

**REVISED**  
**LA PINE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA**  
**Work Session And Joint Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2012**  
**6:00 pm**  
**16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739**

**Work Session**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Added Agenda Items  
Any matters added to the Agenda at this time will be discussed during the "Other Matters" portion of this Agenda or such other time selected by the City Council.
5. Overview of South County Community Plan  
- Deschutes County Planning Staff
6. Water and Sewer Districts Joint Discussion
7. Interview of Candidates for the Public Works Committee  
- Arlo Fertig  
- Linda Johnston  
- Edward Carpenter  
- Kathy Agan  
- Roy Hester
8. Other Matters
9. Public Comments
10. 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.

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**Work Session**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mulenex called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

The following people introduced themselves: County Commissioner Tony Debone (Who also opened the meeting for the Board of County Commissioners), David Harms Water District, Dan Varcoe City Council, Terry Makinson Water District, Stu Martinez City Council, Brian Earls Water and Sewer District, Erik Kropp Interim County Administrator, Bill Sawders Water and Sewer District, Rick Allen City Manager, Don Greiner City Council, County Commissioner Alan Unger and Mayor Ken Mulenex. In addition Ashley Williams from the Water and Sewer District was present, Lori Martin City Recorder/Finance Officer and Patti Morgan Administrative Assistant from the City were present. Also, Nick Lelack Deschutes County Planning Director, Tom Anderson the County Community Development Director and Peter Gutowsky Principal Planner were present. Brian Earls from the Water and Sewer District opened the meeting for their Boards. County Commissioner Tammy Baney joined the meeting at 6:30 pm.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

County Commissioner Tony DeBone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Added Agenda Items

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None

5. Overview of South County Community Plan

- Deschutes County Planning Staff

Peter Gutowsky from Deschutes County Planning Department passed out overviews of the South County Plan. He said they are initiating an 18 month program for South Deschutes County. Mr. Gutowsky said that the land use plan spells out goals and policies over a 20 year period. He said a lot of economic development opportunities will be available for rural areas in and around La Pine. Mr. Gutowsky said that they need to collectively support each other to obtain goals. He said they are committed to working with South County residents. Mr. Gutowsky said that next week on January 31<sup>st</sup> there will be a kick off meeting at the La Pine Senior Center from 6 pm to 7:30 pm regarding the South County Future. He said they want residents to work with them to achieve goals. Mr.

Gutowsky said another meeting on Partnerships will be held in La Pine at the La Pine High School on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

Commissioner DeBone stated that transportation is another issue to deal with. Commissioner Alan Unger stated that Cascade East Transit serves Central Oregon from La Pine to Warm Springs to Sisters and Prineville. He said there are about 80,000 rides a month when including Bend's transit as well. Commissioner Unger said they have had the opportunity of taking local match money and multiplying it by two or three times to grow the system. He said that there is less money due to legislation. Commissioner Unger said that if they could either find some local match monies or they would not have to be burdened with decreased program hours. Councilor Greiner stated Karen Friend, who is in charge of the program for COIC, will try to make a presentation at the next Council meeting.

Patti King, area resident, stated that she loved that she could be picked up at her house and delivered to a bus stop going into Bend which is very important because she has muscular dystrophy. She said with the new schedule she would only be able to work 6 hours a day at her job which is not possible. Ms. King, also said this effects college students as well. Midge Mathews, area resident, stated they are planning on cutting the hours effective February 1<sup>st</sup>. She said the majority of the people in La Pine do not even know about the door to bus stop program. Commissioner Unger stated that if they want to keep services up they need to find monies to pay for it. He said the fare box earns about 20% of the cost. Commissioner Unger said they need to find local resources to fund this in the big picture. Ms. Mathews said the biggest problem is getting people outbound early in the morning returning late in the evening for the return bus.

Commissioner DeBone stated that there will be a conference about living on a few acres on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds and it fits right into drainage management, weed management, manure management, etc.

The Board of Commissioners presented La Pine with a wooden wall hanging with a beautiful clock that was custom made for the City. Mayor Mulenex thanked the BOCC for the gift. He also said he had talked with the BOCC about having quarterly meetings with them. Mayor Mulenex stated that this is common for other cities in Central Oregon.

Commissioner DeBone announced that they need more people on the Weed Board. He also said that regarding well testing results, they will be discussed at the next DEQ Steering Committee meeting. Commissioner DeBone said some have gone down and some have gone up and some have stayed the same. Commissioner Baney stated that there is a fuels reduction grant that had been held up since 2010 and was just released today and can help the community of La Pine.

Interim County Administrator Kropp said that the Road District has surveyed the area and has come up with some different solutions with the city street flooding. The Sewer District pumped water next to the retirement home, Prairie House, to prevent flooding.

City Manager Allen discussed the restaurant license fees that cost several hundreds of dollars to the local businesses in La Pine and are a real hardship. Commissioner Unger said some of these things are mandated by the State of Oregon.

City Manager Allen discussed the loans and agreements with Deschutes County regarding the acquisition of the Water and Sewer Districts. Administrator Kropp stated that according to the advice that they received from the County's legal department nothing would need to be done with the

transfer. He said they could do another agreement with the City if they would prefer it. Administrator Kropp said they would look into the matter further and get back to the City on it.

Mayor Ken Mullenex introduced the new City Manager Steve Hasson. Mr. Hasson said that his wife and him visited the City in November and were very well received by the community.

City Manager Allen said that with Mr. Hasson's planning background the City can start assuming the planning duties that are currently being handled by Deschutes County. He said they would like to be able to start enforcing the City's codes.

Commissioner Unger said the La Pine Conveyance Bill in Congress has passed in the Senate and moved to the house and is in the Public Lands Committee. Councilor Martinez said that since the City was incorporated the County has given support to the new City. Bill Sawders, Water and Sewer Board, stated that the County was very quick to put up a speed limit sign that was badly needed on Finley Butte Road. Commissioner Unger stated that they really appreciate having the City here. Mayor Mullenex commented on the rapid response he received whenever he contacted the County with needs or concerns. It was discussed to have another joint meeting with the BOCC sometime in April.

Commissioner DeBone adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

#### 6. Water and Sewer Districts Joint Discussion

City Manager Allen stated that one of the things that needed to be done is letting an employee know where their future is regarding their job. He said there is no contractual arrangement at this point. Brian Earls, Board Member for the Sewer & Water Districts, said they want their employees to know what the future holds. He said they need to know if they should plan on doing a budget. Commissioner Harms said he was interested in the transfer going smoothly.

Mayor Mullenex said they could come up with a document so that the employees know what they can expect. The Council had consensus on this action for the City Manager to move forward in putting this document together. City Manager Allen said that the City's Finance Officer will handle the accounting and payroll duties. The City Manager will manage the Sewer & Water Districts which will become the public works department. He said he assumes they will need a billing clerk and also the three employees out at the sewer plant. City Manager Allen said he plans on taking the Sewer & Water budget from last year and incorporating it into the total budget. He said then in July the City will need to do a supplemental budget once the withdrawal has occurred.

City Manager Allen said that operating costs will change once the City completes the withdrawal. He said if they are going to do a merger then a rate adjustment now will not really be accurate. City Manager Allen stated he asked RCAC (Rural Community Assistance Corporation) to wait until doing the rate study until after the merger so it will be more accurate. Brian Earls said he or Wayne Kovacs, of the Board, can talk to RCAC about delaying the rate study. City Manager Allen said that they need to make sure that the District's legal counsel is moving forward on the documents needed by the USDA for the transfer of the loan. He said the District's attorney needs to do a legal review for the transfer of the loan as soon as possible. City Manager Allen stated that an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) can be done if the USDA has not fully completed the transfer of the loan. He said they need to say that July 1 the merger will happen. Mayor Mullenex said it sends a message out to the community that this is going to move forward and there is not a lot of guess work.

He suggested getting together with the Water & Sewer District Boards at the monthly Work Sessions. Brian Earls stated it would be good to have another one next month and then decide about further meetings.

Mayor Mulenex said he appreciated the work the Districts did with the recent high water in the City streets. Councilor Greiner said when the Senior Center needed some help with their pipes, it was handled in a very efficient and professional manner.

7. Interview of Candidates for the Public Works Committee

- Arlo Fertig
- Linda Johnston
- Edward Carpenter
- Kathy Agan
- Roy Hester

Mayor Mulenex said they did reserve two seats for Sewer and Water District representatives to be on the committee. Ed Carpenter lives in Huntington Meadows and has moved from San Diego. He said in Huntington Meadows there are about 30% of rentals. Mr. Carpenter said they have been holding monthly meetings regarding how to keep their property values up. Kathy Agan pulled her application since her neighbor, Ed Carpenter, will be representing Huntington Meadows.

Roy Hester stated he does not live in the City limits but has lived in the La Pine area for approximately five years. He said he worked for the City of Canby and was a Public Works Supervisor for twenty years. He said he took care of sewer responsibilities for the City.

Arlo Fertig said he lives outside the City and retired in 2007 from Lane County Public Works in the Road Department. He said he thinks he could bring a lot of experience to the Public Works Committee.

Linda Johnston stated she has no experience with Public Works but lives on Preble Way located in the City. She has lived in La Pine for nine years now. Linda Johnston stated that she was on the transportation committee that dissolved into the Utilities Committee that was discontinued. Ms. Johnson said she has worked several years on the TRT Committee (Transient Room Tax).

Kathy Agan withdrew her application because Ed Carpenter, who also lives in Huntington Meadows, has applied for the committee and could address issues with their area at the meetings.

8. Other Matters

None

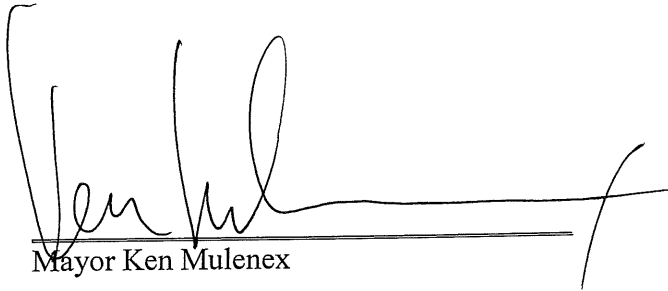
9. Public Comments

None

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Martinez and seconded by Councilor Varcoe to adjourn the Council Work Session. David Harms made a motion to adjourn the Water & Sewer District Meeting and Terry Makinson seconded from the Water District and Bill Sawders seconded from the Sewer District.

Mayor Mulenex adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.



Mayor Ken Mulenex

Attest:



City Recorder/Finance Officer Lori Martin