

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES****March 12, 2024**

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Deborah Folden at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Deborah Folden, Ken Hart, Susann Mills, John Kirby, and Eddie Melendrez. Penny Bakefelt arrived at 6:17pm. Ken Hart departed at 6:47pm/Returned at 7:18pm. Sam Baker was excused.

Members of staff present were Dan Cummings, Tori Barnett, Corinna Hysell, Clint Benson, Kari Ott, Marshall Pierce, Al Haun, Andy Woods, and Michael Iwai.

The meeting was recorded, and copies are available at City Hall.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted March 8, 2024. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

Mayor Folden informed everyone that the presentation by SREDA had been moved to a later meeting.

MILLS moved, HART seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-out; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-out; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

CONSENT AGENDA

KIRBY moved, MELENDREZ seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH CONSISTED OF A LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR GONZAGA MEXICAN CAFETERIA**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-out; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Bakefelt-out; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Billy Carter, Ontario, stated: Madam Mayor and City Council. My name is Billy Carter and I've lived in Ontario, Oregon, for over 30 years, almost 30 years. I stand before you tonight as an offended, concerned citizen. I worked in the criminal justice system for over 30 years as an administrator, manager, and other positions. I am well versed in the chain of command policy and procedures authority, as well as delegation of authority. Dan Cummings viciously provided unfalsified, untruthful information to this City Council in the February 27, 2024 meeting about me. He repeated my name at least six times, alleging that I said that the Diversity Committee should have the authority to appoint its own members, taking that authority away from the City Council. I never once made such a statement, or even phantomed such an idea. As a result of Dan's allegation, I have reached out to every Diversity Advisory Committee member and previous member that I could contact and asked them if they ever heard me make any such statement that Dan accused me of making. I have their email replies, as well as a message reply, that they have never, ever heard me make such a statement. I further went through all the minutes that I could get my hands on, and I was unable to find anything in any of those minutes that even related to me making any such statement. I find it interesting and appalling that Dan Cummings is the only person that ever heard me make such a statement. I am offended that the City Manager of Ontario, Oregon, would be so careless in his duties as to provide knowingly false information in a public setting in his official capacity. I challenge Dan Cummings to provide any evidence that support his allegation. Let me give you my perspective from where I stand. With this Diversity Advisory Committee, you've had two white males up on that podium that has bashed or questioned the existence of the Diversity Advisory Committee. And now you have



*another white male up there that has personally attacked, slandered, discredited, and tried to demean the only African-American on the committee. It pains me, but I see a potential pattern developing here, that could provide unfavorable circumstances for the city. I'm really surprised that out of all the chaos that has been caused by the, by, around, that has been created around the Diversity Advisory Committee that no one has sought out for the new Council members, that no one has gone back and summarized how this was *** in the first place. As a remaining member on that committee, I would be happy to provide that summary to the Council if they are interested. I have the document that initiated this discussion in the very first place, that hopefully would clarify how we got to where we are, to be in such a disgruntled situation right now. So, do you have questions?*

Mayor Folden asked Mr. Carter if he had the document with him.

Mr. Carter: *I do.*

Mayor Folden asked if Mr. Cummings would like to respond.

Mr. Cummings stated he would be happy to rerecord all the meetings, and to provide a copy of the meeting he was referring to, and maybe that would remind Mr. Carter. He had known Mr. Carter for at least 25 years, and considered him a friend. He apologized if he offended Mr. Carter, but he stated the Mr. Carter was sitting where Councilor Kirby was currently seated in that meeting, he brought up that they should have that, the committee was working on the changes, and, this might jog his memory, but Mr. Cummings told Mr. Carter that the Council could not pass that on to the committee. In the Charter and in the Council Rules, it was the Council that appointed the members, and they could not give that authority to the committee. He remembers making that statement, and he would find the recording of it. The minutes might not be verbatim, so he'd find that recording and meet with Mr. Carter to review it. He did not mean to slander Mr. Carter. He considered him a friend for a long time, but he remembered exactly where Mr. Carter had been sitting, exactly what was said, and his response to Mr. Carter in that the Council could not give that authority to the committee.

Mr. Carter: *Well I'm glad you have such a vivid memory on that because no one else, not even the secretary, who is a very credible member of this community and a very respected member of this community, was baffled when she heard that, because she knows, and she acknowledged that I have never said that, because this committee has never even thought anything like that. That has never even crossed our minds.*

Mr. Cummings apologized again to Mr. Carter if he said it wrong, but he would find the recording, they'd sit down together if Mr. Carter wanted to, and they'd listen to it.

Mr. Carter: *I'd be more than willing to. I will come back to this podium and withdraw my concern if you are able to show me it.*

Mr. Cummings stated he would find it. He did not want to slander Mr. Carter.

Mr. Carter: *Okay.*

Councilor Melendrez thanked Mr. Carter for his comments, and asked him to speak about how he might remember how that came up, how a committee member could sit on a panel interview. What he remembered, and he had been on the committee for around three years, was that they sit at the table to give input, not to take power to hire or fire from any Council or public official.

Mr. Carter: *You're absolutely correct, and I stand by that right now. You know, the Diversity Committee is here to serve at the pleasure of the City Council, and so my belief is that the City Council could utilize us and if they see fit to put one of the Diversity Advisory Committee members on a panel to interview people for the city or certain positions for the city, I see nothing wrong with that. As a matter of fact, I think it's the practice because it gives a broad prospective and a different outlook on, you know, the community, people in the community, the job that people are applying for, and so I think it's a healthy kind of situation to have a diverse interview panel if you're interviewing people for the city, or even better to just have diversity in your everyday doings and dealings, you know, when the City Council are making decisions, you know, about things that they're going*

to present here at the City Council, maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea to ask the Diversity Committee, "What do you guys think about this"? You know, is it anything that might be questionable, you know, offensive to the community or any certain members of the community or anything like that. I mean, I think the committee is here for a purpose, and that's to be involved, to support the City Council, in any way they see fit, so, yeah, I have always said that. I have always said I think it's a good idea. I think Chief Iwai set a very good example when he came here, and was interviewing for his Lieutenants. He had people from the community, he had people from the City Council, sitting in on those panels, and it gave a diverse perspective of a candidate, and it gave the candidate an opportunity to see different faces. So yes, I think that's a great idea.

Councilor Melendrez stated he knew that Mr. Carte had attended the last few meetings looking to speak of the comments made by Councilors Hart and Kirby, so would he now speak of that since Councilor Hart was there.

Mr. Carter: *Well, I think I pretty spoke to that the last time, you know, and I'm basically, if anybody wants to, anybody that doesn't want to go back and look at the minutes, I mean look at the City Council meeting, I have that recorded, and so, it was just amazing to me that the Diversity Advisory Committee would be bashed in an open session like that, when it wasn't even a topic, it wasn't even on the agenda. Mr. Cummings and his group had asked to get some clarification on how to handle the applications for people on the committee, and he only asked for clarification - What does the Council want?, and Councilman Hart went off on this tangent about the Diversity Advisory Committee had put people in boxes and put, you know, have of these unfair qualifications, etc., and I ask any of you where that came from because the Diversity Advisory Committee never, ever had anything like that. I have this document right here that we gave to the Council, the committee gave this document to the Council with their recommended changes, and this is how it got started, and if it's okay, Mayor, I'll pass these out. (Passed out the document) Okay, if you look at the asterisk part of that document, you will see how this conversation got started in the very first place, is you can see the committee had put in the first paragraph there about committee appointments, should not be discriminated based on race, color, religion, creed, gender, gender expression, age, natural origin, disability, martial status, sexual orientation, or military status. The committee added that statement in there. If you look at the very next paragraph, the committee had struck out the first line of that paragraph, and if you read the next line, next two lines, you'll see how this discussion got started in the first place. The previous City Council that adopted this document, way back when Ron Verini was Mayor, had put this language in there. That's their language that they put in the document, and it says, "no one ethnic, cultural, social economic status should be represented by more than 50% of the committee membership". Now Councilman Hart had a problem with that. He said it was discriminatory. Councilman Kirby simply asked the question, What does the committee do", what was our purpose", which the committee basically agreed with because we were like wandering around like what is our purpose, because it wasn't clearly defined. Okay? So, the Council delegated the authority to the Diversity Advisory Committee to go out, change that language that Councilman Hart had a problem with, and to come back with some information as to what we felt we should be doing as a committee. So the committee went off and did that, okay? I, personally, have a problem with the allegations that the language was discriminatory because in my professional career, I knew it was not, so I deliberately went and did research, talked to the State of Oregon, talked to City of Oregon, ah Albany, a couple of attorneys. I did the research and found out the language was not discriminatory because you can't discriminate against everybody, so it was not discriminatory. However, it became a moot point because the committee decided to just strike that language all together from the ordinance, so I never came back to the Council with that information because it is no longer valid, okay? The committee, as a whole, agreed that they would come out with the document that is now adopted and on the record for the city, which excludes it, okay? So, it was kind of a moot point to say how can you say we put people in boxes? How can you allege that, you know, we have unfair requirements and so forth and so on. It just doesn't make any sense to me. And I know I'm probably the outspoken one, but it affects me more, I guess, because of my plight in life, you know, of being discriminated against and then at, anyway, we won't go into all this. But anyway, that's why, that's why it bothered me, that's why I wanted clarification. So anyway, that's kind of how this got started. And if you look at this document, you can see all the changes that we recommended, most of them related to making it gender neutral because it was then the he category, and so we figured it should be gender neutral and that's what most of the changes were. That's how this got started in the first place, and so the committee has never, at no point, ever, in my knowledge, has ever tried to assert themselves in place of the City Council. We just went out and did what we were asked to do - try to come up with a document that would be adopted by the city, which was adopted by the city, and is on record, and if you go and look at it, maybe you can find it, but I definitely could not find anything were*

we put people in boxes or anywhere where we said we're going to discriminate based on race, economic status, or anything like that.

Mayor Folden asked Mr. Carter if the Council could keep the document he handed out.

Mr. Carter: *Most definitely, most definitely.*

Mayor Folden thanked Mr. Carter for attending the meeting, and for explaining his side.

Councilor Mills stated she needed some clarification from Mr. Carter. Where it read that there were seven members, it said that no one ethnicity, culture, or socioeconomic status shall be represented by more than 50%. So if they had two openings, but three applicants who were all one background or culture, all the same, and with two positions open, would that be putting more than 50% because there were only three of the same background or culture that applied? There was no one else? She wanted that explained.

Mr. Carter: *Let me give you my perspective because remember, this was written by a previous City Council, not the Diversity Advisory Committee, okay? So my thought process is what they didn't want to do is to have a committee made up, a Diversity Advisory Board Committee, made up of all black people, all white people, all Hispanic people, all Asian people, they didn't want that. They was going, their thought process, and this is from my perspective because we don't have any of those people here that I know of that was involved in that, but I think that that's what they was trying to do, is they wanted to always have a Diversity Advisory Committee that was, to have representation from every facet of the community there on. And remember now, that was the previous City Council, not the Diversity Advisory Committee, okay?*

Councilor Mills stated she understood that, but she was curious about what they'd do if they received....she wasn't sure how to phrase her question.

Mr. Carter: *With all due respect, Councilman Mills, it's a moot point. It doesn't matter anymore because that language was stricken out, so it was strikened, out of the ordinance, and so I can't answer that question. That would be a question that that committee would be, you know, that Council would be better prepared to answer, but it's a moot point now because we took the language out all-together.*

Councilor Mills thanked Mr. Carter for his response.

Councilor Melendrez stated he was confused because that language was challenged last August, and it was changed, so it was a moot point. He was not sure why it had even been brought up in the previous Council meeting in February, end of January. The same comments had been made about putting people in boxes and giving examples like if there were two or three Hispanic folks applying that they would discriminate against those people, so those were the comments he didn't like either. He had not been attendance for that meeting, so maybe that was something Councilor Hart could speak to. They language was changed, but it was still being brought up months later, the very same argument about what the Diversity Advisory Committee was doing. He thanked Mr. Carter for attending the meeting and speaking up.

PRESENTATION

Audit

Chelsea Hewitt, partner with Connected Professional Accountants, thanked the Council for allowing her firm to conduct the audit, and to staff for all the hard work they put into the preparation of the audit. She also thanked the Audit Committee for their continued communication through this process. She planned to provide a quick overview of report contents and then discuss what an audit was because there were new Councilors. Should there be any questions about what she was speaking about, she could go into more detail, and if anyone had any questions, please ask them at any time. Local governments were heavily regulated, and some things the audit covered were the Oregon Revised Statutes, the Oregon Budget Law, the Oregon Minimum Standards, the IRS payroll, retirement laws, and various accounting standards.

Regarding Audits, ORS require an audit for local governments whose expenditures exceeded \$500,000. A Federal Compliance Audit was if an entity had federal expenditures in excess of \$750,000; however, the city had not exceeded that threshold this year. An Audit did not look at every transaction, it was not designed to catch all errors or frauds, it was designed to determine that the financial statements were not misleading. An Audit assessed how Internal Control Systems worked, who did what, how were mistakes caught and corrected, and who was reviewing the process. New auditing standards required management to have written control policies, which was achieved by management completing control questionnaires for the Auditors. Audits determined areas of risk and designed tests accordingly. Cash receipts were high risk. There were areas with limited segregation of duties. It determined management's attitude; in that did they care about controls or did they try to cut corners. Further, it provided for management assessed risk areas, and it indicated how well control system were understood and monitored.

For an Audit, certain tests were executed: For Revenue, it confirmed as much as possible with outside agencies. For Expenditures, it would test payroll for reasonableness and trace amounts to federal reports; A/P traced several transactions from G/L to original invoice, it looked for proper authorization and signatures, and proper account coding; it would substantiate all significant assets and liabilities; for grants, it would test compliance with terms and conditions of grants; and for general procedures, they would read minutes looking for various items, or send letters to attorney's looking for undisclosed liabilities.

Some benefits of Audit were proper accountability as this was important to any successful entity; Management had to have reliable information to make informed decisions; and Assessment of controls. For the Letter to Governance: the major estimate was the assigned lives of assets and pension and OPEB (other post-employment benefits) liabilities; there were no disagreements with management; her firm was not aware of management opinion shopping with other Accountants; had one adjusting journal entry; and no passed adjusting journal entries this year. Also, there was no Management Letter this year.

Regarding the Report itself, beginning with Pages 1-3, the Independent Auditor's Report, the city received a Clean Opinion, with no new accounting standards in 2023. Pages 4-10, the Management Discussion and Analysis was written by city staff; Page 11, the Statement of Net Position, disclosed capital assets and computed depreciation on assets, and GASBs; Page 12, was the Statement of Activity which was the presentation of income and expense by function or activity. The net position increased by \$6,720,878 on top of an increase of roughly \$9.6 million last year. There were no major GASBs implemented this year that affected this statement; Page 13 was the governmental fund balance sheet – the major difference was Capital Assets were expensed rather than capitalized. Pages 14 and 16 reconciled entity wide to fund statements; Page 15 was the Government Funds Revenue and Expenditures fund balance, which increased \$1,053,785, with the Grant Fund seeing \$530,441 of this increase; Pages 17-20 were the Proprietary Funds statement of Net Position, income, cash flow, with a cash increase of \$238,179 from the prior year for proprietary funds; Pages 23-59 were notes to financial statements that explained accounting methods the city used to present financial statements; Page 58 was the New Accounting Standards – GASB 96 SBITA, and the city did not have any; Page 60 was the budgetary comparison schedules required by accounting standards, thus the required supplementary information, and then budgetary comparison schedules required by Oregon Minimum Standards. On pages 85-87 were the additional schedules and Auditor Comments required by Oregon Minimum Standards. The city had not violations!

Ms. Hewitt again thanked the city for their working relationship with her company, and let the Council know that staff was very good to work with, and were all helpful and professional.

Ontario Speedway

Ron Dillon stated: *Mayor and Councilors, good evening. It's probably been a year since I've addressed you and I just thought it was, I was probably overdue to just give you a quick update on Ontario Speedway. I'm glad I was here tonight. I'm very proud of the squeaky clean audit that you just came through. I only mention that because I'm one that's taken on that nasty Ontario Grievances and Complaints Facebook page, and those that also follow it. I know the Mayor; I've seen her on there before. There's a group of people that love to just trash the city, the Council, the Mayor, they see you're stealing the pot money, they throw rocks as Dan Cummings, and I can't wait to get on there tonight and say, well, the city was once again squeaky clean on an audit, so you misinformed malgarants who have no idea what you're talking about, keep it up.*



(First slide) *Ontario Speedway – we're sailing into 2024 and we're not going to do any boat races this year because they have been financially not done well. I don't believe we're done forever with boat races, but right now we're going to hit the pause button on those and go back to things that are far safer financially and far more interesting to do. End of this month, we will be doing a 4-wheeler race. This past, what I like to call the Norm Crume Acid Test because if Norm likes it, there's a good chance the community's going to like it. Those of you that know Norm, know what an enthusiast for 4-wheelers. The sprint boat track is dry. We're going to put 4-wheelers in there one at a time and race them similar to the boats. Lots of interest. I like to put on events that are kind of off the beaten path, the Big Nasty Hill Climb, the Sprint Boats, things that nobody else is doing. I typically wouldn't put on a rodeo or motocross because those are too mainstream for me. There's very, very little racing in this area for, those are actually called UTVs, you'll hear them called Razors or side-by-sides.*

(New slide) *The little purple rectangular there says free kids Easter egg hunt, so, I don't know if the community probably has a number of Easter egg hunts, but we're going to do one. So that's coming up March 30th, it's on our website Ontario Speedway. I'd encourage everybody to come out and cheer, come out and watch, come out and race. There's classes for everybody.*

(New slide) *Since I sent this to Tori, we've chosen not to the sprint boats as I just said, no sprint boat activities. I got kind of a nastygram letter from the Sprint Boat Association out of Port Angeles, Washington, saying you can't do any sprint boat races without us, and rather than waste time and energy bickering, I just said okay, we won't do any sprint boats this year.*

(New slide) *I'm really excited about this one. This is not a race. This is an obstacle adventure. I used The Big Nasty name because it's well known, and we have 13,000 Big Nasty followers on Facebook, so why not. What this is is three miles, you can walk it, jog it, crawl it. It'll have inflatable slides, it'll have mud, it'll have probably tires to walk through, all kinds of fun stuff. And the best analogy I can give you, if any of you ever went over to Boise to The Dirty Dash, it was like that. It's not timed, it's not competitive. If you want to sprint the thing, that's fine, but we're encouraging people to just come out and get really muddy and have a lot of fun. And that's coming up May 4th. I'm working with all the running stores in Boise, and our goal is to get at least 500 participants for this first year, and grow it from there. The Dirty Dash used to get 3,000 and COVID wiped out most of those events. Most of those are gone. The Spartan is gone, Dirty Dashes are gone, the Tough Mudders are gone, so we're the only obstacle event within 300 miles of Boise this year, so that should help us out.*

(New slide) *We're going to, and they encouraged me to say Race on a Golf Course, so that's what we're calling it. The Race on a Golf Course, June 22-23. These are old motorcycles. ARMA stands for American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association. You won't have new stuff out there; you'll have the old stuff from when most of us were teenagers. The bikes are short travel. There won't be any jumps. These guys approached me, and I said, well, we don't have a motocross track out there, and they said we don't want a motocross track, we want grass to do s-turns and so on, so we're pretty excited about that. The demographics of this group are really attractive to Ontario because these are mostly old guys with lots of money that like to drink beer and eat steaks. That's something that we can talk about another time, the demographics of the group. I've had events where there were thousands of people, but none of them drank or stayed in motels or ate in a restaurant, so it was kind of pointless on them benefiting the city. And as you may know, I'm working closely with John Breidenbach, the Chamber, and the Visitors and Conventions Bureau so we've got a bit of grant money there that we're using on these events.*

(New slide) *And we're doing, because of popular demand by Norm Crume, we're doing a second race in the fall. This one will be all about honoring veterans and first responders, so any veterans or first responders will be able to get in for free, race for free, have a great time. That's tied in very closely to Veteran's Day.*

So we're very excited Ontario Speedway lives on. Without going into any details, I've had a rough year financially and on some other fronts as well, but I'm still here, and I love Ontario, and I've got to rush out of here because now I have to go to a Revitalize Ontario meeting across the street. Does anyone have any questions?

There were no questions, and Mayor Folden thanked Mr. Dillon for his presentation.

NEW BUSINESS**Resolution #2024-104 and Bid Award: Lion's Park Shelter Replacement**

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

The existing Lion's Park picnic shelter was in poor condition and needed to be removed and replaced. The Parks Department carried over a CIP item for this project for this fiscal year, in the amount of \$100,000. The lowest bidder was Holcomb Construction Inc, with a bid of \$83,000, and staff would like to award the bid to the responding company in order to get the shelter replaced. The project was funded with General Fund parks money, and this resolution was to bring the carry forward project into the 23-24 budget by increasing the beginning fund balance.

MILLS moved, MELENDREZ seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2024-104: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BID FROM HOLCOMB CONSTRUCTION FOR LION'S PARK SHELTER REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,000 AND \$8,300 CONTINGENCY AND TO APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-out; Kirby-yes; Hart-out; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

Letter of Support for Workforce Housing Grant

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

The City Manager was contacted by the Oregon DEQ to see if the City of Ontario wanted to participate in a Federal Program for a grant to rehabilitate commercial buildings for workplace housing. He had already been testing and sending emails to legislators to ask for funding for workforce housing for many years, and it now appeared that effort wasn't wasted, as the EPA was providing approximately \$16 million to Oregon towards a workforce housing grant.

Oregon DEQ was applying for this grant and the Oregon cities that were participating were Ontario (if approved tonight), Pendleton, Medford, Reedsport, and Portland. Based on staff's proposed 40 units calculated for Ontario to use the incentive at \$45,000 per dwelling unit, if the grant is approved, the City of Ontario would receive up to \$1.8 million, plus 5% for administration of the grant for an additional \$90,000. To participate in this program, the city needed to send a letter of support and commitment to the Oregon DEQ for them to submit a grant application. If awarded, this would give the city \$1,890,000 to apply towards workforce housing. The letter had to be submitted to DEQ no later than March 13, 2024, to meet the application deadline.

MILLS moved, KIRBY seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT AS ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT TO THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ) TO REQUEST A GRANT FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-out; Kirby-yes; Hart-out; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 5/0/2.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**Community Development: Quarterly Report**

Dan Cummings, City Manager/Economic Development Director, presented.

HAND-OUTS**Department Stats:**

Public Works, Fire, Police, Code Enforcement: February, 2024

Minutes:

Airport 02/05/2024; County Court 02/21/2024

Packet

V&C: 03-07-2024



CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Councilor Kirby stated a comment to the Airport Committee. They'd really gotten their act together. They had taken seriously being asked to mirror the process and procedures the Council used. The minutes received from the Airport Committee reflected that, and they were trying to conduct business as the Council did. He already told the committee, and now hoped to encourage other city committees to follow those steps as well.
- Councilor Mills stated that she and Councilor Bakefelt attended the drone training that day. She couldn't say she could go fly one, but it was very interesting. It was put on by General Pacific, and it was good presentation. She could see the use of and need of them in the city's fire and police departments. There were many uses for them, but for Ontario, she thought they would be a great asset to many things that those departments could use them for.

Councilor Bakefelt agreed that the drone training was very well done. Brule set it up for the fire department and she could see how it could be used for traffic accident reconstruction and for things like if an officer was on a call and they could see where the criminal was hidden, maybe they could adjust their approach to stay safer. There were quite a large variety of drones, which was surprising, ranging from \$6,000 up to who knows what. The city could probably get a few good ones for around \$25,000. An interesting thing was that during the two-day training course, you had to have someone qualified to teach it as it was an income generating type situation.

- Councilor Bakefelt stated she took a 40-hour class on Crisis Intervention Training, which made her think about being on the Crisis Intervention Team, because it was another goal, but she had a lot of other things she was doing currently. She found it interesting and something that could be used in the public or in families. If something was happening in the city, it could be beneficial.
- Councilor Bakefelt gave a shout out to the police department as that night they were doing a defensive tactics training course at the Cultural Center, with 25 people attending. She had popped in to make an appearance and thank the guys for showing up, all prior to the Council meeting.
- Councilor Melendrez stated when Mr. Carter had been there earlier, he asked Councilor Melendrez about the DAC being on the city calendar, and asked that it be added in the future if it wasn't already.

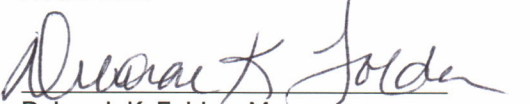
EXECUTIVE SESSIONExecutive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(h)

An executive session was called at 7:18 p.m. under provisions of ORS 192.660(2)(h) to discuss Current or Potential Litigation. The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:25 p.m.

ADJOURN

KIRBY moved, MILLS seconded, **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Baker-out; Kirby-yes; Hart-out; Bakefelt-yes; Melendrez-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

ACCEPTED:


Deborah K. Folden, Mayor

ATTEST


Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder