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**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL – CITY OF ONTARIO OREGON
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021, 6:00 PM, MT
[Zoom Link](#)**

Pursuant to the Public Meetings Laws and Rules within the Oregon Revised Statutes, the City Council has the authority, ability, and standing to take action on any items on the Agenda, or add items to the Agenda, during the Study Session or Regular Meeting, as long as all public meeting notice requirements have been met.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Freddy Rodriguez ____ Sam Baker ____ John Kirby ____ Ken Hart ____
Michael Braden ____ Eddie Melendrez ____ Mayor Riley Hill ____

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This Agenda was posted on April 23, 2021. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website at www.ontariooregon.org.

3) MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS Citizens may address the Council; however, Council may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response. Out of respect to the Council and others in attendance, please limit your comment to three (3) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

5) EXECUTIVE SESSION

A) ORS 192.660(2)(e): Real Property

6) NEW BUSINESS

- A) Liquor License Application – Ontario liquor LLC Change of Ownership
- B) Contract Extension: Joel Ruiz
- C) Letter: Opposition to Qualified Immunity Reform
- D) Letter: Bridge Crossing

7) DISCUSSION ITEMS

8) CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

9) ADJOURN

The City Council may recess/adjourn to Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2) as follows: (a) Employment of Public Officers, Employees, or Agents; (b) Discipline of Public Officers, Employees, or Agents; (c) Labor Negotiations; (d) Real Property Transactions; (e) Exempt Public Records; (f) Trade Negotiations; (g) Litigation /Consult with Legal Counsel; (h) Performance Evaluation of Public Officers and Employees; (i) Trade Negotiations; and/or (j) Labor Negotiations.

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**AGENDA REPORT
NEW BUSINESS
April 27, 2021**

To: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Steven Romero, Police Chief

THROUGH: Adam J. Brown, City Manager

SUBJECT: **LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – ONTARIO LIQUOR LLC CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP**

DATE: April 23, 2021

PROPOSED MOTION:

I MOVE THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE CHANGE OF OWNER OFF-PREMISES LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ONTARIO LIQUOR LLC.

SUMMARY:

The Ontario Liquor Store, located at 1179 SW 4th Avenue, Ontario, Oregon completed the “Change of Owner” liquor license sales through the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

All necessary paperwork has been approved through the Oregon Liquor Control Commission office and is awaiting approval through the Ontario City Council.

BACKGROUND:

Criminal record process was completed on new Ontario Liquor Store, LLC agents/owners Jennifer and Cody Weichers. The records returned meeting state and local requirement. The application forms have been filled out appropriately and required fees have been paid. All permit and license requirements have been met through the Oregon Liquor Control Commission as well as through the City of Ontario Planning Department.

CURRENT SITUATION:

The Ontario Liquor Store currently holds an Off-Premises liquor license but is now changing owners. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission requires the Ontario Liquor Store, LLC to complete the “Change of Ownership” application to change the ownership records for this establishment. Once this step is completed, the location will have the necessary license under the new owners which will require renewal on a yearly basis.

ANALYSIS:

- A. **STRATEGIC PLAN** This application is a general action item showing an ownership change of an already established business within the City of Ontario, therefore does not have a direct effect with the cities current strategic plan.
- B. **FINANCIAL** There is no financial impact for this action.
- C. **TIMING** Approval required to show new owners of this establishment.
- D. **POLICY/LEGAL** All legal steps have been followed to completion, with no negative feedback.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not approve the license application.

This has no true effect on the process, as the Oregon Liquor Control Commission may take the city's objections to the action into consideration but are not obligated to do so. They are the ultimate authority on the issuance of the license.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Change of Ownership off-premises liquor license for Ontario Liquor LLC.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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April 26, 2021

RE: Opposition to Qualified Immunity Reform

To Whom it May Concern,

The Ontario City Council stands in opposition to qualified immunity reform. On March 25, 2021, the New York City Council voted to approve legislation which would end qualified immunity for police officers in New York City. They are the first city in the nation to do so and others are following.

Pearson v. Callahan presented this definition: "Qualified immunity balances two important interests – the need to hold public officials accountable when they exercise power irresponsibly and the need to shield officials from harassment, distraction, and liability when they perform their duties reasonably."

The City Council agrees that public officials should be held accountable when exercising power irresponsibly; however, law enforcement officials should also be protected from becoming targets of frivolous lawsuits when they act in their capacity to protect the community. Therefore, we stand in opposition to the reform of qualified immunity that has taken place.

Sincerely,

Riley J. Hill
Mayor

CC: Oregon Governor Kate Brown
Oregon State Senator Lynn Findley
Oregon State Representative Mark Owens
Senator Ron Wyden
Senator Jeff Merkley

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To Our Governor and State and Federal Legislators in Oregon and Idaho,

First, we wish to express our gratitude for all you do for our two states and specifically for our communities. The elected City Council of Ontario, Oregon wishes to express its desire for a second bridge crossing from Ontario, Oregon to Fruitland, Idaho. This bridge is included in the Ontario Transportation System Plan. It is to be located between the Interstate 84 crossing and Idaho Avenue crossing straight east from 18th Avenue to connect to Fruitland, Idaho's downtown.

As both cities have expanded over the last two decades, the need for a second crossing has become apparent. Both cities have recognized the need for the crossing. Ontario's eastern border has and continues to fill because of our sales tax advantage while Fruitland has grown in housing primarily because of property tax advantages. Both cities combine to make one large community separated only by a river. The City of Payette is also part of the larger community, only separated by a few miles.

As this will undoubtedly cost far beyond either of our cities ability to afford, we are seeking state and federal recognition for this need. Our hope is that state and federal resources can begin to plan and save for this project by adding it to the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). The City of Ontario is willing to help in whatever capacity is

available. This additional bridge will facilitate continued growth in this one large two-state community.

Sincerely,

Riley J. Hill, Mayor

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