



# CITY OF LA PINE, OREGON REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

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

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ESTABLISH A QUORUM

#### Council

Mayor Earls

Council President Ignazzitto

Councilor Shields

Councilor Morse

Councilor Curtis

#### Staff

Geoff Wullschlager – City Manager

Brent Bybee – Community Development Director

Nick Tierney – Associate Planner

Amanda Metcalf – City Recorder

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Associate Planner Tierney led the pledge of allegiance.

### ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no added agenda items.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. 2025.06.11 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Council President Ignazzitto made a motion to approve the consent agenda. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

1. CPA-25-0001 La Pine 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

a. Open Public Hearing

Mayor Earls reviewed the hearing procedures. She inquired whether any members of the Council had a conflict of interest or bias; all members responded unanimously that they did not. Mayor Earls then invited the public to present any challenges to the Council's impartiality or potential conflicts of interest. No such challenges were made. She further asked if there were any procedural objections from the public and none were raised.

Mayor Earls opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

b. Application Documents

Community Development Director Bybee stated that there were two public hearings scheduled for the evening: one concerning the comprehensive plan update and the other addressing the comprehensive plan map.

He listed the public hearing noticed dates which included, the PAPA notice on April 16th, 2025, the Agency Notice on April 16th, 2025, notice to the Bend Bulletin for the Planning Commission Public Hearing on May 11th, 2025, and publication in the Bend Bulletin on June 14th, 2025 for the City Council Public Hearing.

He provided a summary of the La Pine 2045 process, which encompassed community engagement efforts, a mapping exercise conducted with community members, and collaborative workshops held jointly by the Planning Commission and City Council.

Director Bybee offered an overview of the existing comprehensive plan and outlined the proposed improvements introduced in the update. He presented each vision goal along with the related objectives and elaborated on the policy changes incorporated in the revised plan. He also clarified that Goal 12, Transportation would remain unchanged at the time due to the absence of an updated Transportation System Plan (TSP). He noted that once the TSP has been updated, the comprehensive plan would be subsequently amended to reflect a revised Goal 12.

Director Bybee presented written comments he had received prior to the Planning Commission public hearings that took place on May 21st, 2025, and explained the staff's response to those comments. He stated that the Planning Commission had approved the recommendations from DLCD into the comprehensive plan update before recommending it to the Council. Since then, staff had not received any additional public comments. He explained in detail the changes that the Planning Commission had added to the comprehensive plan update. He stated that staff recommended the Council approve the comprehensive plan update as presented by staff.

c. Public Testimony

There was no agency testimony.

Terri Myers, a resident of Mitts Way, gave public testimony in support of the comprehensive plan update. She stated that she was also a member of the Planning Commission and had attended to congratulate the Council for all the work that went into the adoption of the update. She expressed that she was very excited to be a part of it.

Staff did not have any closing comments.

There were no questions from the Council.

d. Close Hearing

Councilor Morse made a motion to close the hearing for file CPA-25-0001 and commence deliberations. *Council President Ignazzitto seconded the motion.* Mayor Earls asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Morse – Aye

Council President Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Curtis – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Earls closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.

There were no deliberations.

Council President Ignazzitto made a motion to approve file CPA-25-0001, as recommended by the Planning Commission. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Earls asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Morse – Aye

Council President Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Curtis – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

2. CPA-25-0002 La Pine 2045 Comprehensive Plan Map Update

a. Open Public Hearing

Mayor Earls reviewed the hearing procedures. She inquired whether any members of the Commission had a conflict of interest or bias; all members responded unanimously that they did not. Mayor Earls then invited the public to present any challenges to the Council's impartiality or potential conflicts of interest. No such challenges were made. She further asked if there were any procedural objections from the public, and none were raised.

Mayor Earls opened the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

b. Application Documents

Community Development Director Bybee proposed a full update of the La Pine Comprehensive Plan map. He listed the public hearing notice dates, including the PAPA notice on April 16th, 2025, the Agency Notice on April 16th, 2025, notice to the Bend Bulletin for the Planning Commission Public Hearing on May 11th, 2025, and publication in the Bend Bulletin on June 14th, 2025, for the City Council Public Hearing.

Director Bybee presented the comprehensive plan map and explained its purpose, along with the community and agency events held to gather input. A total of ten maps had been collected, digitized, analyzed, and merged into two potential future growth scenarios: "Growth for All" and "Two Cities." He explained both scenarios and stated that the maps had been presented to the Community, the Planning Commission, and the City Council. On December 11th, 2024, the Council had authorized the "Growth for All" scenario. No comments had been received for this application. Director Bybee informed the Council that staff recommended the Council approve the comprehensive plan map.

## c. Public Testimony

There was no agency testimony.

There was no public testimony.

Staff did not have any closing comments.

There were no questions from the Council.

## d. Close Hearing

Council President Ignazzitto made a motion to close public hearing for file CPA-25-0002 and commence deliberations. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Earls asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Morse – Aye

Council President Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Curtis – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Earls closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

There were no deliberations.

Council President Ignazzitto made a motion to recommend approval of file CPA-25-0002 as recommended by the Planning Commission. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Earls asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Morse – Aye

Council President Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Curtis – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

## 1. Ordinance 2025-01 La Pine 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Development Director Bybee presented the staff memo for the Ordinance 2025-01 La Pine 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update. This ordinance will adopt the updated La Pine 2045 comprehensive plan.

Council President Ignazzitto made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-01, adopting the La Pine 2045 Comprehensive Plan, as presented by Staff. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Earls asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Morse – Aye

Council President Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Curtis – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

## 2. Ordinance 2025-02 La Pine 2045 Comprehensive Plan Map Update

Director Bybee presented Ordinance 2025-02 which would adopt the La Pine 2045 Comprehensive Plan Map Update.

Council President Ignazzitto made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-02 an Ordinance updating the La Pine comprehensive plan map as presented by staff. *Councilor Shields seconded the motion.* Mayor Earls asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Morse – Aye

Council President Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Curtis – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

## 3. DCSO Law Enforcement Services Contract

City Manager Wullschlager presented the associated staff report regarding the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) contract. He stated that he is currently in negotiations with DCSO on total expenditure for the upcoming year, but the total cost will not exceed \$273,123.48. He is asking the council to consider the approval of the City Manager and Mayor to be able to approve the execution of the proposed IGA for FY 25/26 that includes a 5% increase for each of the remaining fiscal years under that agreement.

Mayor Earls asked about who the police reported to. City Manager Wullschlager clarified that it was an administrative chain of command and confirmed that the Deputy would report to him. He explained the cost associated with establishing the City's own police force and the benefit of having the agreement with DCSO. Councilor Morse inquired about the La Pine Deputy's schedule, and City Manager Wullschlager stated that it was the same as the DCSO. He added that the City was very clear during negotiations that the staff assigned to the City will work within the City. Council President Ignazzitto asked what metrics the City would use to determine when to establish its own police force. City Manager Wullschlager responded that, typically, once the population reaches around 5,000, the City should begin considering the formation of its own force.

Council President Ignazzitto made a motion to approve the City Manager's and Mayor's execution of the proposed Intergovernmental agreement with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services with a maximum rate of \$273,123.48 for fiscal year 25/26, that includes a 5% increase for each of the remaining fiscal years under that agreement. *Councilor Morse seconded the motion.* Mayor Earls asked for a roll call vote:

Councilor Morse – Aye

Council President Ignazzitto – Aye

Councilor Shields – Aye

Councilor Curtis – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER MATTERS**

There were no other matters.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stu Martinez, a resident of Morson Street, congratulated the Council for what they had adopted that evening. He stated that they were shaping the future of La Pine and thanked the staff for their efforts. He acknowledged that the process took time but emphasized that it was worth it.

Additionally, he stated that the Council needed to be prepared for the upcoming fire season and wanted to ensure that it remained on everyone's radar.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

City Recorder Metcalf did not have any comments.

Community Development Director Bybee did not have any comments.

Associate Planner Tierney did not have any comments.

City Manager Wullschlager stated that the next meeting for the City Council was scheduled for July 23rd, reminding the Council that the regularly scheduled meeting for July 9th had been cancelled at the previous meeting. He also reminded the Council that he would be out of the office the week of July 7th.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Morse did not have any comments.

Council President Ignazzitto thanked staff and consultant 3J for their hard work and effort in updating the La Pine Comprehensive Plan. She especially thanked Director Bybee for his dedication and expressed her appreciation for the community's strong involvement in the process.

Councilor Shields thanked Director Bybee for all his hard work.

Councilor Curtis thanked staff and the Council, especially Director Bybee, for including the community in the comprehensive plan update.

Mayor Earls recognized former Mayor Richer for all his hard work involving the comprehensive plan update.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: per ORS 192.660 if necessary**

**ADJOURNMENT**


Mayor Earls adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

  
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Jeannine Earls, Mayor

Date: 7-23-2025

ATTEST:

  
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Amanda Metcalf, City Recorder

Date: 7/23/2025