

**REVISED**  
**LA PINE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA**  
Work Session  
Wednesday, August 22, 2012  
6:00 pm  
16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

- A. Work Session – 6:00 pm
  - 1. Call to Order
  - 2. Roll Call
  - 3. Pledge of Allegiance
  - 4. Status Update on Wickiup Junction/97 Overpass Development: the City is still in negotiation with ODOT concerning this transportation improvement project.
  - 5. Street Light Placement: the Public Works Committee has identified 19 possible street light placement locations and Midstate Electric has identified preliminary costs to install lights at these various locations.
  - 6. Request from League of Oregon Cities for Donation: the League is requesting an unspecified amount to support their programs.
  - 7. Ashton Eaton – Discussion about means of honoring this outstanding athlete.
  - 8. Discussion concerning the need for a part time person to assist the City Manager with any number of items and issues
  - 9. Huntington Meadow Neighborhood Cleanup Scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> – Status of this effort.
  - 10. Discussion about increasing the City Employee’s Health Insurance Contribution
  - 11. Discussion about the City’s cell tower lease – we have been asked by a business group whether we might be interested in selling them the City’s Cell Tower Contract – whereby the City would receive a lump sum in the range of 9-1/2 years payment rather than annual payments over an approximate 30 year period.
  - 12. Public Transit – Does the Council wish to have a public meeting on transit related matters and if so – in the capacity of host or cohost? If the Council is amenable to such a meeting should it be part of the Council meeting or a Special meeting?

13. Request from La Pine High School for \$300 to accommodate their football program.
14. Status update on the Deschutes Lodge Number 2 proposed alternate sanitary waste disposal method.
15. Request from the La Pine Park and Recreation District for funding assistance to provide for the care and maintenance of the Finley Butte Ball Fields.
16. Other Matters/Announcements:
  - Meeting at the La Pine City Hall on Economic Development – Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.
  - Meeting at the La Pine City Hall on Emergency Preparedness – Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am.
17. Adjourn

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meetings. This notice does not limit the ability of the City Council to consider or discuss additional subjects. These meetings are subject to cancellation without notice. These meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Patti Morgan at (541) 536-1432. For deaf, hearing impaired or speech disabled, dial 536-1432 ext 116 for TTY.

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**A. Work Session – 6:00 pm**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mulenex.

2. Roll Call

City Manager Steve Hasson  
Mayor Ken Mulenex  
Councilor Stu Martinez  
Councilor Dan Varcoe  
Councilor Don Greiner  
Councilor Kathy Agan  
City Recorder/Finance Officer Lori Martin  
Admin Ass't Patricia Morgan  
Scott Perkins, Public Works Manager  
Utility Specialist Ashley Williams

Quorum established.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Karen Demaris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Karen Demaris, area resident, asked about getting an agreement between the Park and Rec District and the City Water & Sewer. She said the agreement would be to get the City to pump the new sewage holding tanks at Rosland Campground. Mayor Mulenex suggested that Ms. Demaris contact the Public Works Committee and present this request to them. Ms. Demaris also said it important to remember all the work that has gone into getting the BLM land transfer completed.

Linda Stephenson, area resident, stated that it has been communicated to her that Ashton Eaton has a project he would like to get done. She said a few years ago he had gone to the Parks and Rec District about improving the ball fields at Finley Butte Park. Ms. Stephenson said there is a water problem at the Park. She said that Mr. Eaton's concern was if he contributed to it or put his name to it who would maintain the fields. Ms. Stephenson said that Mr. Eaton has asked her to determine what would be involved in fixing the fields. She said everything goes through Mr. Eaton's manager at this point in time. Ms. Stephenson also said they were considering an Ashton Eaton Day Camp for

Children, with some of the coaches that had coached Ashton Eaton, participating. She said this would all have to be approved by the Park and Rec District before moving forward with any of it.

4. Status Update on Wickiup Junction/97 Overpass Development: the City is still in negotiation with ODOT concerning this transportation improvement project.

City Manager Hasson stated that the City and ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) are trying to craft together an agreement. He said once the agreement is completed it will be put before the Council. City Manager Hasson said that a transportation system plan is also needed about how the Cagle and Wickiup neighborhoods will be affected by the overpass.

5. Street Light Placement: the Public Works Committee has identified 19 possible street light placement locations and Midstate Electric has identified preliminary costs to install lights at these various locations.

City Manager Hasson stated that at the next Public Works meeting they will probably identify locations for this year's light placement. He also said that Tom Weller, Chair of the Public Works Committee, will craft some kind of cost estimate for each of the locations for the lights. City Manager Hasson said that the City probably needs to have a street light plan. He suggested each year doing a street light to demonstrate over time that the City is making progress. City Manager Hasson said that ODOT will probably put in some lights at the 1<sup>st</sup> and Hwy 97 intersection for safety reasons.

6. Request from League of Oregon Cities for Donation: the League is requesting an unspecified amount to support their programs.

Mayor Mulenex discussed the scholarship program that the City has taken advantage of through the League of Oregon Cities. This item will be put on the next meeting agenda for a formal vote.

7. Ashton Eaton -- Discussion about means of honoring this outstanding athlete.

City Manager Hasson discussed changing the name of Hwy 97 through La Pine to the Ashton Eaton Street. He said this would also help continuity in the community between north and south ends of the City. City Manager Hasson said talking with ODOT he was told that the City could rename the street. He said one suggestion was to rename Hwy 97 through La Pine after Ashton Eaton.

Councilor Greiner stated that he felt that it was something the whole community needed to decide, but he thinks it is a great idea. Councilor Martinez said that if the City goes ahead and assigns it a name the community will fall behind it. He said it needs to be done in a timely fashion. Councilors Agan and Varcoe also agreed it would be a good idea. Mayor Mulenex suggested advertising the

decision to rename the street. It was decided to publish it in two editions of The Eagle. It was also discussed that businesses fronting Highway 97 would not need to change their addresses.

#### Public Comment

Linda Stephenson stated that a proposal to use Ashton Eaton's name needs to go through his management. She said that Mr. Eaton was all for it, however. Ms. Stephenson said it would also need to be run by Ashton Eaton's attorney. Council had consensus to move forward with this action. City Manager Hasson said he will be in contact with ODOT and also put something in the newspaper.

#### 8. Discussion concerning the need for a part time person to assist the City Manager with any number of items and issues

City Manager Hasson stated that he presented e-mails to the Council of his communication with Rick Allen. He said Mr. Allen stated he could work for \$50 an hour out of his office in Madras. If he had to travel to La Pine he would need to be reimbursed for motel and gas. City Manager Hasson said that they need Rick from time to time for special matters. He said for someone to assist him on a day to day basis at Rick's required pay rate it would be too much money to spend. City Manager Hasson said he would like to invest in people here, locally. He suggested doing a two month contract for Rick Allen with some narrowed focus on what he would be working on. Then, get a professional services agreement with someone locally to help him out long term. City Manager Hasson passed out to the Council his current work list.

Mayor Mullenex stated he favored a two month extension for Rick Allen's contract at the \$50 an hour rate and also pay for his gas and motel. He said he would like to then discuss hiring some additional assistance for the City Manager. Mayor Mullenex stated he would also like to get the budget figures in every packet for the month like they use to get.

Council had consensus to extend Rick Allen's contract with a narrow focus on specific projects. The Council also had consensus about getting some type of additional assistance for the City Manager. City Manager Hasson said he is thinking of a part time person with a modest salary. Councilor Martinez stated that there are college interns that might work for this type of position. City Manager Hasson said that half of his time is with contract negotiations and development. It was decided to put Rick Allen's contract to a formal vote at the next City Council meeting.

#### 9. Huntington Meadow Neighborhood Cleanup Scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> – Status of this effort.

City Manager Hasson stated that this was a partnership between the City and the Huntington Meadows Neighborhood for a clean-up day. He said the underlying effort is to let people know about the City and what services it will provide as time goes by. City Manager Hasson also said it would be an opportunity to gain perspective of what types of issues are going over there.

Mayor Mulenex said that people have come to the Council with a variety of issues in Huntington Meadows. He said he hopes to see all the Councilors over there. Councilor Martinez stated that Wilderness Garbage will supply two dumpsters for the clean-up efforts. The City will pay for the dumpster's cost.

10. Discussion about increasing the City Employee's Health Insurance Contribution

City Manager Hasson stated that the Sewer and Water District's employees had a very good medical plan. He said the one the City has is probably not quite as good. City Recorder Martin said that increasing the allotment for medical coverage to \$1,000 would help to insure family members like a spouse or a child. It was decided to look at some other insurance plans and bring that back to the Council.

11. Discussion about the City's cell tower lease – we have been asked by a business group whether we might be interested in selling them the City's Cell Tower Contract – whereby the City would receive a lump sum in the range of 9-1/2 years payment rather than annual payments over an approximate 30 year period.

Mayor Mulenex stated this is a perfect opportunity to put this item on the back burner and pick it up at another point in time. Councilor Martinez said he favored keeping the lease. City Manager Hasson said he saw value in both alternatives. Councilor Greiner stated he did not want to see the City tied down to a long term contract. City Manager Hasson said if the City were to need a large amount of money for something not budgeted for, this buy-out option would be available.

Council had consensus to keep the thirty year agreement for now but look at it at a later date in time.

12. Public Transit – Does the Council wish to have a public meeting on transit related matters and if so – in the capacity of host or cohost? If the Council is amenable to such a meeting should it be part of the Council meeting or a Special meeting?

Councilor Greiner stated he thinks there needs to be a public meeting regarding public transit. He said it would be an opportunity to give the City and County their views on public transportation.

Public Comment

Joan Hasson, Interim Director of Parks and Rec, stated that she agreed with Councilor Greiner that the subject is very important to the people in the community and there is a need for their input. Mayor Mulenex suggested a public forum that would include representatives from Deschutes County. The Council had consensus to work on getting a public forum held in the near future.

13. Request from La Pine High School for \$300 to accommodate their football program.

Council had consensus to be part of the High School program and to bring this item back to the next Regular Council Meeting.

14. Status update on the Deschutes Lodge Number 2 proposed alternate sanitary waste disposal method.

Councilor Martinez stated that the City Manager was going to look into this and bring back information but unfortunately the personnel for Deschutes Lodge did not want the City Manager at the table. Mayor Mulenex said that it is important that the City Manager be involved with the sewer and water piece. He also said there is no doubt that Deschutes Lodge will be hooking up to sewer and water.

15. Request from the La Pine Park and Recreation District for funding assistance to provide for the care and maintenance of the Finley Butte Ball Fields.

Interim Director Joan Johnson discussed the need for assistance from the City to improve and maintain the fields at Finley Park. City Manager Hasson said that staff supports the funding assistance. Ms. Johnson stated that Sunriver Resort has offered help for the fields and in designing an irrigation system. Mayor Mulenex stated that his only concern is that we develop this partnership and the only downside to it is that we don't have rules of exception. He said it needs to be a very clear partnership where the City is getting like value out of it.

16. Other Matters/Announcements:

City Manager Hasson discussed the two meetings that will be held at City Hall.

- Meeting at the La Pine City Hall on Economic Development – Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.
- Meeting at the La Pine City Hall on Emergency Preparedness – Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am.

Lori Martin, City Recorder/Finance Officer, mentioned that she will be in Utah next week for the Casselle training with the new accounting software the City has purchased.

Public Comment

Linda Stephenson said they may not get a big dollar value from Ashton Eaton for the fields but because he is onboard it may encourage others to donate monies.

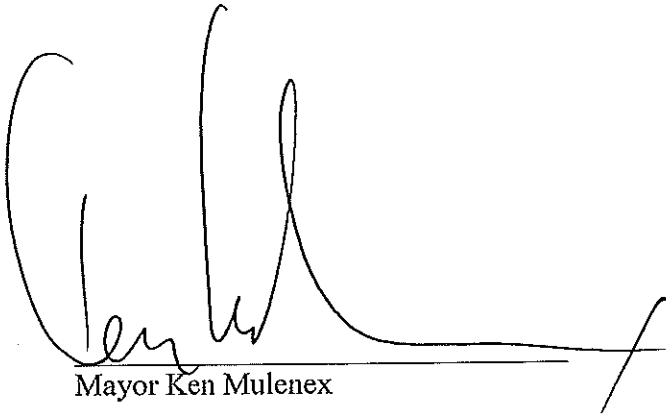
17. Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilor Martinez and seconded by Councilor Varcoe to adjourn the meeting.

<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Councilor Dan Varcoe</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor Don Greiner</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor Stu Martinez</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor Kathy Agan</i>	<i>X</i>	

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Mullenex adjourned the meeting.



Mayor Ken Mullenex

Attest

  
Lori Martin, City Recorder/Finance Officer