



CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89519077174>

La Pine City Hall: 16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Earls called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Council

Mayor Earls

Council President VanDamme

Councilor Shields

Councilor Morse

Councilor Curtis

Staff

Geoff Wullschlager – City Manager

Amanda Metcalf – City Recorder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Wullschlager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no added agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Republic Services

City Manager Wullschlager presented the associated staff report and Resolution 2026-01. He explained that Republic Services would present its proposal for a 2.5% rate increase for waste management services. He reviewed Exhibits A through E, including Republic's transmittal memorandum, a summary of operations and services, the 2025 year-end report and 2026 pro forma, Republic's operational financial statement, additional financial statements produced by City administration, and a chart prepared by City administration depicting performance over the measurement period. In conclusion, he stated that the proposed 2.5% rate increase was proportionate to CPI figures for the western region for the ensuing 2026/2027 fiscal year, and City administration recommended approval of the proposed rate increase.

John Heylin, Municipal Sales Manager, Erica Haitzma, General Manager, and Dan Strandy, Finance Manager, from Republic Services were present to discuss the proposed rate increase. Ms. Haitzma explained the 2025 financial results to the Council, discussed regional waste management costs, and stated that Mr. Strandy would review the 2026 projections.

Mr. Strandy reviewed the 2026 projections, including disposal costs and anticipated fuel price increases. He explained that the projections were based on 2024–2025 data and discussed inflationary factors, noting that fuel prices were expected to return to prior-year levels. He stated that the 2.5% rate increase was proportionate to increases in disposal costs, and that Republic Services would absorb other expenses while passing disposal fee increases on to customers.

City Manager Wullschlager discussed discrepancies within the projection tables and noted that the difference between the 2026 and 2027 projections reflected a smaller margin than anticipated for Republic Services. After reviewing the spreadsheets, he stated that the 2.5% rate increase was a justifiable request.

Councilor Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01, a Resolution Adjusting and Fixing Solid Waste Rates to be charged by franchise in the City of La Pine. *Council President VanDamme seconded the motion.* Mayor Earls asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Morse – Aye

Council President VanDamme – Aye

Councilor Curtis – Aye

Councilor Shields abstained due to his daughter being an employee of Republic Services.

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Recorder Metcalf did not have any comments.

City Manager Wullschlager mentioned that Mayor Earls, Councilor Curtis, and he would be attending the Spring League of Oregon Cities conference in Pendleton, Oregon.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Morse did not have any comments.

Council President VanDamme thanked everyone who attended the meeting and thanked Republic Services for presenting to the Council.

Councilor Shields did not have any comments.

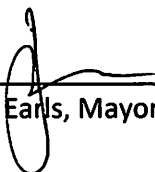
Councilor Curtis did not have any comments.

Mayor Earls stated that she would not be available during the week of the 27th as she will be out of town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: per ORS 192.660 if necessary

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Earls adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.



Jeannine Earls, Mayor

Date: 5-13-2024

ATTEST:



Amanda Metcalf, City Recorder

Date: 5-13-2024