Could the somewhat endangered plants be marked to protect them? A: Will ask Chris Chambers.
- Thanked staff for all the work done to inform the public on the trails location.

Direction: Wait for signs to be put up then will schedule tours and will ask Chris to mark rare plants.

VIII. INTERIM DIRECTORS REPORT – Interim Director Dials



- E. Main Public Improvements starting soon
- Hunter Park Tennis Courts preconstruction mtg, next week
- OKGC Driving Range Update
- CC/PH Open House/Ribbon Cutting July 22 3:30pm-5:30pm
- Epic and AFC Concerts June 15, June 29, 3200 est total
- Tanabata Event July 11, Japanese Garden 10am-1pm
- Trails Advisory Committee Accepting applications through July 9th. Five applications received for two vacancies. ASAC, RDAC & TAC meetings next week
- LOC Training for elected officials Tuesday July 14, 3pm-5pm, Council Chamber
- 4th of July – Thank you to Parks Team for support of parade route, Lithia Park activities and Rec team for 4th Run Support. Over 600 people registered.



- GIS will do some drone footage of before and after on Hunter Tennis Courts
- Tanabata – hanging wishes on trees
- Training on July 14 is different than previous trainings.

IX. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/STAFF – None

X. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

1. Ashland Senior Advisory Committee July 13, Senior Center 3:30 PM
2. Trails Advisory Committee July 15, the Grove 5:00 PM
3. Recreation Division Advisory Committee July 16, the Grove 3:30 PM
4. Park Commission Study Session August 5, Council Chamber 6:00 PM
5. Joint Meeting City Council/Park Commission Regular Business Meeting August 12, Council Chamber 6:00 PM

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Bachman adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by Nancy A. Mero, Executive Assistant

Written Public Testimony Received:

Dear Parks Commission and Department:

The ongoing problem of pickleball noise in Lithia Park has long been acknowledged by parks staff and commission:

"I have no doubt that there will be further discussions and mitigation strategies discussed in APRC going forward. I'm hopeful we can find a way to allow folks to play pickleball and also reduce/eliminate/move the damaging noise of the game for residents." APRC Commissioner (7/12/2023)

"Administratively we can lock the courts when we lock the garden each night and open them after 7am which we will be doing." Rachel Dials, Deputy Director (7/12/2023)

"The concerns that you express are shared in many communities in the face of the growing popularity of this sport." APRC Commissioner (8/1/2023)

"It is my understanding that the commissioners take this issue seriously (as do I) and that we intend to trouble shoot some of these problems (noise, hours of play, etc) in the coming months. I did want to let you know that I am aware of and concerned about the issue, and that it remains on my radar to work with residents and pickle ball players to come to some sort of mitigation actions that improve the noise concerns." APRC Commissioner (8/8/2023)

"I can understand your concern. I know the decibel level can be quite loud . I will look into what has been addressed thus far." APRC Commissioner (10/23/2023)

It has been three years since I received these messages, and still no meaningful efforts have been made to address the problem. Please consider adopting some real noise-mitigation strategies at your next business meeting on July 8, 2026. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Andrea Weiner

Trusting you each will evaluate a new proposed trail within Lithia Park, I'm respectfully asking for your time to read my reasoning behind my objection to this trail.

Over the many years, the trails within Lithia Park have been used by hikers only, many Seniors, some with disabilities without the fear of fast moving bikes, and some heavy E bikes that have currently poached onto this pristine hillside.

The new proposed trail would cross these long time existing hiking trails eight (8) different times. This would eliminate the ability for myself, and the many others to hike these trails without the fear, of fast moving bikes. This was the reasoning behind at least four signs along Glenview, stating NO BIKES.. at the entrance of each hiking trail. These hiking only trails are currently being poached by bikes. Commissioner Adams along with RVMBA may have not taken this into consideration before proposing this bike trail.

Their proposal for a low angle, adaptive and beginner friendly mountain bike trail stated as "needed" for the youth to learn the skills before riding the 53 miles or so, currently in our watershed and beyond. This is a "want"...not a "need!"

Let's not forget RVMBA was behind the E. Main St. Park, with a promise of \$150,000 towards a pump track. This is a huge \$5.5 mil investment for the people of Ashland and we also have a BMX type track near the dog park. Both of which could be used for beginner bikers. Some trails in the watershed were listed as beginner...and later changed to intermediate?? Now Madrone Ridge is on the horizon with 2000 acres and

more bike trails!

Some maintain that this new trail would provide a second route into the downtown area.

However, they do not address that these young beginners and other bikers coming down the steep grade of Pioneer St, are directed into the area of OSF, Green Show and theaters! The grade of Pioneer St, 10-12% steeper than some of the trails in the watershed, (Caterpillar 7.5% and Jabberwocky at 9.5%)..and also has a crosswalk and a STOP light at Main St.a very busy area.

I question the ability of both the beginners and all bikers to navigate this area safely and the quick reaction for a red light?

This highly congested area brings tourist and locals alike to the renowned Shakespeare Festival, from all over the world, that contribute bigly to Ashland's economy, many, staying in a high and hotels, eating in high-end restaurants, shopping locally, and longer stays,as was stated by Travel Ashland at a recent council meeting.

Bikers and E-Bikes will never stop using the thrill of Winburn Way with a speed limit of 15 mph, and by routing some of the bikers onto Pioneer especially the young and inexperienced, and obstacles, will now present two (2) areas of conflict between bikes, pedestrians, and cars!

RVMBAs has provided many wonderful trails throughout our valley, Thanks... but NONE ...into a town center and our loved ..
...Crown Jewel Lithia Park!

Both RVMBAs and DEVOS have called on bikers everywhere to email the parks to make their voices heard and have provided sample letters. Some who may never ride the proposed trail will respond.

I trust your judgment that you will not rely on the number of emails alone.

How many towns can boast of a beautiful park such as Lithia Pk, only a few steps away from the busy hub-bub of the downtown area where one can escape into this natural area, take a lunch break, hike the pristine hillside, hear the birds, the sounds of a babbling creek, meditate and experience, the calm beauty that Lithia Pk provides. And share the wildlife, that seek refuge too?

Please note that once carving into this hillside, disturbing the natural flora, fauna and small trees with a machine, will ..forever disturb this natural area that lies within the boundaries of our park.

Please evaluate this proposed trail and just say No ..to bike trails, with in the boundaries of our Crown Jewel.. Lithia Park. 🌲

Thank you for reading, Respectfully, Nancy K Boyer



TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2026

The Grove 1195 E. Main Street, 4:15 PM

Committee Members Present: Josh Cott (Chair), Ethan Braught, Torsten Heycke, Stef Seffinger, Eric Hansen (Ex-officio Council), Justin Adams (Ex-officio Commissioner)
Staff Present: Acting Director Dials, Parks Division Manager Caldwell, Executive Assistant Mero
Absent: Yu Kuwabara, Jason Minica

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Cott called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM
- II. **ROLL CALL** – Braught, Heycke, Cott present (Seffinger arrived after roll call)
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –
 1. Trails Advisory Committee November 19, 2025
Minutes were approved.

*Chair Cott spoke briefly to the Proposed Glenview Hillside Trail noting the TAC does not have the final say on if it proceeds. That authority lies with the Park Commission.

*Chair Cott also noted that the TAC had recently had two members resign. Parks staff will work to fill the vacancies accepting applications for thirty days. Applicants will be interviewed by staff members and the Commission Chair. The finalists will be appointed to the committee by the Commission Chair at a Park Commission business meeting.

- IV. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**
Chair Cott switched the order of business items 4 and 5
- V. **PUBLIC FORUM** – All public forum participants wished to speak to the Glenview Hillside Trail agenda item.
- VI. **BUSINESS** –
 1. **Election of Vice Chair (Action)** – Chair Cott

SUMMARY – The vice chair of the Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) Brooke Hansen has resigned from the committee due to work conflicts. The members of TAC will need to nominate and elect a new vice chair.

PROPOSED ACTIONS OR MOTION(S) – Move to elect (nominated individual) as the vice chair of TAC.

Heycke/Cott m/s:

I move to nominate Ethan Braught as the Vice Chair of the TAC.

Vote was all yes.

2. TAC Schedule of Remaining Meetings (Action) – Chair Cott

SUMMARY – Based on input received from the TAC members, in 2025 Chair Cott created a 2026 meeting schedule for the Committee. The schedule has yet to be approved by the Committee. In the interim, the meeting place was changed from the Lithia Cabin to the Grove. Several Committee members have also asked if the meeting time might be changed to better accommodate working members' schedules.

PROPOSED ACTIONS OR MOTION(S) – I move to approve the schedule of remaining TAC meetings in 2026.

ATTACHMENT: Schedule of remaining meetings for 2026

TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE OF REMAINING MEETINGS FOR 2026

(All meetings will be held at the Grove 1195 E Main Street)

July 15, 2026 5:00 – 6:30 PM

September 16, 2026 4:15 – 5:45 PM

November 18, 2026, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

It was determined that the meeting schedule was okay for the time being (No motion was made).

3. Trails Proposal Procedure – Draft – Chair Cott/Acting Director Dials

SUMMARY – The Parks and Recreation Department (Department) needs to develop a procedure to formalize the process to assess trail proposals.

ASSESSMENT – The Department, with assistance from the previous trails advisory committee, developed a process to review new trail proposals. With the adoption of Policy 1.01.001 – Policy Framework, the Department needs to formalize a procedure for this process. The Trails Proposal Procedure (Procedure) was introduced at the July 15, 2025, Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. The primary issue raised by TAC members was the preference to eliminate the staff recommended scoring system. A working group was formed to provide TAC with an opportunity to edit the Procedure. The draft Procedure is inclusive of the working group’s proposed edits.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED – Policy 1.01.001 – Policy Framework

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS – This procedure will not impact Department operations or capital budgets directly. The Department will manage the capital and operations budget within the current budget limitations.

PROPOSED ACTIONS OR MOTION(S) – I move to approve the draft Trails Proposal Procedure.

Acting Director Dials reviewed the draft Trails Proposal Procedures.

Questions/Discussion:

- Section C.1.a.ii. will be deleted.
- Item 2.b.i.3. changed the number of days the proposal must be submitted to the Department prior to the next TAC meeting from 30 days to 14 working days.
- Item 2.b.iii.1. Broke this step down further from one to three steps. (1) TAC will outline the reasons that the proposal is recommended. (2) If there are multiple proposals currently under consideration TAC will assign an order of priority to the proposals. (3) The proposal would move forward to the FMLAC for review.
- Regarding the Dormouse trail proposal, it will be presented for discussion at the August 5 Park Commission study session. It will go to the Park Commission for potential action at their September 2, regular business meeting.
- Discussion occurred regarding when to start the 30-day comment period for proposed trails generally and specifically on the proposed Dormouse trail. Decided to strike 4.a.i. from the draft Trails Proposal Procedure (The 30-day comment period will begin 14 days prior to the Park Commission study session where the proposal will be reviewed) because comment could begin sooner. Decided to leave it more vague.

- There was discussion regarding defining 'new' trails. Decided not to add to the definitions section. Would trail reroutes have to go through this whole procedure? Answer is no.
- Question about TAC rating trails as Green, etc. That suggestion was made by previous director; however, the definition of green trails doesn't fall neatly into a category especially for pedestrian trails and the Committee rejected the idea of trying to rate the trails especially trails that change from green to blue, etc. Not up to the committee to make that determination.
- Does a proposer have to have some kind of qualifications to propose a trail. No.
- D.I. Agreement. The trail proposer should not be the one to enter into a trail construction and operation agreement with the Department. Striking this from procedures.
- What about prioritizing ADA accessible trails? The TAC will get to prioritize proposals as they are made. Need to have the proposals made for ADA trails.
- Heycke has proposed ADA access trails to the Forest Service near the Fairie Ponds and has not heard back from them.
- Can TAC vote on the proposed Alice in Wonderland – Mimsy reroute proposal today if they decide to bring the redline version of the procedure to the next meeting? Dials: Yes.
- Decided to bring a redline version of the Trails Proposal Procedure to the next TAC meeting for action.

4. **Alice in Wonderland – Mimsy Trail Proposal** – Heycke, President AWTa

SUMMARY – On January 13, 2026, the Department received a trail proposal to separate downhill mountain bike traffic from pedestrian and uphill bike traffic on the existing Mimsy trail by creating two new sections of trail and possibly decommissioning a section of existing Alice in Wonderland trail. Both downhill bike and uphill paths would be less steep than the existing trail increasing the safety for users.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED – Trails Advisory Committee Bylaws/Charge

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS – The Ashland Woodland & Trails Association (AWTA) will be responsible for funding the proposal. The AWTA and the Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association could maintain the trail.

PROPOSED ACTIONS OR MOTION(S) – I move to recommend the Alice in Wonderland – Mimsy Trail Proposal

ATTACHMENTS – Alice in Wonderland – Mimsy Trail Proposal Application, Map of trail proposal

Proposal is for two new very short trails in the area of the Alice in Wonderland and Mimsy trails on the former Palen property. Mt. bike trail is .14 miles long downhill only averaging 8% grade. The pedestrian/equine trail is .11 miles uphill only averaging 9.5% grade. The trails are in concert with but not necessary for future Forest Service trails. The routes have been flagged.

The pedestrian/equine trail is already partially built and would only take two people about two hours to finish. The downhill only mt. bike trail would likely take a team of four to five people four days to build. Soil is not ideal right now so work could be done in the winter months.

Benefits: Increased safety due to separation of user groups, beginner level mt. bike trail from White Rabbit to Mimsy, affords various loops for user groups, improves overall experience for everyone.

The decommissioned section isn't necessary, but it is an erosive spot.

Questions/Discussion:

- Will the trails impact parking at the White Rabbit trailhead? A: Potentially.
- Will the trails make it better for pedestrians? A: The trails will make it super easy for peds. Much less steep and not erosive.
- Does the uphill portion tie in with Snark without having to go back to 2060? A: No.
- The Forest Service component is in front of the Forest Service, but unknown when they will get to it. The portion on City land can go forward independently.

Review criteria:

No funding necessary, will create a very pleasing experience for different user groups. Trails are immediately adjacent to existing trails so no effect on habitat, will decommission an eroded portion of Alice in Wonderland trail, increasing safety. The parking lot issue bears looking into, especially if this area becomes a new hot spot. Could collaborate with the Forest Service, push for more parking. Current quality of the road is discouraging people from driving it.

Cott/Brought m/s

Motion to move the Alice in Wonderland – Mimsy Trails forward to the Forest Lands Management Advisory Committee for their review.

Vote was all yes.

5. Glenview Hillside (Dormouse) Trail Proposal Next Steps – Dials, Acting Director

The proposed trail was already recommended by the TAC to move forward at their November 19 2025 meeting. The proposal will go to the Park Commission for discussion at the August 5 study session and to the September 9 Business Meeting for possible action. Public testimony will be collected at both meetings. There will also be at least a 30 day comment period for citizens to send comment via the City website. The Park Commission could decide to hold additional meetings to collect more input. It is entirely up to them.

Parks staff do have some concerns regarding the impact of bikers and hikers on the hillside and will be discussing them throughout the process.

The Forest Lands Management Advisory Committee (FLMAC) has reviewed the trail proposal. Dials is waiting to receive their comments. Would like to have a TAC representative at the August 5 Park commission study session. Councilor Hansen offered to be at that meeting if appropriate.

Park Commissioner Adams was at the FLMAC meeting where the trail proposal was presented. They have very few concerns. From a fire prevention perspective, they voiced that more eyes in the area could be a good thing. The downhill trail specifically would make a good fire break (It's wider than the uphill trail). No endangered plants in the area of the trails. One shrub and a patch of native milkweed would need to be avoided.

The proposed trails run from Pioneer Street near the current pedestrian trail to the parking lot by the gravel pit on Glenview. Each trail is .5 miles long. The downhill trail will be accessible to alternative bicycles. The trails will be marked as part of the public input process.

Public Forum

Stacy Trumbull: A lot of misinformation out there saying they want to put mt. bike trails in Lithia Park – a big fat no. Wanted to attend a meeting to see what was going on. Speeding bikes coming down is scary.

Jen Sturges: Concerned about mt. bike/hiker interactions. Lithia Park is kind of her backyard. Increased traffic (from bikes) will take away some of the peace, have an effect on Pioneer St., too. Tired of being afraid of speeding mt. bikers.

Pat Turner: Attended the TAC meeting when they voted to recommend the trail proposal. Missed the opportunity to speak then. Thinks they are making a big mistake with this controversy. There are people who want more pickleball courts. People who want a big swimming pool. Parks just bought \$700,00.00 worth of property for more trails. Referenced parks \$5 fee, property taxes, food and beverage tax. Will eventually want a park district. Controversy doesn't bode well for getting a park district.

Dave Richards: Spoke in favor of the Glenview Trail. Will increase safety. Since paving Glenview there's been an increase in car speed on that road, making cycling dangerous.

Having a safe place for cyclists to come down the hillside is good. Referenced the intersections of bike/ped users on Snark and Jabberwocky trails rarely sees a bike. Pleased there will be an adaptive aspect to the proposed Glenview trail.

Sandra Scase: Big unnecessary mistake. Makes mt. bikers look bad and insensitive. In addition to Winburn, bikers can also use Glenview and Granite Streets. Don't mess with the peace of the ambience and peace of the park.

Commissioner Adams raised the issue of order in public meetings.

Chair Cott elected to allow questions/have an exchange with the citizens in attendance:

- Can the proposal move forward regardless of public comment? A: The Park Commissioners will make the final decision.
- Ashland has been asking for this trail for years. Younger mt. bikers and visitors. It is appealing for economic reasons. Winburn Way has the most bike/car accidents. The proposed trail will improve safety, livability and fulfill a need.
- Bikes are not allowed in Lithia Park by the City Charter. Would the Council be able to veto the trail? A: Not sure.
- When will the signage/marketing of the proposed trail go up? A: TBD but it will be part of the public comment process.
- Will the proposed trail still cost \$30,000.00? A: That estimate was made a while ago and costs have gone up, but it is still close. The money would come from the Parks CIP, budgeted \$75,000.00 for trail work. The Park Commissioners could choose to access that money for the proposed trail.
- Will electric bikes be allowed on the trail? A: Currently the rules say no. The rules governing the use of electric bikes on trails are difficult to enforce.

VII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES -

1. July 15, 2026, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, the Grove
2. September 16, 2026, 4:15 – 5:45 PM the Grove
3. November 18, 2026, 5:00 – 6:30 PM the Grove

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Cott adjourned the meeting at 5:41 PM

Respectfully submitted by Nancy A. Mero, Executive Assistant



REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA BRIEF

August 12, 2026

Agenda Item	XII. Pickleball Noise Mitigation	
Presenter	Rachel Dials	Interim Director
Item Type	Action ☒ Information ☐	

SUMMARY

At the July 8, 2026, Park Commission meeting, staff was directed to bring back the following information regarding pickleball:

- Seasonal hours of the Japanese Garden to align with the open/close hours for the pickleball courts.
- Examples of onsite signage to include information on AMC 9.08.170 amplified sound and playing after hours (trespassing) under AMC 10.68.380.
- Quiet Equipment - whether to encourage or mandate use.
- Cost and scope of a pickleball noise study.

Seasonal Hours

Currently the Japanese Garden hours are adjusted twice a year in line with Daylight Savings' time:

- Hours: 8am-7pm (Spring/Summer-In DST)
- Hours: 8am-5pm (Fall/Winter-Out of DST)

Having posted hours will allow the Ashland Police Department to enforce those hours under AMC 10.68.380. Staff recommends adjusting the Pickleball Court hours in alignment with the current Japanese Garden hours for consistency.

Signage

To enforce amplified sound and playing outside of posted hours (trespassing), staff recommend posting signage that reads:

- Playing outside of posted hours, playing after dark, or trespassing is strictly prohibited. Violators face citations or exclusion by the Ashland Police Department per AMC 10.68.380

- External speakers, boomboxes, and amplified audio are strictly prohibited under AMC 9.09.170.

Quiet Pickleball Equipment

Staff recommends encouraging the use of quiet pickleball equipment rather than instituting a mandatory requirement as enforcement would be impractical and operationally unfeasible.

Pickleball Sound Analysis Proposal

Pickleball Sound Mitigation LLC (PSM Consulting) is a specialized acoustic engineering firm focused on evaluating, testing and resolving noise issues associated with pickleball courts. Founded by acoustic engineers and consultants, the firm works directly with municipalities, parks and recreation departments, HOA's and private clubs to conduct site evaluations, model sound propagation and design sound reduction strategies. PSM Consulting submitted a quote for a pickleball sound analysis and recommendations report for the Lithia Courts which is \$6900-\$7500. Staff recommends proceeding with this sound analysis and recommendations.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

AMC 10.68.380 Hours of Parks Closure

AMC 9.08.170 Unnecessary Noise

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Operations budget would cover the cost of the Pickleball Noise Study and new signage.

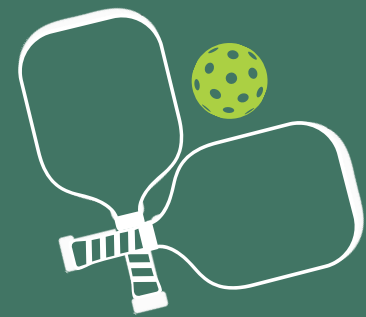
PROPOSED ACTIONS OR MOTION(S)

Move to approve the pickleball noise mitigation strategies that include new seasonal hours, signage for enforcement, recommended use of quiet equipment, and the pickleball sound analysis.

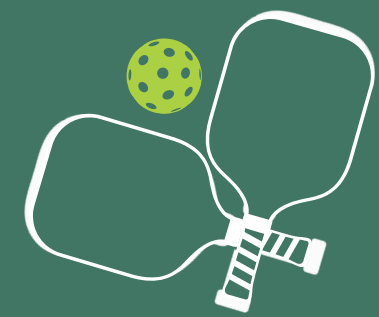
ATTACHMENTS

- Examples of proposed pickleball signage
- Pickleball Sound Analysis Proposal
- AMC 9.08.170 Unnecessary Noise
- AMC 10.68.380 Hours of Parks Closure

PREPARED BY: Rachel Dials, Interim Director



Welcome to the Lithia Park Pickleball Courts



while using the courts please observe the following:

Court hours vary based on Daylight Saving Time(DST):

In DST: 8 am–7 pm | Out of DST: 8 am–5 pm



Hours & Trespassing:

Playing outside of posted hours, playing after dark, or trespassing is strictly prohibited.
Violators face citations or exclusion by the Ashland Police Department per AMC 10.68

Amplified Sound:

External speakers, boomboxes, and amplified audio are strictly prohibited under AMC 9.08.170

For a full list of Pickleball Court Rules, please see the General Rules sign at the North entrance of the courts. You can also visit ashlandoregon.gov/pickleball for court updates and reservation options.



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No Dogs:

Dogs are not permitted in Lithia Park and are not allowed on the pickleball courts, with the exception of a service dog. AMC 9.16.060



No Smoking:

Smoking & Vaping is prohibited in Lithia Park.



No Glass:

No glass is allowed on the court. Water should be in a sealed container or water bottle. Alcohol is prohibited in the park. AMC 10.68.090

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Proposal 260721 AOR

Date: July 21, 2026

Client: City of Ashland, Parks & Recreation Department

Attn: Lonny Flora, CPRP
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Item	Description	Fee
1	Pickleball Sound Analysis and Recommendations Report • Lithia Park Courts • (8) eight dedicated pickleball courts	\$5,400.00
2	On-site consultation, ambient sound measurements, plus travel expenses	\$1500.00
3	Report revisions requiring research, post-report consultation	\$250.00/hr

[See attached Proposal Notes]

Upon acceptance, an invoice will be issued. This Proposal expires in 60 days.

Date _____
Authorized Approval Signature

Dale Van Scoyk
PSM CONSULTING LLC
Dale@PickleballSound.com
414-406-1548

PSM Consulting LLC is an acoustical consulting firm. We do not provide legal advice or licensed professional engineering services.

Lithia Park Pickleball Courts -- Proposal Notes

Windburn Way, Ashland, Oregon

Item 1 - Pickleball Sound Analysis and Recommendations Report will include:

- Executive Summary
- Detailed overview of the site and surrounding area with commentary on potential pickleball sound issues
- Description of pickleball sound characteristics and measurement methods
- Description of local noise ordinance and related national residential sound limit standards
- Predicted (calculated) pickleball sound levels, with and without sound mitigation solutions
- Color 360° dB maps describing projected sound levels for surrounding homes and the Japanese Garden area
- Conclusions and recommendations
- PSM Consulting LLC and author's credentials

Item 2 - On-site consultation, ambient sound measurements

On-site evaluation and data collection services are performed by experienced acoustic consultants with qualified professional equipment/software, following ANSI standards for sound measurements.

Information obtained is incorporated in the Report described in Item 1.

Item 3 – Report revisions requiring research, post-report consultation

The most current drawings, site plans, images, and specifications will be used to prepare the acoustical report. If project requirements change due to design revisions or contractor, City, or permitting requirements, PSM Consulting LLC will provide revised acoustical analyses and sound projections for the updated or proposed alternatives.

PSM Consulting LLC is available to participate in virtual meetings or presentations to address questions from residents, project teams, and zoning or permitting authorities. Presentations will explain the report findings, recommended mitigation measures, and relevant experience from similar pickleball projects throughout the United States.

Questions answered with a simple phone call or email will not have a fee.

PSM Consulting LLC Professional Staff

Robert Unetich is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon's School of Engineering, BS Electrical Engineering, with extensive experience in radio wave and sound wave propagation. He has published numerous articles about both topics including chapters in engineering handbooks and holds several patents. He is a member of the Acoustical Society of America. He is currently funding and actively mentoring two student study groups, one at Carnegie Mellon in the Material Science Engineering Department, designing and testing quieter pickleball balls and paddles.

He is the founder of the predecessor firm to PMC Consulting LLC and contributes expert opinion to the Facebook group Pickleball Sound Mitigation. He is a member of the staff of Pickleball Magazine, where he writes a column for the magazine, and is a USA Pickleball Certified Referee.

Barry Wyerman, PhD, is the Principal Acoustical Consultant for PSM Consulting LLC. He is a pickleball player and a USA Pickleball Level 2 Referee. His professional background includes over 45 years of acoustical experience in creating innovative acoustical products, solving industrial noise control and vibration problems, and designing solutions for automotive noise and vibration control. He is the owner of Acoustical Design and Consulting, LLC, which provides engineering and consulting support in all areas of acoustics and noise control. He has a BS degree in physics from Ohio University and MS and PhD degrees in engineering acoustics from Penn State University. His professional associations include:

- The Acoustical Society of America
- Society of Automotive Engineers, Noise and Vibration Committee
- Society of Automotive Engineers, Acoustical Materials Committee

Dale Van Scoyk is a graduate of Purdue University, awarded a BS degree in Electrical Engineering. He has MBA training from Arizona State University.

He has 13 years of experience in industrial equipment design, testing, and manufacturing, with additional product involvement in ceramic permanent magnets, electronic board components, and CNC (computer numerical control) applications. At Corcom, Inc., he spent nine years managing a design and applications engineering team for the development of powerline EMI filters. He has delivered presentations for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) on electromagnetic noise measurement and suppression. In 2009, at Advanced Control Technologies, he managed marketing and applications activities for LED lighting products and authored a paper on light-wave spectrum analysis, perceived light pollution, and LED lighting technology.

Dale is a Member of the Acoustical Society of America (ASA) and an Associate Member of the Institute of Noise Control Engineering (INCE-USA). He has presented his research at meetings of the Acoustical Society of America.

Dale is a resident of Bonita Springs, FL and pickleball competitor in Wisconsin and Florida. He is a USA Pickleball Certified Referee, an *Ambassador*, and a PPR Certified Pickleball Instructor.

Braxton Boren completed his Ph.D at New York University in 2014, preceded by receiving a BA in Music Technology from Northwestern University in 2008 (Valedictorian), a Gates Cambridge Scholarship to the University of Cambridge to research computational acoustic simulation, and a MPhil in Physics in 2010.

He is Associate Professor of Audio Technology at American University and a consultant providing expert testimony and design expertise for indoor and outdoor applications.

Braxton has published 11 peer reviewed research papers, is frequently invited as a conference presenter, and is a named contributor on patents, standards and software development projects.

He is a full member of both the Audio Engineering Society and the Acoustical Society of America.

Steve Surprenant is a graduate of Southwestern Minnesota State University, with degrees in Electronic Engineering Technology (BS) and Health (BA).

He has had careers with General Electric HealthCare as a Technical Support Engineer and Technical Support Manager (38 years) and at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota as a BioMedical Engineer (7 years). Steve has extensive training and experience with various types of measurement instrumentation, as well as expertise in acoustical data interpretation.

His hobby as an indoor sound technician prompted further self-study in acoustics, especially outdoor impulse sound measurement, human response characteristics, and the practical effectiveness of mitigation and masking alternatives.

Steve currently resides in Madison, Wisconsin and is actively involved with pickleball as a competitor and a USA Pickleball Credentialed Referee and Registered Trainer.

Joerg Duebel holds dual Master of Science degrees in Chemical Engineering, from the University of Karlsruhe, and Business Management, from Purdue University. Post graduate studies include technical coursework at Cornell University.

His broad career experience as a researcher and production engineer includes activities associated with environmental studies, water conservation, optimization of complex manufacturing processes and computer modeling. His research contributions have resulted in multiple scientific publications.

Joerg participates annually in the 2-day 180-mile Pelotonia bicycle ride for cancer research at The James – Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is a pickleball Certified Referee and a PPR Certified Pickleball Instructor, living part time in Naples, Florida and Columbus, Ohio.

9.08.170

Unnecessary Noise

A. *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section only, the following words shall have the meaning provided in this subsection:

1. Emergency means any occurrence or set of circumstances involving actual or imminent physical trauma or property damage demanding immediate attention.
2. Emergency Work means any work performed for the purpose of preventing or alleviating physical trauma or property damage, whether actually caused or threatened by an emergency, or work by private or public utilities when restoring utility service.
3. Noise Sensitive Area means real property normally used for sleeping, or normally used as a school, church, hospital or public library.
4. Plainly Audible means any sound that can be detected by a reasonable person of ordinary sensitivities using his or her unaided hearing faculties.
5. Public Right-of-Way means any street, sidewalk, or similar place normally accessible to the public which is owned or controlled by a government entity.
6. Public Space means any real property or structures on real property, owned by a government entity and normally accessible to the public, including but not limited to parks and other recreational areas.
7. Residential Property means any real property located in a residentially zoned district pursuant to the local land use code.

B. *General Prohibition.* No person shall make, continue, or assist in making:

1. Any unreasonably loud, disturbing, or raucous noise;
2. Any noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, safety, or peace of reasonable persons of ordinary sensitivity, within the jurisdictional limits of the City; or
3. Any noise which is so harsh, prolonged, unnatural, or unusual in time or place as to occasion unreasonable discomfort to any persons, or as to unreasonably interfere with the

peace and comfort of neighbors or their guests, or operators or customers in places of business, or as to detrimentally or adversely affect such residences or places of business.

C. The standard for judging loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises shall be that of an average, reasonable person with ordinary sensibilities after taking into consideration:

1. The character of the neighborhood in which the noise is made and the noise is heard;
2. The proximity of the sound to sleeping facilities, whether residential or commercial;
3. The land use, nature, and zoning of the area from which the sound emanates and the area where it is received or perceived;
4. The time of day or night the sound occurs;
5. The duration of the sound; and
6. Whether the sound is recurrent, intermittent, or constant.

D. *Noises Prohibited.* The following acts are declared to be per se violations of this chapter. This enumeration does not constitute an exclusive list:

1. *Unreasonable Noises.* The unreasonable making of, or knowingly and unreasonably permitting to be made, any unreasonably loud, boisterous or unusual noise, disturbance, commotion or vibration in any boarding facility, dwelling, place of business or other structure, or upon any public street, park, or other place or building. The ordinary and usual sounds, noises, commotion or vibration incidental to the operation of these places when conducted in accordance with the usual standards of practice and in a manner which will not unreasonably disturb the peace and comfort of adjacent residences or which will not detrimentally affect the operators of adjacent places of business are exempted from this provision.
2. *Animals and Birds.* Unreasonably loud and raucous noise emitted by an animal or bird for which a person is responsible. A person is responsible for an animal if the person owns, controls or otherwise cares for the animal or bird. Public nuisance matters related to dogs and dog noise shall be first addressed under AMC [9.16.070](#).
3. *Vehicle Horns, Signaling Devices, and Similar Devices.* The sounding of any horn, signaling device, or other similar device, on any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle on

any right-of-way or in any public space of the City, for more than ten consecutive seconds. The sounding of any horn, signaling device, or other similar device, as a danger warning is exempt from this prohibition.

4. *Nonemergency Signaling Devices.* Sounding or permitting sounding of any amplified signal from any bell, chime, siren, whistle or similar device, intended primarily for nonemergency purposes, from any place for more than ten consecutive seconds in any hourly period. The reasonable sounding of such devices by houses of religious worship, ice cream trucks, seasonal contribution solicitors or by the City for traffic control purposes is exempt from the operation of this provision.

5. *Emergency Signaling Devices.* The intentional sounding or permitting the sounding outdoors of any emergency signaling device including fire, burglar, civil defense alarm, siren, whistle, or similar emergency signaling device, except in an emergency or except as provided in subsections [D.5.a](#) and [D.5.b](#), below.

a. Testing of an emergency signaling device shall occur between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Any testing shall use only the minimum cycle test time. In no case shall such test time exceed five minutes. Testing of the emergency signaling system shall not occur more than once in each calendar month.

b. If a false or accidental activation of an alarm occurs more than twice in a calendar month, the owner or person responsible for the alarm shall be in violation of this chapter.

6. *Construction or Repair of Buildings, Excavation of Streets and Highways.* The construction, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays, except in the case of an emergency in the interest of the public welfare and safety. In cases of emergency, construction or repair noises are exempt from this provision.

Beginning in the month of June and lasting through September, the hours in this section are accordingly adjusted to 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays, with the above exceptions to still apply, in order to improve working conditions in extreme heat.

In nonemergency situations, the City Manager may issue a permit, upon application, if the City Manager determines that the public health and safety, as affected by loud and raucous noise caused by construction or repair of buildings or excavation of streets and highways between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., will not be impaired, and if the City Manager further determines that loss or inconvenience would otherwise result. The permit shall grant permission in nonemergency cases for a period of not more than five days. The permit may be renewed once for a period of five (5) days or less. The actual owner of property may do work on property which is owner occupied between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. without obtaining a permit under this paragraph.

7. *Radios, Televisions, Boomboxes, Stereos, Musical Instruments and Similar Devices.* The use or operation of a radio, television, boombox, stereo, musical instrument, or similar device that produces or reproduces sound in a manner that is plainly audible to any person other than the player(s) or operator(s) of the device, and those who are voluntarily listening to the sound, and which unreasonably disturbs the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighbors and passers-by, or is plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from any person in a commercial or industrial area, or public space. The use or operation of a radio, television, boombox, stereo, musical instrument, or similar device that produces or reproduces sound in a manner that is plainly audible to any person other than the player(s) or operator(s) of the device, and those who are voluntarily listening to the sound, and unreasonably disturbs the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighbors in residential or noise sensitive areas, including multifamily or single-family dwellings.

8. *Loudspeakers, Amplifiers, Public Address Systems, and Similar Devices.* The unreasonably loud and raucous use or operation of a loudspeaker, amplifier, public address system, or other device for producing or reproducing sound is prohibited without a permit from the City Manager. The City Manager may grant a permit to responsible persons or organizations for the broadcast or amplification of sound as a part of a national, state, or City event, public festival, or special events of a noncommercial nature. If the City Manager does not grant the permit, the matter may be appealed to an outside hearings officer pursuant to AMC [2.30](#). This permit shall not be required for any public performance, gathering, or parade for which a permit authorizing the event has been obtained from the City.

9. *Yelling, Shouting, and Similar Activities.* Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing in residential or noise sensitive areas or in public places, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and

7:00 a.m., or at any time or place so as to unreasonably disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of reasonable persons of ordinary sensitivities. This section is to be applied only to those situations where the disturbance is not a result of the content of the communication but due to the volume, duration, location, timing or other factors not based on content.

10. *Noise Sensitive Areas – Schools, Courts, Churches, Hospitals, and Similar Institutions.*

The creation of any unreasonably loud and raucous noise adjacent to any noise sensitive area while it is in use, which unreasonably interferes with the workings of the institution or which disturbs the persons in these institutions; provided, that conspicuous signs delineating the boundaries of the noise sensitive area are displayed in the streets surrounding the noise sensitive area.

11. *Blowers and Similar Devices.* In residential or noise-sensitive areas, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., the operation of any noise-creating blower, power fan, power tools or any internal combustion engine, the operation of which causes noise due to the explosion of operating gases or fluids; provided, that the noise is unreasonably loud and raucous and can be heard across the property line of the property from which it emanates.

Blowers or similar devices may be used between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. by City employees or City-contracted service providers.

12. *Commercial Establishments Adjacent to Residential Property.*

a. Unreasonably loud and raucous noise from the premises of any commercial establishment, including any outdoor area which is part of or under the control of the establishment, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., which is plainly audible from the property line of any residential property.

b. The use of a mechanical device operated by compressed air, steam, or otherwise, unless the noise thereby created is effectively muffled.

E. Generally, sound measurements are not required for enforcement of this chapter; however, sound measurements are required for enforcement pursuant to this section. If sound measurements are taken, they shall be taken with a sound level meter in good operating condition. Any source of noise which exceeds the following standards is considered a public nuisance:

1. *Decibel Noise Standards.* Allowable statistical noise levels in any one hour:

7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	9 p.m. to 7 a.m.
L50 – 50 dBA	L50 – 45 dBA
L10 – 55 dBA	L10 – 50 dBA
L1 – 60 dBA	L1 – 55 dBA

Where:

L50 = noise level exceeded 50% of the time

L10 = noise level exceeded 10% of the time

L1 = noise level exceeded 1% of the time

2. *Where Measured.* Measurement of a noise source shall be made from the closest property line of a residential property.

3. *Heat Pumps or Mechanical Devices.*

a. No person shall operate a commercial or residential heat pump, air-conditioning unit, or similar mechanical device if noise levels from its operation exceed forty-five (45) dBA from the closest property line of a residential property on an adjacent parcel of land characterized as a noise sensitive area.

b. No person shall operate a commercial or residential heat pump, air-conditioning unit, or similar mechanical device that was installed prior to 1981 if noise levels from its operation exceed fifty (50) dBA from the closest property line of a residential property on an adjacent parcel of land characterized as a noise sensitive area.

c. Residential heat pumps or air conditioners that were installed under a building permit and within their twenty-five (25) year operating life are exempt from this section.

d. Heat pumps or mechanical devices are a Class II violation.

4. *Variances.* The Council may grant variance to the decibel **noise** standards when it finds that strict compliance with this section would cause an unusual and unreasonable hardship to a commercial or industrial use.

a. The Council shall notify all adjacent residential structures within 200 feet of the proposed variance and shall hold the public hearing on the variance prior to making any decisions on the request for a variance.

b. The variance shall be the minimum necessary to alleviate the unreasonable hardship.

F. *Exemptions.*

1. Sounds caused by the following are exempt from the prohibitions set out in subsection [D](#) of this section and are in addition to the exemptions specifically set forth in subsection [D](#) of this section:

a. Sounds of regular vehicular traffic upon premises open to the public; provided, that the prohibition of subsection [D.3](#) of this section continues to apply.

b. Sirens, whistles, or bells lawfully used by emergency vehicles, or other alarm systems used in case of fire, collision, civil defense, police activity, or imminent danger; provided, that the prohibition contained in subsection [D.5](#) of this section continues to apply.

c. The emission of sound for the purpose of alerting persons to the existence of an emergency or the emission of sound in the performance of emergency work.

d. Sounds regulated by federal law, including, but not limited to, sounds caused by railroads or airports.

e. Bell tower chimes.

f. *Temporary Construction Activities.* **Noise** from temporary construction activities that take place between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

g. *Outdoor School and Playground Activities.* Reasonable activities conducted on public playgrounds and public or private school grounds, which are conducted in

accordance with the manner in which such spaces are generally used, including, but not limited to, school athletic and school entertainment events.

h. *Other Outdoor Events.* Athletic events, outdoor gatherings, public dances, shows and sporting events, and other similar outdoor events; provided, that any required permits have been obtained from the appropriate permitting authority.

G. *Penalty.* Any violation of this section is punishable as provided under AMC [9.08.990](#). (Ord. 3293 § 1, amended, 03/03/2026; Ord. 3290 § 1, amended, 03/17/2026; Ord. 3243 § 1, amended, 09/17/2024; Ord. 3192 § 82, amended, 11/17/2020; Ord. 3137, amended, 2017; Ord. 3038, amended, 11/07/2010; Ord. 3025, amended, 08/03/2010)

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10.68.380 Hours of parks closure

A. Unless otherwise provided by the Ashland Municipal Code, no person shall remain in any City park, as defined in AMC [10.68.010](#), between the hours 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 5:00 a.m., except authorized City personnel or as authorized by the Ashland Parks and Recreation Director or designee consistent with established parks rules and regulations.

B. Any violation of this section is a Class IV violation subject to the penalties and procedures in AMC [1.08.030](#). (Ord. 3226, amended, 12/19/2023; Ord. 3137, amended, 2017; Ord. 3026, amended, 08/03/2010)

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**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING****AGENDA BRIEF****August 12, 2026**

Agenda Item	XI2. Mace Property/Riverwalk Trail Improvements and Connection to the Bear Creek Greenway	
Presenter	Mike Gardiner	Bear Creek Greenway Foundation
Item Type	Action ☐ Information ☒	

SUMMARY

The Bear Creek Greenway Foundation (BCGF) has for years promoted the continuation of the Bear Creek Greenway trail from the current end point at the Ashland Dog Park (and now around Verde Village ending at West Nevada Street near Ashland Creek). A bridge crossing Bear Creek near Kestrel Park to extend the greenway to North Mountain Park (NMP) was almost a reality about five years ago, but the cost of a pedestrian bridge became unrealistic and now it looks like we wait for a time in the future when there is a vehicular bridge connection between East and West Nevada Streets.

In the near term the BCGF has been looking for alternative routes to connect to NMP and would like to explore the possibility of an extension that would roughly follow the current walking trail that exists through the Mace property and the Riverwalk subdivision adjacent to NMP. The purpose of this request is to put the idea of this potential connection on the Park Commission's radar for discussion.

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