



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 28, 2026

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Deborah Folden at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Deborah Folden, Susann Mills, Michael Braden, and John Kirby. Penny Bakefelt, Ken Hart, and Adrianna Contreras were excused.

Staff present were Dan Cummings, Tori Barnett, Corinna Hysell, Clint Benson, Tatiana Burgess, Marshall Pierce, Al Haun, and Jason Cooper.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted Friday, July 24, 2026. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

KIRBY moved, MILLS seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-out; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 4/0/3.

CONSENT AGENDA

KIRBY moved, BRADEN seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH CONSISTED OF ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2026**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-out; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 4/0/3.

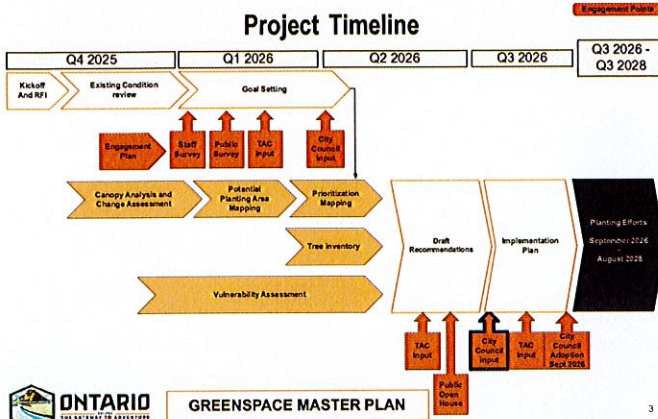
PRESENTATION

Greenspace Master Plan Update: Greenworks, PC

Matt Piccone, Greenworks, Senior Landscape Architect and Project Manager, presented.



Project Timeline



Soil Testing



- PH ranges from 7.6 - 8.7
- Many sites high in sodium
- Results will heavily influence tree selection and site preparation

Worksheet: Soil Test Results

Client: [Name]

Location: [Address]

Test Date: [Date]

Location	Depth	pH	EC	Na	Ca	Mg	K	N	P	K	Na	Ca	Mg	K	N	P
1	0-10 cm	7.8	150	15	10	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
2	10-20 cm	7.9	160	16	11	6	6	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
3	20-30 cm	8.0	170	17	12	7	7	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
4	30-40 cm	8.1	180	18	13	8	8	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
5	40-50 cm	8.2	190	19	14	9	9	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
6	50-60 cm	8.3	200	20	15	10	10	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
7	60-70 cm	8.4	210	21	16	11	11	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
8	70-80 cm	8.5	220	22	17	12	12	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
9	80-90 cm	8.6	230	23	18	13	13	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
10	90-100 cm	8.7	240	24	19	14	14	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19

Interpretation of Results: [Text]

Street Tree Observation



- Mixed examples of new installation and establishment
- Typically, trees observed within larger plantings areas were in better condition
- Tree grates can be GREAT... when maintained long term

Global Village Tabling



- Lots of foot traffic tied to the event
- Great educational opportunity for community members to learn more
- Some shared opinions and lessons about specific tree species
- General understanding and acceptance of removing unhealthy and invasive trees across the parks (i.e. siberian elms)

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ANALYSIS



Analysis and Guidance Documents

Tree Canopy Analysis

Understand the existing city-wide condition, and inform prioritization of planting areas. Inform future tree ordinances and private development code.

Tree Inventory

Identify maintenance issues, tree replacements, species diversity, and inform the prioritization and succession recommendations.

Vulnerability Assessment

Identify trends in regional tree health and potential risks to the current tree population. Inform the selection of species planting in the implementation phase. Inform the update of preferred tree species list to guide future community plantings (both public and private lands).

Core Species (17 species)

- Amelanchier canadensis
- Aspen (Populus tremula)
- Bald Cypress (Taxodium distichum)
- Basswood (Fraxinus americana)
- Birch (Betula papyrifera)
- Boxelder (Acer negundo)
- Bur Oak (Quercus macrocarpa)
- Chokeberry (Viburnum cinnamomifolium)
- Cottonwood (Populus deltoides)
- Crowberry (Vaccinium vitis-idaea)
- Doyle's Hawthorn (Crataegus doylei)
- Eastern White Pine (Pinus strobus)
- European Larch (Larix laricina)
- European Spruce (Picea canadensis)
- European Fir (Abies balsamea)
- European Redwood (Larix laricina)
- European Spruce (Picea canadensis)

Recommended Tree Lists: By Soil Conditions

TREES FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE	HIGH ALKALINE SOIL TOLERANCE (UP TO PH9)	MODERATE ALKALINE SOIL TOLERANCE (UP TO PH8)
HIGH SODIUM TOLERANCE	List #1 # of species: 12 (6 large, 3 medium, 1 small)	List #2 # of species: 6 (5 large, 1 medium)
MODERATE SODIUM TOLERANCE	List #3 # of species: 10 (6 large, 2 medium, 2 small)	List #4 # of species: 4 (3 large, 1 medium)
LOW SODIUM TOLERANCE	List #5 # of species: 7 (5 large, 2 medium)	List #6 # of species: 7 (5 large, 1 medium)
You can also choose from a lower # list. If soil conditions are unclear, choose from list #1		
LOW SODIUM TOLERANCE + LOW ALKALINE SOIL TOLERANCE	List #7 # of species: 12 (6 large, 3 medium, 1 small)	
STREET TREES (Assumes imported soil)	List #8 # of species: 36 (25 large, 9 medium, 2 small)	



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Recommended Trees

Diversity | Seasonal Interest | Hardiness



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RECOMMENDATION APPROACH



Recommendation Overview

- Select drought-tolerant and alkaline soils tolerant species
- Create clusters of shade trees near key park amenities
- Phase out vulnerable species over time, prioritizing higher risk trees in higher populated locations
- Increase planting area sizes for street trees for future development or retrofits
- Address long-term succession of street trees
- Establish post-planting care plan and confirm maintenance responsibility / requirements



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Priority Projects

High: Strong alignment or significant benefit (2)	GOALS														Total Priority Score
	Will additional trees at the site...									Is the site...					
Moderate: Mixed outcomes, conditional viability (1)	Provide shade near sports courts or fields in parks?	Provide shade near play areas in parks?	Provide shade near picnic areas?	Provide benefits in downtown Ontario?	Provide benefits along off street trails?	Provide benefits along sa/e routes?	Provide benefits along ROW streets?	Provide shade within or adjacent to residential areas?	Help with onsite tree succession	Within the 100 year floodplain?	In an area with significant urban heat island temperatures?	In an area with low existing tree canopy?	In a demographic vulnerability area?	Accessible to the public?	
Low: Weak alignment or potential conflict (0)															
Laxon Rotary Park	2	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	19
Lions Park	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	2	18
Beck Kiwanis Park	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	18
Lanierman Kiwanis Park	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	2	17
E	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	—	0	2	1	2	2	16
F	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	—	1	2	2	2	2	15
Moore Park	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	13
M	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	—	0	2	1	2	2	13
Fire Dept. and City Hall	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	12
B	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	—	0	1	1	1	2	12
C	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	—	0	1	1	1	2	12
D	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	—	0	1	1	0	2	12
H	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	—	2	1	1	1	1	12
I	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	2	—	0	1	0	2	2	12
J	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	—	0	1	0	2	2	12
Optimal Park	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	11

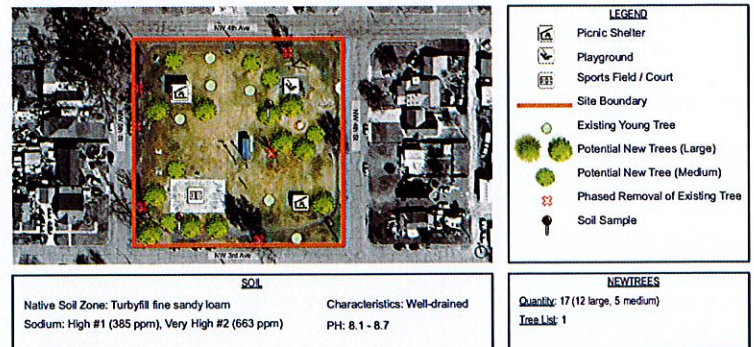


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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



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Soil Analysis and Amendments

Tree Maintenance

Figure 4. Spines of growing male (adult) and anemone bearing juvenile *Acropora* ($n=1$) (Source: J. Herlitz Foundation)

Installation Guidance

Figure 3. Guide to matching

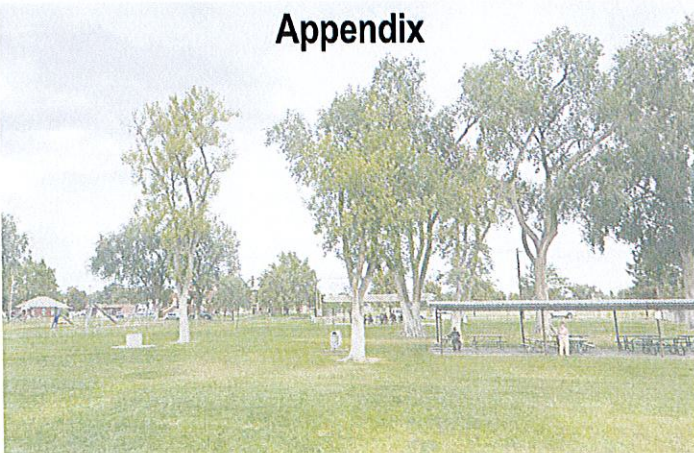


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- Finalize Implementation Plan for all sites
- TAC review of final draft plan in August 20th
- City Council Adoption - September 22nd



Appendix



Summary Scoring Table

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Moore Park	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	13
Lantermian Kiwanis Park	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	2	17
Laxon Rotary Park	2	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	19
Lions Park	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	2	18
Beck Kiwanis Park	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	18
Railroad Depot Park	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	11
Optimist Park	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	11
Sunset Park	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	n/a	0	Outside of city boundaries			0	3
Evergreen Cemetery	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	11
Sunset Cemetery	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	8



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Low: Weak alignment or potential conflict (0)															
Ontario Fire Dept. and City Hall	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	12
Ontario Community Development	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	11
Ontario Wastewater Treatment Plant	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2				0	5
Ontario Water Treatment Plant	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	11
Fire Station 2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	9
Public Safety Training Facility	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	10
Public Works Shop	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	9



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ROW and Downtown Streets Summary Table

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Low: Weak alignment or potential conflict (0)															
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B	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	12
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E	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	tbd	0	2	1	2	2	16
F	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	tbd	1	2	2	2	2	15
G	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	11
H	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	tbd	2	1	1	1	1	12
I	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	2	tbd	0	1	0	2	2	12
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L	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	0	2	10
M	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	tbd	0	2	1	2	2	13
N	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	tbd	0	2	2	2	2	11



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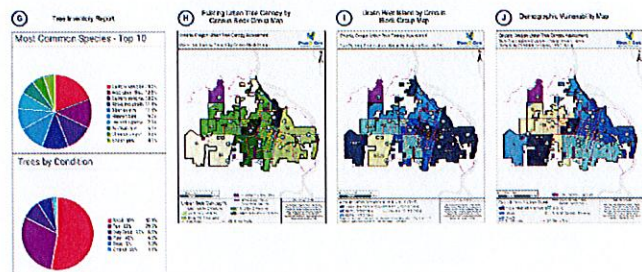
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Councilor Kirby verified that on the priority projects page, those items colored in brown were the priority projects. His question related more toward the new Moore Park, which was completely barren, and it was not on the priority list. He believed it should be.

Mr. Piccone: Yes, asterisked, sorry. I forgot my little asterisk there. We are excluding Moore Park because Moore Park is under a completely separate design process and so we don't want to go in and throw in a bunch of trees based off the existing condition when it's going to be redesigned. And so, we wanted to include it, again for context, to show that it is important for Moore Park to receive more trees, to meet all these goals, and we'll be relying on the design team for that park, to implement that. But they're welcome to use our tree list as part of those recommendations, but yeah, a good question, and sorry, it deserves a little asterisk and that'll be explained in the report.

Councilor Mills stated she read that 20% of the critical trees that needed to be removed, she assumed were the Cottonwood and the Elm? If so, were those located in certain parts of the city, or were they spread out citywide?

Mr. Piccone: *So, based off of, I don't know if you can see this graphic, but a lot of those were in Lion's Park, but also as part of this project and this deliverable, will be the full inventory and it's mapped in a GIS online database for the city to be able to reference at any point in the future into the state database that you can go and see all the trees that were inventoried and their distribution across the city, and you can filter by species, by health, by other things, so you can kind of see and turn stuff on and see the exact distribution of where things are. And we kind of are including that again in our key to implementation plans. We'll have those red X's over those species, and especially ones that are of lesser health. Did that answer your question?*

Councilor Mills stated yes, thank you. On the Laxson Rotary Park, it showed that the existing trees were being eliminated. Was that done in one procedure, or was that over time after planting the new trees?

Mr. Piccone: *Over time. Like I said, especially the ones that have a lot of the Cottonwoods and Elms, we don't want the community to have kind of like a shock of the idea of like a lot of trees being cut down at once, and so we would, again the full, if you're really, really into a great read at night, a bedtime read, you can read the full inventory report. There's a lot of detail in there. All the trees are categorized by priority based off of their health, and so we're recommending the top priority trees get removed within the first year or two, and then they're kind of ranked based off of their health and the risk of them failing into the future. And so, all those details can kind of be worked out through the implementation and then utilizing that database which flags those priorities for each park.*

Mayor Folden thanked Mr. Piccone for his presentation. It was thorough and she appreciated all his work.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License Application: Tacos Mi Ranchito, LLC

Tatiana Burgess, Community Development Director, presented.

Damian Figueroa, the sole member of Tacos Mi Ranchito, LLC, located at 252 South Oregon Street, Ontario, Oregon, completed the "New Full On-Premises Sales, Commercial" liquor license application, for retail on-premises sales and consumption (indoor only). Tacos Mi Ranchito, LLC currently held an active liquor license for the same location, with Romualdo E. Figueroa listed as a licensee. Mr. Damian Figueroa was requesting a new approval to have the licensee associated with the new liquor license consistent with the current business registration information.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission updated the licensing procedure. Applications now came to the local government for endorsement before completing the application process through the State of Oregon Liquor Control Commission office in Salem. All necessary paperwork had been submitted to the City of Ontario. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission office was awaiting a recommendation from the Ontario City Council.

The former owner, Romualdo E. Figueroa, was the current licensee associated with the approved liquor license, which was valid through 09/30/2026. The applicant, Damian Figueroa had completed the "New Full On-Premises Sales, Commercial" liquor license application through the Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission.

The application forms were filled out appropriately and the required fees would be received after Council action. All permit and license requirements could be met through the City of Ontario Planning, Building, and Fire Departments.

Tacos Mi Ranchito, LLC intended to obtain their own Full On-Premises, Commercial license for retail sales and on-premises indoor liquor consumption. If granted, the liquor license would require an annual renewal of \$100 payable to the city.



This action had no true effect on the process, as the Oregon Liquor Control Commission might take the city's objections to the action into consideration, but was not obligated to do so. They were the ultimate authority on issuing the license.

KIRBY moved, BRADEN seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECOMMEND THE NEW FULL ON-PREMISES, COMMERCIAL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR TACOS MI RANCHITO, LLC, BE GRANTED.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-out; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 4/0/3.

Declare Tank and Pump from Fire Brush Engine 102 as Surplus

Clint Benson, Fire Chief, presented.

Staff would like to surplus the old tank and pump unit out of Brush Engine 102 and sell the unit via sealed bids. Brush Engine 102, a 2015 Dodge Ram 3500, was a type 6 brush engine used primarily for vegetation fires. In 2024, the water tank and pump were identified as needing replacement due to the age of the pump and condition of the polyethylene water tank. The old pump and tank were purchased prior to 2010. In the fiscal year 25/26 budget, a new tank and pump were budgeted for and acquired. The new tank and pump were recently installed and were now in service.

The old tank and pump were currently being stored at the training center. Two local rural fire protection associations (RFPAs) and a local resident had expressed interest in the equipment.

This action was consistent with the city's goal of financial stability. Selling the old tank and pump would provide a small return on the city's initial investment. While the tank and pump were at their end of life for regular use, RFPAs had stated they would be able to use the equipment on rangeland fires. Interested RFPAs had stated that they could use the equipment immediately.

The city could keep the unit as a backup for Brush Engine 102; however, each time staff had moved the unit, more wear was apparent. Staff believed the unit had reached its end-of-life cycle for regular use.

Councilor Kirby stated in previous actions like this, there had been equipment that was needed by another entity, and an agreement was worked out with them. How was it determined when doing this type of action which route to take for disposing of property? He thought there were probably several jurisdictions that would love a pumper truck right now.

Chief Benson stated he was approached by Burnt River RFPA, Rural Fire Protection Association, and then the news got out fast. He was then contacted by Vale RFP, who found out the city was replacing that, so they wanted it. He was also contacted by some private individuals, who expressed interest. So, did they go with the first one who asked about it? In his opinion, it would go to the one needed it the most, which was probably Burnt River, and that's what he would prefer to do, but where he had multiple people ask for it...

Councilor Kirby verified it was based on demand.

Chief Benson stated yes. But he was open for suggestions.

Mr. Cummings stated similar to the bucket truck the city had donated to the City of Nyssa awhile back, they were the only entity who showed interest in the truck, so that was why staff recommended donating it to the city's neighbor; however, when there were several entities expressing interest, it should be put out to bid. The law allowed giving it to another city, but not private entities.

MILLS moved, KIRBY seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE SURPLUS OF THE OLD TANK AND PUMP FROM BRUSH ENGINE 102 AND ALLOW STAFF TO SELL THE EQUIPMENT VIA SEALED BIDS.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-out; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 4/0/3.

Resolution #2026-119: Approve Bond Refunding B04003

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

Pursuant to ORS 285B.410 through ORS 285B.482 (the "Act"), the City obtained a loan in the principal amount of \$4,482,580.00 (the "Loan") from the State of Oregon, acting by and through its Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority of the Business Development Department ("Department"), through the Special Public Works Fund for the financing of a "development project" within the meaning of the Act by entering into a Loan Agreement, Project Number B04003, with the Department dated effective April 11, 2007 (the "Loan Agreement") and executing a Promissory Note dated April 11, 2007, (the "Note") representing the amounts due under the Loan.

On March 8, 2018, the City Council authorized the participation in a refunding of Bond B04003 under Resolution #2018-113. On April 10, 2018, with the approval of the Council under Resolution #2018-113, then City Manager Adam Brown signed an undated contract and revised promissory note in the amount of \$2,772,333 and a maturity date of December 1, 2031. On April 14, 2026, the City received a letter addressed to Adam Brown from the State of Oregon through Business Oregon for the possibility of refunding Bond B04003. On June 5, 2026, Ontario City Manager, Dan Cummings, as Chief Financial Officer, after consulting with Ontario Finance Director Kari Ott, approved consent to participate in a bond bank refund through Business Oregon Bond Bank as long as a minimum Net Present Value (NPV) savings of 3 percent was offered. On July 1, 2026, the City received a letter addressed to Dan Cummings, current City Manager, thanking him for his consent to participate and further instruction on participating in the refunding process. To continue with the refunding of bond series B04003, the city was required to pass a refunding resolution.

The city was estimated to save an approximate net present value of \$40,000 to \$66,000 by refunding bond B04003 with a possible net present value of both the B04003 and G06004 of \$89,000 to \$184,000. Passage of the proposed resolution was critical as the documents had to be submitted back to the State of Oregon by July 29, 2026.

KIRBY moved, BRADEN seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2026-119: A RESOLUTION FOR THE REFUNDING OF BOND B04003.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-out; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 4/0/3.

Resolution #2026-120: Approve Bond Refunding G06004

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

Pursuant to ORS 285B.410 through ORS 285B.482 (the "Act"), the City obtained a loan in the principal amount of \$3,976,600 (the "Loan") from the State of Oregon, acting by and through its Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority of the Business Development Department ("Department"), through the Special Public Works Fund for the financing of a "development project" within the meaning of the Act by entering into a Loan Agreement, Project Number G06004, with the Department dated effective May 27, 2009 (the "Loan Agreement") and executing a Promissory Note dated May 27, 2009, (the "Note") representing the amounts due under the Loan. On March 8, 2018, the City Council authorized the participation in a refunding of Bond G06004 under Resolution #2018-114.

On April 10, 2018, with the approval of the Council under Resolution #2018-114, then City Manager Adam Brown signed an undated contract and revised promissory note in the amount of \$2,717,515 and a maturity date of December 1, 2033. On June 5, 2026, Ontario City Manager Dan Cummings, as Chief Financial Officer, after consulting with Ontario Finance Director Kari Ott, approved consent to participate in a bond bank refund through Business Oregon Bond Bank as long as a minimum Net Present Value (NPV) savings of 3 percent was offered. On July 1, 2026, the City received a letter addressed to Dan Cummings, current City Manager, thanking him for his consent to participate and further instruction on participating in the refunding process. To continue with the refunding of bond series G06004, the city was required to pass a refunding resolution.

The city was estimated to save an approximate net present value of \$49,000 to \$118,000 by refunding bond G06004 with a possible net present value of both the B04003 and G06004 of \$89,000 to \$184,000. Passage of the proposed resolution was critical as the documents had to be submitted back to the State of Oregon by July 29, 2026.

Councilor Braden stated he did not see any change in the maturity date, so it kept the same term, correct?



Mr. Cummings stated that was correct.

BRADEN moved, MILLS seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2026-120: A RESOLUTION FOR THE REFUNDING OF BOND G06004.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-out; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 4/0/3.

Councilor Mills verified that once these bonds were done, the money that was saved came back into the General Fund, or somewhere else?

Mr. Cummings stated there would be no return, they would just not have any more payments.

Task Order #217032 Award: Keller Associates re WTP Chemical Storage Facility
Marshall Pierce, City Engineer (Jacobs), presented.

The city was in a position to award the design and construction services of its new chemical storage facility located at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The city performed a qualification-based selection process for this project, and received two qualification statements/proposals: Keller Associates and RH2 Engineering. The selection committee chose Keller Associates for this project.

The city's water treatment process relied on several chemicals in order to properly treat the drinking water prior to distribution. Historically, the chemicals had been stored in an empty bay at the new treatment plant. However, now that that empty bay housed a new clarifier, there was a real need to have a dedicated facility to safely and adequately store the treatment chemicals. Staff was in a position to award the project design and construction services to Keller Associates.

The city had budgeted \$1,000,000 for this project (total, including engineering and construction), split evenly between the UCF and water fund. As the city was in desperate need of space to store chemicals, time was of the essence.

Councilor Braden stated in understanding the budget parameters of this, it was a \$1,000,000 budget, but \$250,000 was going out for engineering design, leaving \$750,000 for construction?

Mr. Pierce stated that was correct.

MILLS moved, BRADEN seconded, **THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE KELLER ASSOCIATES TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES AND SERVICES DURING BIDDING (SDB) AND SERVICES DURING CONSTRUCTION (SDC) FOR THE CITY'S NEW CHEMICAL STORAGE FACILITY LOCATED AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-out; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 4/0/3.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Finance Department: Monthly Update

Kari Ott, Finance Director, was unable to attend due to fires and road closures. Document accepted.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Request to Cancel Council Meeting of August 11, 2026: National Night Out

Council consensus to cancel the August 11, 2026, Council meeting to allow everyone to work and/or attend the annual National Night Out event. Staff would get notice posted. It would be held on the TVCC campus from 5:00-8:00 and everything was free. Everyone was invited to attend, and it was open to the public.



HAND-OUTSMinutes

County Court 07/01/2026, 07/08/2026

Councilor Kirby stated in referencing the Malheur County Court minutes, they were dealing with the Ambulance Service District, which ultimately affected the tax rates for the property owners of the county. But, other than ambulance services, the city didn't receive any direct benefit from that fund, correct?

Chief Benson stated every year, the department put in for reimbursement for fuel for the engine that ran on medical calls and any medical equipment purchased. It was not always funded, but on average the department received approximately \$8,000 annually from those funds.

Councilor Kirby stated because there was a capped millage state wise, was that then added on to the millage?

Mr. Cummings stated no because that was a special district. It was added to the taxes at the county level, but not at the city level. The city did not receive any direct funding from that district.

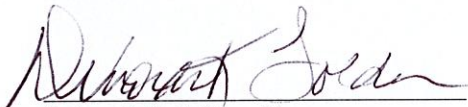
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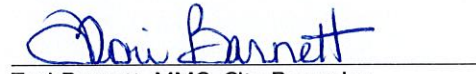
ADJOURN

MILLS moved, BRADEN seconded, **THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-out; Contreras-out; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-out; Folden-yes. Motion carried 4/0/3. Meeting concluded at 6:57pm.

ACCEPTED:


Deborah K. Folden, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder