



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES June 24, 2025

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Deborah Folden at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Deborah Folden, Ken Hart, Susann Mills, John Kirby, Adrianna Contreras, and Penny Bakefelt. Michael Braden was excused.

Staff present were Dan Cummings, Tori Barnett, Corinna Hysell, Clint Benson, Kari Ott, Tatiana Burgess, Casey Mordhorst, Andy Wood, Al Haun, Marshall Pierce, and Chris Bolyard.

Also in attendance were Fire Lieutenant Lonnie Justus, Firefighter Cameron Saito, and Fire Captain Jared Gammage; part-time Firefighters Charlotte Rico, James Wick, Louis Gutierrez, and Trevor Gammage; retired Firefighters Paul Hodge, Dave Lockner, and Mark Saito; Fire Association members Merri Gammage, Shawna Saito, and Melissa Culbertson; and Rural Fire Board member Monty Culbertson. Retired Fire Chief Terry Leighton attended via Zoom.

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

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted Friday, June 20, 2025. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

Dan Cummings, City Manager, requested the addition of Item D under New Business for a Letter of Support for Community in Action for their emergency shelters.

KIRBY moved, HART seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-out; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

CONSENT AGENDA

MILLS moved, HART seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH CONSISTED OF ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2025**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-out; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet Enyeart, Ontario, stated her support for the development of a YMCA establishment in the Fruitland, Idaho, and encouraged the Council to support it. She also submitted petitions signed by citizens located in various surrounding cities, who were also in support of the project.

Dianne Hawkins, Ontario, stated her support for the YMCA project.

Mark Saito, Ontario, stated: *Hello, I'm Mark Saito, from Ontario, former career firefighter for 25 years here in Ontario. I want to speak a little bit about the two in-two out. It's not a meme. It's not a meme that everybody goes home, two go in, two come back out. That's not what it means. It's a standard that, for firefighting, that two firefighters can't enter a building, a fire scene unless they have the same back up, two fighters outside on a hose. I wanted to talk a little bit about how fire grows. Fire is really controllable when it's small. It goes through growth states and from there it's getting hot. The room's getting hot, it's off-gassing, and then it becomes fully involved. Even in a single room, fully involved, it doesn't take a lot of water to put it out, but you have to be able to get to it. And that's why the two in-two out rule is so important because in the current standard, Ontario has three firefighters. We cannot do an interior attack until two more show up with the same hose and everything to back them up. So, until then, you can only fight defensively. You can do a lot of*



firefighting defensively, but only if you can reach it. And with the two in-two out, we can't go in and put out that fire until the other two show up so that somebody can go it. Let's just say, I've broken this rule a few times in my career because I could see where the fire was, but I couldn't get to it. Ya, I've gone inside by myself and put fire out. It's the only way you're going to get it out is by going in to where the fire is, and you can't do it when you're handcuffed by the constrictions of having not enough firefighters on scene. So, with the two in-two out rule you need the manpower. You've got to have four guys. You have two that go in, two backing them up, and you can go to the fire and you can put it out quickly, which that fire's growing, instead of waiting for firefighters to show up to back you up to go in. There's no other way to put it. Without the manpower, you can't get in to put these fires out quickly. That's what I've got to say.

Paul Hodge, Fruitland, stated: *Paul Hodge, Fruitland, Idaho, currently, retired firefighter from Ontario. 30 years of fire service in Ontario, 42 years EMS in the Treasure Valley. The two in-two out rule is something that we trained for in the beginning of my career. When I started in 1982, we had one person per shift. One person did everything until we could get back-up. It was almost two years before we were able to get an on-call person. If we take a vehicle home, we respond from the house to go to the fire. In the many years as a career firefighter, I, like Mark, had gone in on fires by myself and put myself in jeopardy. The thing that has really changed that I see today is not only the fact that the population, as mentioned, has increased tremendously, but however many of you try to cross town nowadays, in your car at a normal speed, to get to where you want to go. That makes the two in two standby that much more important. For gentlemen, or anyone, to go into a fire not only are trying to knock the fire down, but we do not always know if there is people involved in the fire. In our aging community, with the increase in nursing homes, increased businesses, and houses now that are made of anything but wood and plaster that we really used to fight fires in, we have so many more chemicals out there that are dangerous, so not only is it the firefighter that's in danger for going in, that, if we've got someone inside a single person going in is going have difficulty getting another person out. It would've been awesome to have two people back in the day. I think it's very important today. OSHA says it's a rule, it's a law, it's a regulation, but most of all, in my mind, it's a common sense of safety, number one, for the firefighter that is risking their lives, even though that's what we signed up to do, but for the community for someone that may be trapped in the building. Like Mark said, it's a lot easier to fight a fire when it's smaller then when it gets big and starts to expand. That's about all I really have to say except that I hope that you consider all the options that you have – population growth, the amount of time that it takes for even the volunteers to get to the station, now is really hampered because of traffic, and I think it's very important for the safety of your community and for the safety of the firefighters, for the two in-two outside rule is really beyond opening your hearts. Thank you.*

James Wick, Ontario: *James Wick, resident of Ontario since 1991, also a volunteer firefighter for Ontario Fire & Rescue since 1994. Currently still a volunteer and a relief worker for Ontario Fire Department. Back in the day when we started, we went through a training, and after that we just went in. We kind of cowboy'd it, we'd go in single with a hose line and put the fire out until about 1998. That's when OSHA changed the rule to two in-two out, and for good reason, I might add. We didn't always abide by that, but pretty much the way things are now days, we were really forced to have to abide by that. Per OSHA, they actually had a regulation that says that they cannot pass anymore rules that makes less stringent. They can only pass rules to make things more stringent. So what we've got is what we've got to live with. There are several reasons for the two in-two out. If you have two people inside, who don't necessarily know what's going on above you, around you, a change in the wind conditions, changing smoke conditions coming from the house, to fire coming in behind you, is the roof about ready to collapse, and, of course, worst case scenario, entrapment. You've got to have somebody out there that can call for resources, get the resources needed, and then go in and help in the rescue and help finish up. Another thing, the importance of career firefighters and having more career firefighters on duty. When I started as a volunteer, I had to competitively interview. About 16 applicants that would be interviewed once a year for four positions, and I was one of the four that got selected. And we had over 30 volunteers at the time. We were filled up. Of course, we had to live within the city limits and the rules were a lot more stringent about living locally then. Since then, now, we're down to less than 20 volunteers, and this is a problem that we have across the nation, getting volunteers. It used to be that the career firefighters would support us volunteers because we pretty much ran the training, we were a big part of the response. There were several relief workers on hand to work shifts as there were only two people per shift so we pulled a lot of shifts. Now we're down to less than a handful of relief workers and those of us that are still relief workers, we're all over 60, in our 60s. Now the career firefighters, they run the training, for the most part they*

run a lot of the volunteer functions. They run our yearly dance that we have now. So where we have that lack of volunteers and that commitment in the community, so what do you do? What's the solution to that? And we have the two in-two out rule. We rely on career more now we ever have, so I think the answer to that we need to come up with more career firefighters. We have to have that to one, abide by law, by legal standards, so you know, we have the response. The way it stands right now...it's my understanding that we have three people per shift hired, but that's not even, we don't even have three per shift I don't know how much of the time, I think probably 40% of the time, is the number I heard, because if someone takes a vacation day, or they get sick, or can't come in, there's not backfill, so we're still back to the same standards that we had back when Mark was still working. We need that. Thank you.

PRESENTATION

YMCA

David Durrow, YMCA, presented a PowerPoint presentation for the proposed/potential/possible YMCA location in Fruitland, Idaho. (PowerPoint incorporated by reference and attached)

Mayor Folden asked where the Stakeholders meeting would be held.

Mr. Durrow stated there were three scheduled, but more could be done, depending upon where people were from. The meetings were at the Palisades corner location.

OLD BUSINESS

Continue Discussion: Diversity Advisory Committee

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented. He indicated he duplicated the staff report from the last meeting, as incorporated below. He had, however, updated the DAC meeting recommendation, which was to leave the ordinance as it was. There was no other information to report.

Due to concerns about the possibility of the city losing federal funds under the current government administration, the City Council was discussing options for the Diversity Advisory Committee. These discussions were necessary to protect the city from losing federal funds and/or lawsuits in conjunction with having a Diversity Committee due to current Federal Administration Executive Orders.

On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14151 – Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferences. The order directed, in relevant part, that federal agencies identify federal grantees who received and used federal funding to advance DEI programs and policies.

On January 21, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14173 – Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity. Executive Order 14173 was intended to, among other things, end illegal preferences and discrimination.

At the City Council meeting of March 11, 2025, the City Council discussed the possibility of disbanding the Diversity Committee. After hearing testimony from some of the members of the committee and wanting to get more input, the Council asked the City Manager to get a legal opinion from the City Attorney.

In an Executive Session under ORS 192(2)(f): Exempt from Disclosure - Attorney Client Privilege, the City Attorney discussed the possible legal issues with the above reference to Executive Orders, along with possible solutions.

The summary of the discussion, without violating the Executive Session provisions, was that there were several court cases pending that might affect the enforcement or legitimacy of the Executive Orders. Therefore, their legal analysis must be received with caution given the underlying uncertainties, and given those uncertainties, the Council's most conservative option was to dissolve the Diversity Committee. However, based on information received to date, staff did not believe that the committee's mere existence violated the Executive Orders. If the committee was continued, this office recommended amending OMC Title 2, Chapter 14 to seek alignment with the Executive Orders.

The consensus of the Council was to have the City Attorney write up the proposed changes to the committee ordinance for the Council to review at the next meeting, and determine if the Council wanted to keep the committee active or to disband it.

The suggested changes by the City Attorney were given to the committee and the Council to be ready for the April 8, 2025, Council meeting. The Chair of the committee, Jackie Koehler, stated that the City Manager had sent the committee the recommended changes earlier, so there was time to review. She was unsure if anyone had the time to do that yet, but she had. She was pleased with the attorney's recommendations, and would like to put the item on the DAC agenda for next week. It was moved by Kirby, seconded by Bakefelt, that the discussion be tabled until the Diversity Advisory Committee met to review, and the Council would await the recommendation of the DAC at the next Council meeting.

The DAC Committee met on April 16, 2025, and had a brief discussion on the changes, but most said they had not fully reviewed them yet, so they moved to table a formal response to the Council until their May 21, 2025, meeting. They also voted that they could hold a special meeting if needed.

The DAC Committee did not have a quorum at the May 21, 2025, meeting, so no action was taken.

On May 27, 2025, Chairperson Jackie Koehler submitted what was supposed to be the committee recommendation, which was given to the Council at the May 27, 2025 Council meeting, but the question was asked about how the committee could have made the recommendation when they did not have a meeting. Based upon that question, the Council tabled the action again until the June 24, 2025, meeting, to give the DAC members time to meet again on June 18, 2025, to discuss the recommendation of the committee.

Attached to this report was a DRAFT ordinance with recommended changes to the Diversity Advisory Committee. Also attached is a document that shows the proposed changes on the left and the existing code on the right to compare what the changes are.

At the DAC meeting on June 19, 2025, the committee approved a motion to recommend that the City Council leave the Diversity Advisory Committee ordinance as written. Also attached was the proposed recommendation of the DAC Committee submitted to the Council on May 27, 2025.

The original alternatives to the action were:

- Take no action at all, leaving the Committee as it was; or
- Move to dissolve the Diversity Advisory Committee and have staff come back with an ordinance to remove the committee from the city code; or
- Move to have staff come back with an ordinance incorporating the recommended changes from the City Attorney for the Diversity Committee.

Councilor Kirby stated he attended the DAC meeting, and he left very disturbed. Regarding their agenda, they did not start the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Further, the Chair of the committee wanted to amend the agenda so she could read a personal statement. That was done, and the Chair, in her statement, attacked the City Manager. She read that in all her readings, he did not have to be in attendance, so she asked him to leave, which Mr. Cummings complied with, but then she stated he could stay in the audience, but she really wanted him gone. He believed her to have been extremely disrespectful to the hired management of the Ontario community. A lot of it was material that was aimed personally at Mr. Cummings, which was not appropriate, nor was it backed up with facts. He did not know where the vitriol came from, and he was certain it was not deserved. After that, the committee conducted business in a somewhat normal manner, but when it came to discussion about the recommendation to this body, that were solicited through the efforts of the City Attorney, and the concern that the city would no longer qualify for federal funding should the Council leave the DAC status quo. These were all citizens, and he knew most of them, as did the Council, and a few said it wouldn't hurt the city to lose the money. The rest, he felt, were followers. He felt they were not taking the needs of the city above their personal needs and desires, based on their voting. The Council as the board that managed the monies available, many for special projects, came down from above, sought the recommendation of the legal staff. Most of the council had voted in favor of adopting the recommendations of legal, and were only seeking

the input from the Diversity committee, who chose to say they didn't want to change anything. Therefore, he could not support Recommendation #1. He wanted to see a diverse committee like the community around them, all races and cultures. He left that meeting very nonplussed, even though he hadn't even planned to attend. He believed the Council needed to take action, where to disband the committee entirely, or to approve the ordinance which reflected the recommended changes from the City Attorney.

Mayor Folden stated she had received the transcribed copy of the meeting being discussed, and thanked Mr. Cummings for handling himself very professionally.

Councilor Bakefelt stated since being elected just over two years ago, could Mr. Cummings tell her what accomplishments the DAC had done for the city.

Mr. Cummings stated he had been attending meetings for around three years, and he was not sure. He noticed that recently they had been giving some awards to some citizens for their diversity within the community. They had some trainings, which Daniel (Liera-Huchim), committee member, had conducted and he was an excellent speaker. He recalled that previous members Janet Komoto and current member Billy Carter had tried numerous times to hold events at different functions in town, to get people involved, but he hadn't seen much resulting from that. It was difficult to answer. The first few years of the committee, the meetings were mostly arguments, if there was a quorum. That had improved with new membership. He suggested asking the committee members for a more definitive answer.

Councilor Contreras stated she had been on the DAC, first as a member, and now as Council Liaison. In the beginning, meetings were cancelled due to not having enough members, and they spent a lot of time trying to determine how the DAC would run. This past year, with it being an item of debate on keeping it or disbanding it as a city committee, people had stepped up to become members. But these past few meetings, the Chair had attacked Mr. Cummings, and was very inappropriate in the way she speaks at him. Dan was there to help the committee, and she knew that for her, being new, she had tons of questions, and appreciated Dan being there. Moving forward, she did not believe that one person should ruin it for the entire group. There were a lot of good members on the committee who could continue doing good for Ontario.

Councilor Hart stated he didn't want to see them eliminate the committee. It sent the wrong message to the community, but at the same time the ordinance did need to be amended so the city was not putting federal monies at risk. His intent would be to approve the ordinance, with the changes as provided by the City Attorney. He would encourage the committee members to remain engaged and to continue representing the community. That was important, even if they were not happy with the language changes from the attorney.

Councilor Mills stated when she first heard about the committee, it was new to her, but since President Trump passed those two orders in January, and there was a possibility the city would lose federal funds for the city, and in the future possibly have lawsuits filed against the city because of those orders, a lot of the community was not aware of what had transpired. It was brought to the Council with the fact they wanted to stay on as a city committee, and that had been brought up more than once by more than one Councilor, including herself, that she didn't want to see the committee dissolved. It had a lot of good functions for the community, but she also felt it could cause a lot of problems for the city itself as far as being a city committee. She wanted to see it continue, but to become a community committee instead of a city committee. If the rest of the Councilors wanted to keep the committee as city committee, she felt they had asked their City Manager to speak with the City Attorney, hired to help protect the city, and that was done. She believed they did everything to correct whatever needed done to protect the city, and she'd follow their lead if they decided to keep the committee as a city committee instead of a community committee.

CONTRERAS moved, HART seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE ORDINANCE INCORPORATING THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-out; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

NEW BUSINESSRural Board Contract Extension or Renewal

Clint Benson, Fire Chief, presented.

In 1999, the Ontario Rural Fire Protection District and the City of Ontario started a contractual relationship. The City provides staffing, administration, and facilities to the District. The city and Rural District actively worked together to provide the best possible fire protection to this community.

The current agreement, Addendum #13 with extensions one through three, will expire on June 30, 2025. Counselors Mills and Braden met with two members of the Fire District and city staff on two occasions to discuss Addendum #14. Both parties agreed on the terms listed in Addendum #14, which was a \$31,188 increase from the current agreement.

The agreement would read, in part: *Amount of Payment. District agrees to pay the City Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred One and No/100 Dollars (\$238,501.00) in quarterly payments, for one year of service, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Such payments will begin promptly after Malheur County distributes revenues to the District (paying at that time any quarterly payments that have passed at that time) and on the following quarters thereafter: July 15, October 15, January 15, and April 15. Contract increases, if any, beyond the 2025-2026 fiscal year will be negotiated between the City and the District prior to the expiration of this Addendum #14 on June 30, 2026.*

This action was consistent with Ontario's strategic goals of desirability and lifestyle. People wanted to live where they felt safe. Fire protection added a layer of safety to the community. The city and rural entities working together improved fire protection in the community enhancing desirability and lifestyle. This action increased revenue to the city's general fund by \$31,188 for fiscal year 2025-2026. Timing was crucial due to the current agreement expiring June 30, 2025. Addendum # 14 was consistent with previous addendums and agreements between the two parties. Not extending the current agreement through Addendum #13, would keep the revenue to the city at \$207,313.

Councilor Kirby recommended everyone read the 2025 Community Risk Assessment and Standard of Cover report. Many of the issues facing the firefighters came down to dollars and cents and common vision, and not everyone had the same vision.

MILLS moved, BAKEFELT seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ADDENDUM #14, AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ONTARIO RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7-302 TO PROVIDE FIRE SUPPRESSION AND OTHER SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$238,501 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-out; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

Resolution #2025-114: Supplemental Budget- End of Year Clean-up

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

At the time the 2024-2025 budget was approved, there were some items that were unknown. Since these items were now known, a budget resolution was necessary to prevent over expenditures in various departments. The following items needed to be adjusted within the budget to prevent over expenditures of budget appropriations:

- Liability insurance costs came in higher than expected;
- PERS side account payments rolled over from last year and increased due to other savings;
- There were unexpected grants;
- Building revenues were much higher than budgeted, so an adjustment needs to be made for the 12% state assessment;
- TOT revenues were higher than expected;
- There were some carryover projects;
- Administrative services in storm water were inadvertently missed.



An additional \$1,203,000 (grants and beginning fund balance) would be appropriated and the remaining budget changes were transfers between items already appropriated. Per Oregon Local Budget Law, the proposed resolution must be approved on or before June 30, 2025. Taking no action would cause budget over expenditures.

HART moved, BAKEFELT seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2025-114: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE UNEXPECTED REVENUES AND TO TRANSFER BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS FOR UNEXPECTED ITEMS.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-out; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

Resolution #2025-115: GASB 54

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) #54 was adopted by the city during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The City Council was required to formally establish spending policies for ending fund balances annually by formal resolution.

The city needed to commit the 2024-2025 ending fund balances in the Revolving Loan Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Trust Fund, and Reserve Fund for use in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. All commitments of the fund balances were required to be approved on or before the end of the fiscal year. The resolution was required to be approved on or before June 30, 2025, and Council action was required to adopt a resolution.

MILLS moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2025-115, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES RELATING TO ENDING FUND BALANCES OF 2024-2025.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-out; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

Letter of Support for Community in Action for Emergency Shelters

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

Community in Action reached out seeking a letter of support from the Council for funding for next year. That letter had to be submitted this week, as funding was ending June 30, 2025. Funding was for the emergency shelters activities, which included street outreach, tiny shelter operations, and direct services for the homeless and shelter residents, which included assisting the city with funding for the unhoused site.

KIRBY moved, MILLS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE LETTER FROM COMMUNITY IN ACTION FOR THE ESG CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION RECEIVING 2025-2027 ESG FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER ACTIVITIES ONLY .** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-out; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Resolution #2025-116: Election to Receive State Revenues

It being the date advertised for a public hearing on the matter stated above, I declare the hearing open. Are there any objections to the city's jurisdiction to hear this action? Any abstentions, ex-parte contact to declare, or any declarations of conflict of interest?

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

The City Council was required to annually approve a formal resolution in order to elect to receive state revenues. The City of Ontario Budget Committee held Public Hearings on May 13 & 14, 2025, discussing the 2025-2026 budget, which included revenue sharing from the State of Oregon. The City Council was holding a Public Hearing on June 24, 2025, giving the citizens an opportunity to comment on the use of State Revenue Sharing, pursuant to ORS 221.770. This would allow the city the ability to receive State Revenues that were shared with cities throughout Oregon. The resolution was required to be approved on or before June 30, 2025, and resolutions must be approved by the City Council. An election to receive state revenues was required per ORS 221.770.



Mayor Folden opened the Hearing for public testimony. There were no Proponents or Opponents to speak on this action, so the public testimony portion was closed.

MILLS moved, BAKEFELT seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-116, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S ELECTION TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-out; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1.

Resolution #2025-117: Adopt City of Ontario Annual Budget FY2025-2026

Mayor Folden read a statement into the record: *I ran my platform on public safety. As a duly elected official, as the Maor of Ontario Oregon, I'm very passionate to support public safety. My duties is to serve the citizens of Ontario. I reside over the City Council and I represent the city. I oversee the city departments and manage the city budget, ensuring responsible fiscal management. I'm responsible for the general welfare of the city. I'm making a recommendation to reconsider the vote by the Budget Committee to consider hiring three (3) additional full-time firefighters, instead of one additional firefighter. The rules of safety, established by OSHA, two in-two out, is for the protection of the firefighters entering the buildings with the interior structural fires, and to have a backup in case they run into trouble. This policy of two in-two out is a regulation by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Two in can monitor each other and assist with equipment failure or entrapment or any other hazards. The two out can monitor those in the building, initiate rescue, or call for a backup or for an incident commander. I've enclosed a memorandum for OSHA's firefighter advisory committee for review for the Council. Our Finance Department has stated that the city is receiving around \$500,000 more than was budgeted in the property taxes. The city pays employees through its property tax base. Seldom do property taxes go down, especially when the market value is high. Each year, the County Assessor determines the property's real market value and calculates its maximum assessed value. And, I do have an article in the Argus that's stating that. If you'd like to read the article it's very interesting. I just want everybody here on the Council to please consider the safety of our firefighters in your vote. Thank you.*

Mayor Folden stated it being the date advertised for a public hearing on the matter stated above, I declare the hearing open. Are there any objections to the city's jurisdiction to hear this action? Any abstentions, ex-parte contact to declare, or any declarations of conflict of interest?

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

The City of Ontario Budget Committee held public hearings on May 13 & 14, 2025, and approved the 2025-2026 annual budget. The budget before the Council, through Resolution #2025-117, had no changes from what was approved by the Budget Committee. Resolution #2025-117 was a resolution to adopt and appropriate the annual budget for 2025-2026, impose the taxes upon taxable property, and categorize the taxes imposed for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

The required public hearing notice was published in the Argus Observer. The City Council was now holding this public hearing on June 24, 2025, giving the citizens an opportunity to comment on the annual budget for 2025-2026.

There are two motions to approve this resolution due to the conflict Councilor Braden disclosed in the budget committee meetings.

The City Council needed to adopt and appropriate the annual budget in the amount of \$48,981,921. The budget was required to be approved on or before June 30, 2025, and, per ORS 294, had to be approved by the City Council. If the Council opted to take no action, and a budget was not approved by June 30, 2025, the city would not be able to receive property taxes and spend money as of July 1, 2025. However, the Council could make changes up to 10% in each from the Budget Committee approved budget.

Councilor Bakefelt asked, to add the additional two firefighter positions, would that fit within the 10% of the budget amount?

Ms. Ott stated yes. It would be approximately \$280k, and currently the General Fund before them for adoption was \$14M, to 10% would be \$1.4M.



Mayor Folden opened the Public Hearing for public testimony, from Proponents, then Opponents.

Seeing and hearing no testimony, the public testimony portion was closed, and opened for discussion or direction from the Council.

MILLS moved **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GRANT AND BUILDING FUNDS IN RESOLUTION #2025-117**. No Second, no vote.

Mayor Folden asked if they should amend that for the two extra firefighters.

Ms. Ott reminded them there were two motions due to the conflict with Councilor Braden for those two specific departments; however, as Councilor Braden was not in attendance. The second motion would approve the remainder of the budget.

Councilor Bakefelt seconded the first motion.

Councilor Hart asked for a verification of the motion.

Mayor Folden stated it was that the City Council approve the appropriations for the Grant and Building Funds in Resolution #2025-117.

Councilor Kirby stated Councilor Braden was not there, and that was a smaller portion. If they were trying to get two firemen, they wanted to have that as one motion, in his opinion. It should be read as one motion to get the entire budget on the table in order to have enough funds to fund two firemen. Here, it was just taking it out of the Building Department, which wasn't big enough.

Mr. Cummings stated if they were going to amend this motion to adopt it all under one motion, then they needed to include the motion revising the resolution, because the resolution had those two motions. That was fine, but it needed to include the amendment of the resolution to reflect the one motion.

Councilor Hart wanted to clarify that's what Councilor Mills wanted to do.

Ms. Ott stated Councilor Mills' motion did not change anything about firefighters. Currently, it was just approving those two funds [*Grant and Building Funds*] and then if they wanted to make the motion to approve any additional firefighters, that would be in the next motion. This motion had nothing to do with any of that. It only approved those two specific funds.

MILLS moved, BAKEFELT second, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GRANT AND BUILDING FUNDS IN RESOLUTION #2025-117**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-out; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-no; Bakefelt-no; Folden-yes. Motion carried 4/2/1.

Mayor Folden asked for the second motion, and to add the amendment to add two additional firefighters to make it three per shift.

FOLDEN moved, BAKEFELT seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ALL REMAINING ELEMENTS OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-117, AS AMENDED, [ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS FOR THREE TOTAL] A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROPRIATE THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2025-2026, IMPOSE THE TAXES UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY, AND CATEGORIZE THE TAXES IMPOSED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**. No vote.

Councilor Hart stated his appreciation for the audience turnout. He wanted to ensure that everyone heard what was talked about in the budget meetings, where 14 citizens listening to testimony and comments, who then voted 11-3 to pass the budget as proposed. He wished that Councilor Braden was there, as he raised some good points, and the Mayor had as well. One of the most important things to him was that there was a \$13.2M unfunded budget, unfunded liability for the City of Ontario. There was a debt for the nation, and the City of Ontario had \$13.2M that was owed to all the employees, including the firefighters, including the previous



firefighters, that they had not set aside the money to take care of. The city continued to spend money that they did not have, and to not address that unfunded liability, was disingenuous to the existing employees. Council and staff had been working hard to take some of the marijuana money and allocate it towards paying down that debt. Every time they paid down that debt, it freed up general fund money to be able to pay for firefighters and police officers. If the money was spent on expenses, they did not pay down the debt. That was not good. This year, the Council allocated \$250k to pay down the debt. At that pace, it would take 53 years to pay it down. That was not a smart thing to do. They had to do a better job of paying down that debt, which they had been trying to do with the additional dollars. That was a big reason, for him, to say they had to be careful if they were going to increase in overall expenses. He appreciated all the comments that evening, and everyone had been great in speaking from the heart. But, he wanted it clear that the Council and the city had invested in the fire Department, substantially, over the past few years. The numbers he received from Ms. Ott read that since 2022, the city had spent \$1.1M in new vehicles for the Fire Department; had set aside \$357k in reserves for future equipment needs; they had placed \$100k into redoing the dorms; and, in the last two years, they had added a firefighter each year, which added to the annual budget of \$277k. The city was making slow and steady progress to address the needs that Chief Leighton, when he was here, and Chief Benson have made. So he was trying to take a measured approach, but he wouldn't speak for the others. He was trying to address the issues, but to go all the way from, in one year, to increase the budget and expenses of the City of Ontario by that amount, was concerning to him. He also asked Chief Benson and Mr. Cummings to get him information from the other cities in the community, regarding who else had two in-two out. Payette-no; Fruitland-no; Baker City-no; Nyssa-no; Vale-no; Ontario-no. And he'd argue that those cities didn't have that because they were small, rural, and had a very small tax base. That made it very difficult to afford to do that. He wanted to throw out a few things. One thing mentioned was that he said that if this was a want of the community of Ontario, then raise the money. Make sure they had the money to do that, not with marijuana money, not with money that would be used for debt, not with money that could go away at any time, but there was already a \$5 per month safety fee on the water bill. Vote to increase taxes to take care and add those firefighters. He would vote for that tonight. He'd rather increase the water fee bill, instead of it being \$5, raise it to \$15. How much would that raise?

Ms. Ott stated she believed it would be around \$230k per \$5.

Councilor Hart stated they could raise the money that night, because they could raise that fee. That would not take a vote of the people because it was a fee. If they were being honest, just increase the taxes. If not, then the Council would have to face the voters and say they had to select between more firefighters vs increasing the taxes. That's the fair and honest way to do that. That money's there forever, until someone changes the fees again. They really needed to focus the marijuana dollars on those one time things in case that money went away. Finally, an article he received from The Desert Review, May, which addressed a newly released study, written by the Public Health Institute and the Kaiser Permanente, Morgan, California group, which found that teens living in areas with more cannabis retailers, faced significantly higher rates of mental health issues, including psychotic, anxiety, and depressive disorders. The study, one of the largest of its kind, analyzed data from 96,000 insured adolescents in Northern California, found that youth living in cities or counties that banned cannabis storefronts, were significantly less likely to have a recent diagnosis of psychotic disorder. Conversely, greater retail availability measured by the number of nearby cannabis shops and their proximity to adolescent's homes, was associated with significantly higher rates of diagnosed psychotic, depressive, and anxiety disorders, as well as self-reported depression symptoms. Last he checked, he thought the city had 14 cannabis dispensaries in this community. That was a lot. Even though teens couldn't legally buy cannabis, they are still being exposed to it, through advertising, older peers, social media, and just sheer proximity. That was according to Dr. Lynn Silver, a pediatrician and Director of Getting it Right from the Start program at the Public Health Institute. The study reinforced the importance of where and how cannabis was sold in protecting adolescent mental health, showing significant impacts even on severe conditions like psychosis. This research added to the growing evidence that greater availability of cannabis might be contributing to increased mental health risks among adolescents, according to Dr. Kelly Young. Local policies that restricted cannabis access could play an important role in preventing harm. The findings, built on earlier research, showed that teens in areas with more cannabis retailers, perceived cannabis as easier to access, less harmful, and more likely to use it, including in risky ways. Even without direct access, youth often encountered cannabis through marketing that appealed to them, older peers, or fake IDs. Greater access could normalize use in family and social settings, and might increase access to riskier forms of consumption, like vaping or high product THC. The city was

becoming addicted to the cannabis money. What was it doing to the youth? It wasn't known. Some folks didn't think it was bad. If the city continued down that path to put services, like the firefighters and police, addicted to this money, the city was never going to get rid of that. The Council wanted to take care of the firefighters, and they wanted to address the issue. Be honest. Raise the taxes and pay for it, and put more of the cannabis money towards the debt, which removed that monkey from the city's back.

Councilor Bakefelt asked the other Councilor's thoughts on the \$5 fee increase, or \$10, or \$15.

Ms. Ott stated she had officially run the numbers, and it would be \$300k, not \$230k. That would be with a \$5 increase.

Councilor Hart verified raising the fee \$5 would cover the cost of two additional firefighters.

Councilor Kirby stated he believed it was inappropriate to poll the Council without a motion on the floor. He also had an alternative. He had mentioned earlier that no one had read the 2025 Community Risk Assessment and Standard of Cover report, which spoke to changing the nature of the relationship between the city and the Rural District. That needed to be looked at because that could change the funding formula for how the Fire Department might be funded. He saw what Councilor Hart saw, that everyone saw the marijuana money, and wanted to use that for everything. Using that formula, the city would have been broke long ago. They had responsibility to the department. He saw the face of Paul Hodge, and Terry Leighton, who took care of the Training Facility, and he had great respect for them. He'd known Mark Saito since he started with the Department. He cared about the Department, but he also cared about the city. The Council had to look at the use of funds, and how they appropriated those funds. In the current budget, they'd removed money to fix streets, out of Public Works, but it wouldn't sustain itself year after year. They needed to arrive at a permanent way to do that. Another short term option, and the unions wouldn't like it, but in other communities, they crossed trained law enforcement with fire fighters. Maybe they could do the work outside while the firefighters went inside. Just an option.

Mayor Folden stated she wanted to add that for the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division. The subject was the minimum number of firefighters to respond to a structural fire. OSHA's firefighter standards advisory committee met recently to review the policy of the minimum number of firefighters required to respond to a structural fire. As a result of the recommendations, the policy was outlined in a July 10, 1995, memo is placed on the following: the firefighter standards are performance orientated, giving flexibility to various sizes and types of the fire departments to best reflect the needs of the fire services, while assuring worker safety. With this in mind, the following policy is enacted on the minimum number of firefighters required to respond to a structural fire. One: When firefighters enter a burning structure beyond the incipient state of the fire, the buddy system is to be used. Two: When personnel are engaged in interior structural firefighting and the fire is in the advanced stages, with known IDLH (*Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health*) environment, a minimum of two rescue persons shall be present in a standby mode and stationed outside of the imminent hazard zone. Three: Judgement regarding whether a structure has an IDLH environment is best made by the incident commander, using, as the principal criteria, the current stage of the fire in progress. Four: Personnel in standby rescue mode may engage in other activities provided those activities do not jeopardize their ability to effect timely rescue. She just wanted to remind everyone of those OSHA standards. She really felt that for the safety of the firefighters, it was worth the Council's vote to approve the budget item, by adding three more firefighters instead of just one.

Councilor Bakefelt stated she understood money was tight, but the risk the city was at for unforeseen accidents, they needed to think about that. There was an average of around one structure fire a month, and she had seen a lot of structure fires, more than one a month recently. There had been some calls that were very scary for the firefighters. She did live in Ontario, and she did pay taxes, and she would hate if a firefighter came in to rescue her and there weren't the proper people on the outside. She wouldn't want anyone to get hurt. She compelled the Council to consider the risk they weren't talking about – the unforeseen things. If there was an incident that occurred, the city could be liable for not following recommended policies, regardless of what other communities were doing, or not doing. She very much supported this increase, and hoped the Council would consider it. It was their job as Councilors, if enacted, to determine how to pay for it in the future. It was their responsibility.

Councilor Hart asked if they would entertain a friendly amendment to pass this with a \$5 increase in the Safety Fee. That way they weren't waiting – it would be fully paid for. Add the firefighters and add the \$5.

Mayor Folden stated she would entertain that.

Mark Saito added: *This goes beyond just firefighter safety. The time it takes for us to get in to attack this fire is paramount. It could mean the difference between seven to 10 minutes, sometimes 15, depending on like Paul was talking about traffic. Now, in a structure fire, some of the older buildings don't, the ceilings and the roofs will last a little bit longer, but you have a lot of new construction and the new trusses do not last that long. Under fully involved fire, a roof truss will last seven minutes, so the time it takes us to get there and get in, is paramount to the amount of safety and the damage that we can keep from happening under the current standards. That's all. Thanks.*

Councilor Kirby stated for clarification of Councilor Hart's amendment, on the utility bill, there was a line that read "other", and it was currently \$13, correct?

Mr. Cummings stated that was correct. It was \$5 for Public Safety and \$8 for Streets.

Councilor Hart stated he amended it to read change the \$13 to \$18, with \$10 for Public Safety and \$8 for Streets, on the utility bill, *not* the water bill. That would cover the cost of the two additional firefighters.

FOLDEN moved, BAKEFELT seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ALL REMAINING ELEMENTS OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-117, AS AMENDED, ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS FOR THREE TOTAL AND ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$5 TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY FEE PORTION OF THE UTILITY BILLS, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROPRIATE THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2025-2026, IMPOSE THE TAXES UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY, AND CATEGORIZE THE TAXES IMPOSED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026. No vote.

Councilor Kirby asked about adding this without hearing from the community. This would greatly affect Councilor Mills, as well, as she had multiple properties. This might be the cart ahead of the horse. The concept of three firefighters happened during the budget meetings, and there were community members that were against doing it three at a time, so it was lowered to one. He didn't think raising the utility bill without, it was truly raising taxes on everyone. There was 10k other people who were not there that night, so he wasn't sure this was the correct move.

RESTATED MOTION:

FOLDEN moved, BAKEFELT seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ALL REMAINING ELEMENTS OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-117, AS AMENDED, ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS FOR THREE TOTAL AND ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$5 TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY FEE PORTION OF THE UTILITY BILLS, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROPRIATE THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2025-2026, IMPOSE THE TAXES UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY, AND CATEGORIZE THE TAXES IMPOSED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026. No vote.

Councilor Mills stated she teetered on this fence for this particular action, and felt like she was in a marathon. This was a tough one. Yes, she wanted to give two more firefighters to the Fire Department, although in the budget she voted no. Why? Because in her opinion, if you didn't have the money, you didn't spend it. When they got the money, then spend it. There was nothing like being in debt to make you believe that. However, she also saw a great need for those two additional firefighters, and yes, that would add \$5 more dollars onto the \$13 she was currently paying, per water bill, so \$18 now. How many people had multiple units they were paying for? That extra \$5 was going to not only affect her, but a lot of citizens. But, she was in a community where she liked safety just like everyone else, and hopefully everyone would buy one other properties so she could retire tomorrow, so with that said, she'd probably vote in favor of the extra \$5 fee to pay for the two additional firefighters.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATE**Finance: Monthly Report**

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

Councilor Bakefelt stated there was quite a bit of interest money. Why was that?

Ms. Ott stated it was because the interest rates were high, with LGIP.

Councilor Mills stated the back page where it read the City Council will adopt and appropriate the annual budget in the amount of \$48,981,921, but in another section it read that the Ontario City Council hereby adopts the annual budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the total of \$49,173...why the difference? It was a difference of around \$1,018,252.....

Ms. Ott stated the amount should be the \$48,981,921, which would change a little because of the \$300k additional. She hadn't made the change on the resolution. It was an incorrect number at the top of the actual resolution.

HAND-OUTS**Minutes:**

County Court: May 12, 2025; May 21, 2025; June 4, 2025

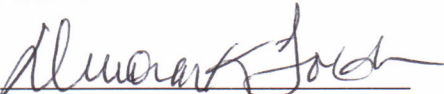
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May, 2025

ADJOURN

BAKEFELT moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-out; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 6/0/1. Meeting concluded at 7:56 p.m.

ACCEPTED:


Deborah K. Folden, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder

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Patricia's YMCA Project

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Name

Address & Phone

Signature

James Dionne	1143 SW 14th Ave Ontario, OR 541-709-6149	<i>[Signature]</i>
Maria Noah	191 LAUREN DR ONTARIO OR 97914	
Patsy C Baderki	520 SW 24th Apt 31 Ontario	<i>Patsy C Baderki</i>
Janet Emgeart	2199 NW 2nd Ave Ontario OR	<i>Janet Emgeart</i>
Sammy Goodfellow	525 NW 3rd Ave. Ontario	<i>Samantha Goodfellow</i>
Johnny Ybanes	448 NW 4th St. Ontario	<i>Johnny Ybanes</i>
Pamela Apolona	Ontario, OR	<i>Pamela Apolona</i>
Ayela Irene Bates	208 N.W. 20th St. Ontario, OR 97914	<i>Ayela Irene Bates</i>
Eugene C Bates	208 N.W. 20th St. ONTARIO, OR	<i>Eugene C Bates</i>
Erin Lavender	2052 NW 2nd Ave. Ontario, OR	<i>Erin Lavender</i>
KERTH LAVENDER	"	<i>K. Lavender</i>
Pat Jacobsen	2084 NW 2nd Ave Ontario	<i>Pat Jacobsen</i>
Bill Jacobsen	" " "	<i>Bill Jacobsen</i>
Linda Gerstner	2075 NW 2nd Ave 208-901-4934	<i>L Gerstner</i>
Nancy Poole	2328 Andrew Ave. 541-899-8490	<i>Nancy Poole</i>

To be picked up before Council Meeting Tues. 6:00 PM. *Janet Emgeart 208-741-1646*

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✓ Palisades YMCA Project —

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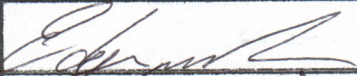
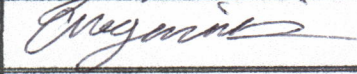
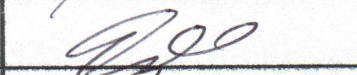
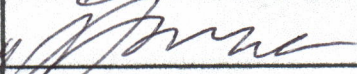
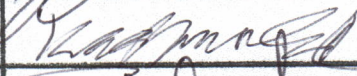
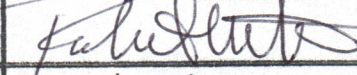
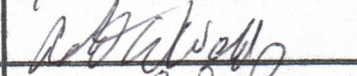
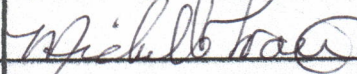
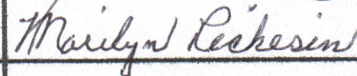
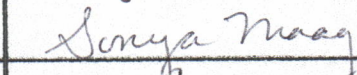
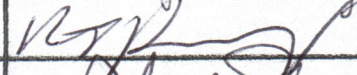
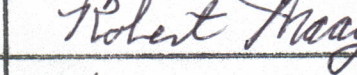
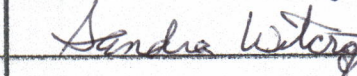
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(Nyssa & Adrian people)

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Kent Hite	541 372 2011		no
Avon Detwiler	208 809 5887		no
RYAN EWELL	805 718 0913		no
Kashmatal	208-989-5978		no
Robert Martin	208-573-5929		no
Robt W. M.	718 671 411-37 3246		no
Michelle Traud	541-216-3597		no
Marilyn Richesin	541-216-3620		no
Sonya Maag	541-709-3508		no
RO HERNANDEZ	541-212-7656		no
Robert Maag	541-212-5418		no
Sandra Witcraft	2851 Fairview Drive Nyssa, OR 97913 541-709-7363		no
Don Witcraft	2851 Fairview Dr. Nyssa, Ore, 97913		no

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John Br	702 White Tail 541-216-1570	John Br
Morgan Turner	2100 HWY 95 Wever 541-212-5564	Morgan Turner
Jane Turner	2390 SW 4th Ave Ontario	Jane Turner
Anna Buto	520 Spruce Falls Ct Fruitland 208-550-1949	Anna Buto
Donna Morrell	490 Ripple Rd Ontario	Donna R. Morrell
Ronald J. Morrell	490 Ripple Rd Ontario 208-550-1948	Ronald J. Morrell
Michael Webb	208-877-3788 1007 Jonathan St Fruitland	Michael Webb
Gina Casario	1007 Pintail Dr. Fruitland	Gina Casario
Debra J. Goss	270 N IOWA AVE Payette, ID 83661	Debra J. Goss
Vanessa Lancaster	1502 Lucille Ave Fruitland, ID 83619	Vanessa Lancaster
Shana Anzaldua	645 SW 14th St Apt 1 Ontario OR 97914	Shana Anzaldua
Colby Anzaldua	645 SW 14th St Apt 1 Ontario OR 97914	Colby Anzaldua
Shane Smith	6647 Whitley Dr. Fruitland, ID.	Shane Smith
Armando Veloz	2002 SW 18th Ave Ont. OR 97914 (541) 212-0619	Armando Veloz
Greesh Rummel	1191 N. Johnson Ave Ont. OR (541) 729-4789	Greesh Rummel
Gretchen D. Couch	1215 7th Ave N Fayette 208-349-0431	Gretchen D. Couch
Marina Gutierrez	413 NW 11th St Ontario	Marina Gutierrez
Pamela Chaney	11575 N. Ruess Rd bellevue #1 Payette	Pamela Chaney
Manuel Asumendi	7340 Adams Rd	Manuel Asumendi

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Jacqueline Rovelos Corrao	1108 NW 22nd Ave	Jacqueline Rovelos Corrao
Lucia Crocco	266 NW 2nd St	Lucia Crocco
Jocelyn Torres P.	80 SW 4th St	Jocelyn Torres P.
Anita Stark	291 NW 4th St Ontario	Anita Stark
Carolyn Klitch	6216 James St NW Phoenix AZ	Carolyn Klitch
Nelli Douglas	910 TRIUMPH ONTARIO	Nelli Douglas
Angelica Alanis	304 SE 16th AV Ontario OR	Angelica Alanis
Eiva Beltran	2488 SE 6th St	Eiva Beltran
Kelly Johnson	686 13th W Vale 9798	Kelly Johnson
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PALISADES CORNER PROJECT

TODAY'S AGENDA

- YMCA Overview
- Objectives
- New YMCA Process & Timeline
- Estimated Costs
- Vision
- Commitments
- Next Steps



THE Y: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH

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CALDWELL Y



TOMLINSON SOUTH MERIDIAN Y



Y CAMP AT HORSETHIEF RESERVOIR



DOWNTOWN Y



WEST BOISE Y



YOUTH SPORTS



EARLY CHILDHOOD



SCHOOL-AGE



THE Y: BY THE NUMBERS

- **\$8,000,000 of annual support**
- **65,000 members**
- **42,000 active youth**
- **4,700 donors**
- **2,500 resident campers**
- **1200 staff**
- **950 Volunteers**
- **100+ programs and services**
- **30 child development centers**
- **4 facilities**
- **1 resident camp**



OBJECTIVE

- DETERMINE THE NEED AND SUPPORT FOR A YMCA FACILITY TO MEET THE CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES
 - Fruitland
 - Payette
 - Ontario
 - New Plymouth
 - Parma
 - Nyssa

PROCESS

YMCA Board Meeting- April

- TVYMCA Board approved proceeding with next steps

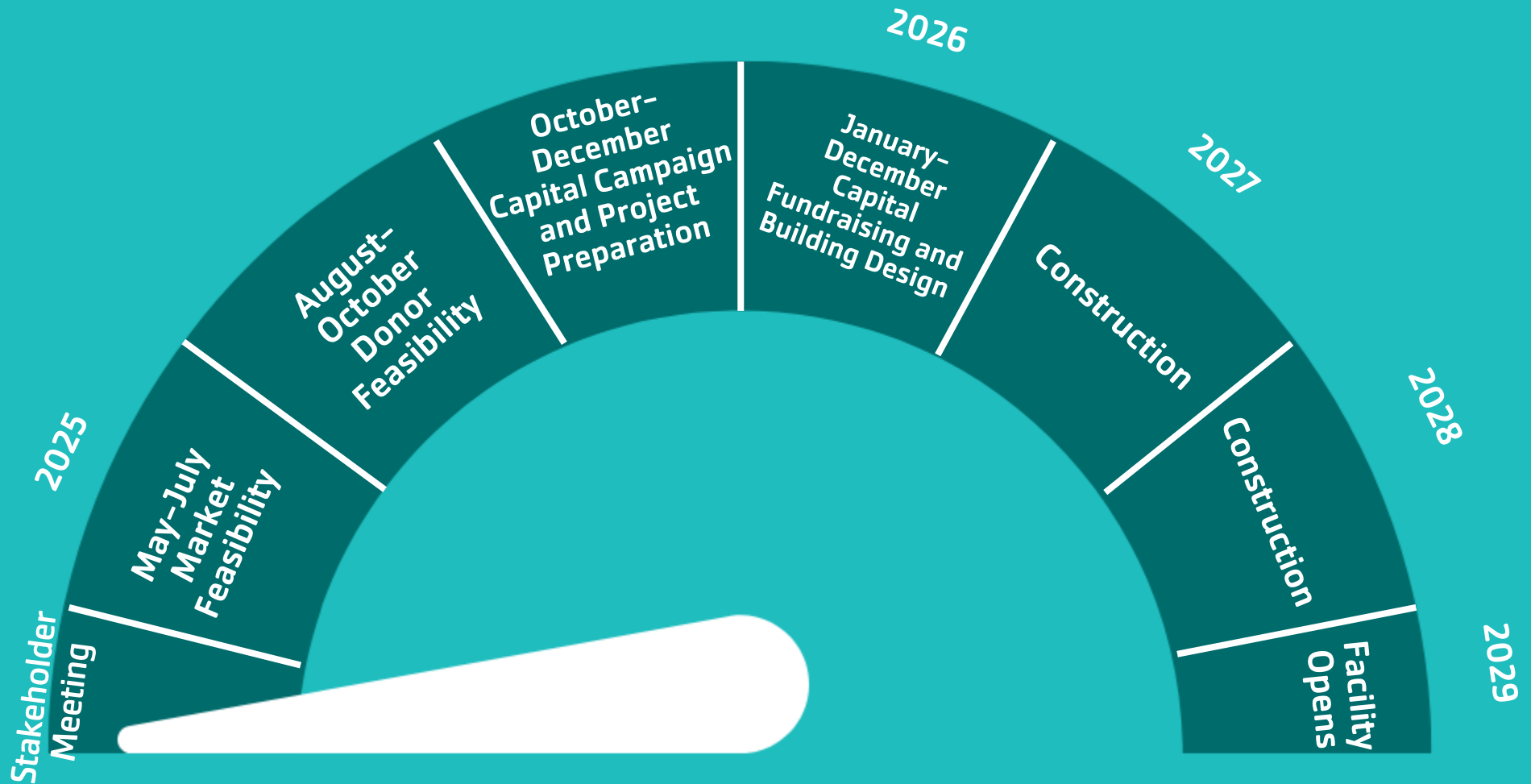
Process Alignment- April

- TVYMCA and Lead Donor determine process and timeline

Stakeholder Meeting- May

- TVYMCA to invite Mayors and select community leaders from each community
- TVYMCA will share vision, process, timeline, and cost
- Stakeholder group will align on next steps

PROJECT PHASES



MARKET FEASIBILITY

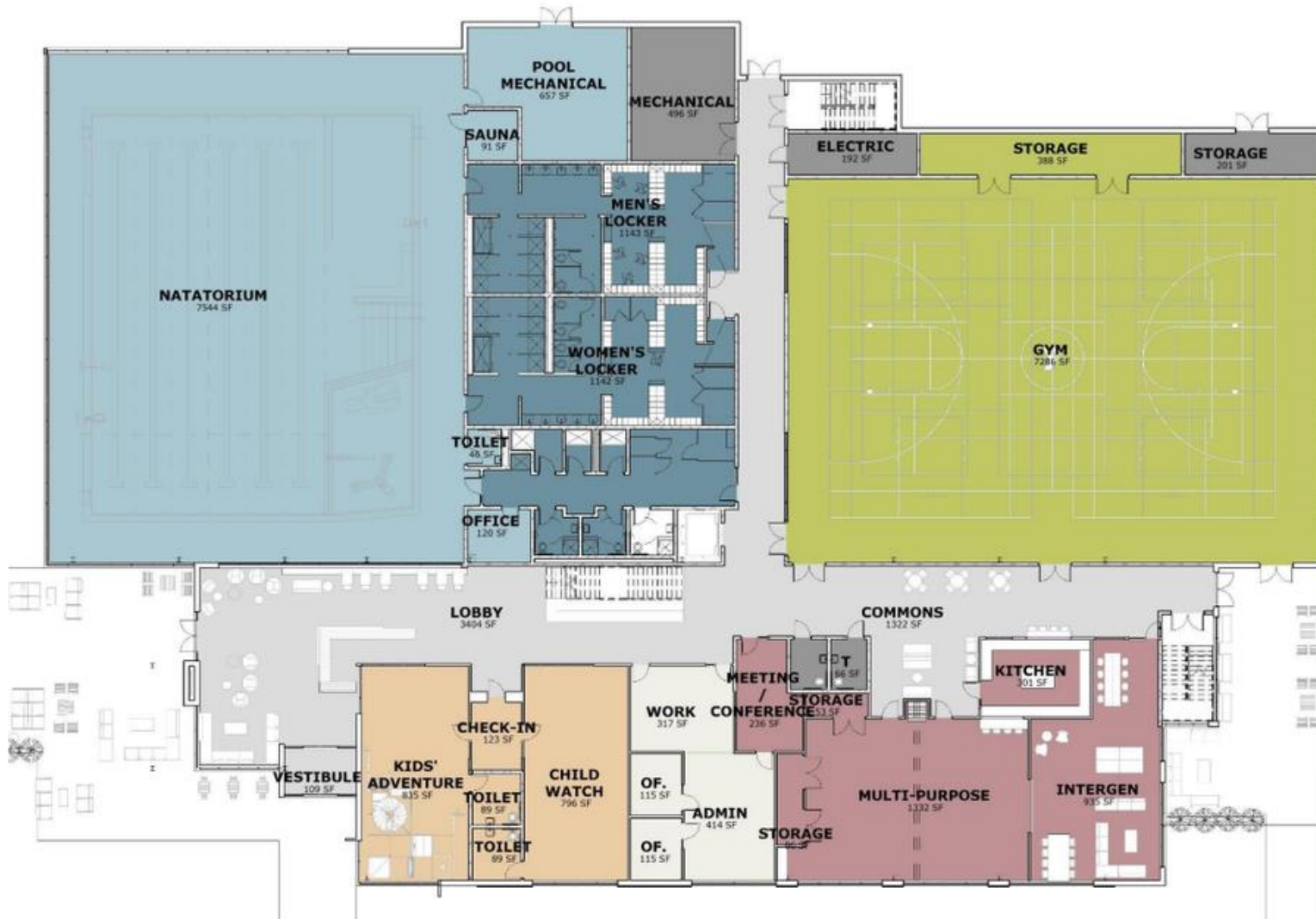
- Community interest interviews consisting of:
 - Focus Groups
 - Surveys
 - 600 1:1 interviews by phone
- To Determine:
 - Pricing models
 - Desired programs and facility features
 - Sustainability

DONOR FEASIBILITY

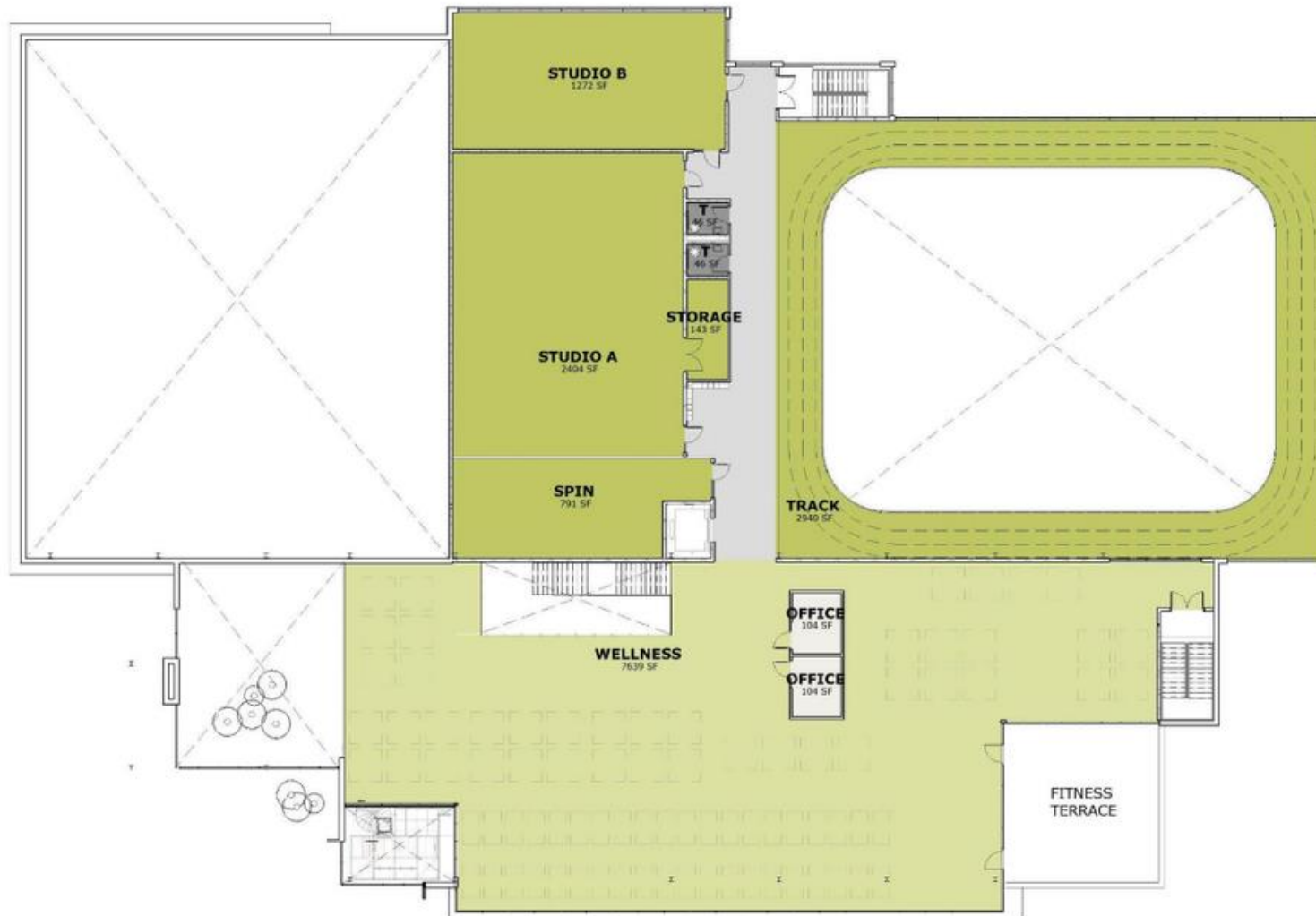
- Community leader and potential donor interviews:
 - 1:1 in-person interviews
 - Select leaders representing each community
 - Individuals and families with capacity to provide lead and major gifts
- To Determine:
 - Ability to raise needed funds for desired facility design
 - Introduce and educate leaders on Y programs and the overall project
 - Desire and ability for business partnerships and individual/corporate long-term support

COST ESTIMATES

TIMEFRAME	PHASE	COST ESTIMATE
May-July 2025	Market Feasibility Study- FOURSQUARE RESEARCH	\$30,000
August-October 2025	Donor Feasibility Study- DBD GROUP	\$45,000
July 2025-December 2026	Pre-Design and Design- GRO	\$125,000
2027-2029	Construction	\$25,000,000

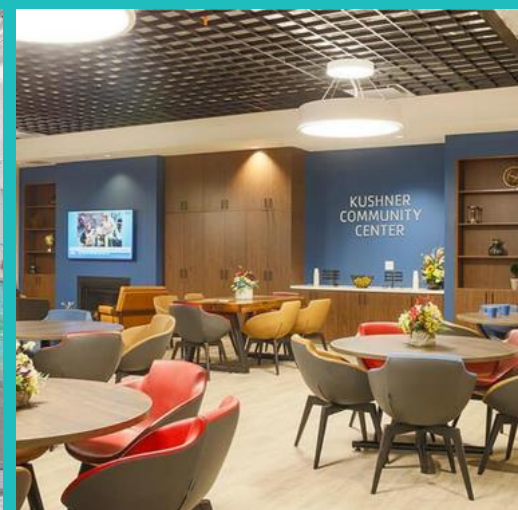
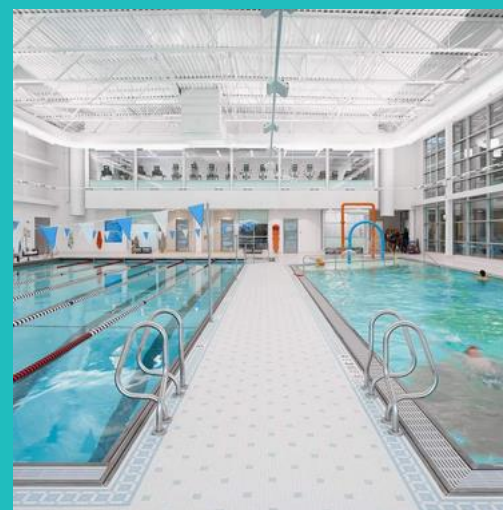
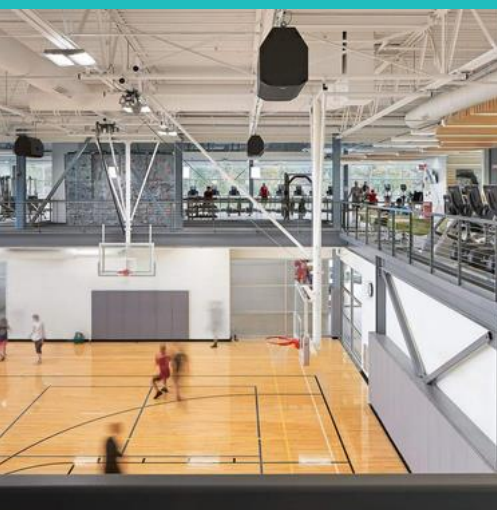


FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN





STAKEHOLDER REQUEST

MARKET FEASIBILITY

\$5000/community

Participation in market interviews and stakeholder planning sessions

- **Represent your community's needs and support the research phase by participating and requesting the participation of others**

DONOR FEASIBILITY

Identify other stakeholders and prospective donors

- **The Y's success is dependent upon a community that displays ownership and provides substantial financial support of the capital campaign**

JOIN US! TODAY...

CONTACT INFORMATION

**Please be sure to leave your
contact information on the sign-
in sheet**

- The Y will use this list to convene future meetings and schedule time with you for the upcoming studies

HELP US KNOW WHO...

**Who should be involved as a leader,
partner, or donor? Please take a few
moments and write down a list of
names and contact information**

- The Y will use this list to ensure that future meetings include appropriate and important representation of each community. Understandings potential leaders and donors early in our project will support our ability to move more quickly through the process

THANK YOU!

**NEXT
STEPS**

**MARKET FEASIBILITY KICK-OFF MEETING
WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

JUNE 30-JULY 1

