

City of Port Orford
Regular City Council Meeting
In the Gable Chambers / Virtual participants
Thursday, July 17th, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor and Council	Present	City Staff	Present
<i>Ann Vileisis, Mayor (AV)</i>	X	<i>City Administrator (CA) Melissa Radcliffe</i>	Excused
<i>Brett Webb, Councilor (BW)</i>	X	<i>Joseph Harrison, City Recorder</i>	X
<i>Gary Burns, Councilor (GB)</i>	X		
<i>Perri Rask, Councilor (PR)</i>	X		
<i>Deanna Brennan, Councilor (DB)</i>	X		
<i>Sara Lovendahl, Councilor (SL)</i>	X		
<i>Tim Pogwizd, Councilor (TP)</i>	X		

The minutes were prepared to the best of our ability using the recording available at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9G68WvrwP8>

1. (0:00-0:02) Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Mayor Ann Vileisis calls this regular session of the Port Orford City Council to Order @ 5:30 pm and leads the chamber in The Pledge of Allegiance.

2. (0:01-0:03) Additions to the Agenda

- a. Letters regarding the closure of the ODOT field station in town. Added as new business item (c)

3. (0:03) Presentations to the Council/Citizens

- a. None

4. (0:03) Citizen's Concerns

- a. None

5. (0:03-0:05) Consent Calendar: Council votes to schedule another meeting

- a. By Consensus; Council agrees to a special meeting on July 31st.

<i>Councilor Burns</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>	<i>Councilor Pogwizd</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>	<i>Councilor Rask</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Councilor Lovendahl</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>	<i>Councilor Brennan</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>	<i>Councilor Webb</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>

6. (0:05-0:37) Departmental Reports

- a. **Administration:** Mayor Vileisis highlights some items from the written report; there is a group of citizens that is getting organized to clear gorse from the lot north of Rays. That will be August 13th.
- b. **Mayor's Report:** Written report. The Mayor was contacted by the Attorney General's office that the Oregon Attorney General has joined a 20-state lawsuit against the Federal Government for terminating the BRIC grants illegally.
- c. **Public Works:** A written report was provided in the packet.
- d. **Police:** None
- e. **Planning:** A written report was provided in the packet.
- f. **Liaison**
 - i. **Parks:** Written report is in the packet. Councilor Lovendahl formally thanks Skaidra Scholey and Carol Hacherl for working on the grant. The Parks Committee needed to vote on the renewal of the Park Host position. They voted not to renew the Park Host position.
 - ii. **Emergency Prep.:** See item 7(a)
 - iii. **HPC:** Working on Fort Point trail sign. Hamlet survey complete.
 - iv. **Port:** New cranes are about a week away from the construction start. The Port Commission is working on policy matters that will affect port operations.
 - v. **Watershed:** None
 - vi. **Fire:** None

7. Old Business

- a. None

8. (0:37-0:45) New Business

- a. Res. 2025-12 Decommissioning of the EPC
 - i. Councilor Burns summarizes why the Emergency Preparedness Committee would best be decommissioned and turned into a community group instead.
 - ii. TP moves to adopt Res. 2025-12 Decommissioning of the EPC
 - iii. GB seconds the motion
 - iv. Discussion: Council discusses budgetary concerns related to this decision
 - v. Vote: 6-0-0 yes. Motion passes @ 6:15

<i>Councilor Burns</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>	<i>Councilor Pogwizd</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>	<i>Councilor Rask</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Councilor Lovendahl</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>	<i>Councilor Brennan</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>	<i>Councilor Webb</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>

- b. (0:45-1:00) Review of annual Mainstreet TLT advertising expenditure report. Susan Russell reviews the report, which can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#), or the links can be clicked on or copied and pasted from below. Mainstreet has begun working on Halloween – Look forward to “Port Gore-ford” in October.

i. Link to Mainstreet Cover Sheet:

<http://portorford.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Mainstreet-coversheet-2025.pdf>

ii. Link to Mainstreet Presentation:

http://portorford.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/South-Coast_Winter-Waters-2025-Report.pdf

c. (1:00-1:12) Letter of Support ODOT

- i. Mayor Vileisis reviews the background of the issue for the Council while giving them time to read the drafted letter of support. It can be viewed [here](#) or at the link below.
- ii. The Council makes recommendations on additions/revisions.
- iii. By consensus, the Council agrees to send the letter.
- iv. Link to ODOT Letter of Support:

<http://portorford.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/ODOT-closure-letter-draft.pdf>

d. (1:12-1:15) Letter of Support for the OSU field station

- i. Mayor Vileisis reviews the background of the issue for the Council while giving them time to read the drafted letter of support. It can be viewed [here](#) or at the link below.
- ii. Tom Calvanese is invited to answer a question:
1. Since the building can't be sold, what will OSU do with it?
- a. TDB
- iii. By Consensus, the Council agrees to send the letter of support.
- iv. Link to OSU Letter of Support:

<http://portorford.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/City-letter-to-OSU-HMSC-re-Field-Station.pdf>

9. Continuing Action Items

- a. None

10. (1:15-1:21) Considerations

a. Citizens:

- i. Tom Calvanese: More information about the OSU field station closure will be released over the next month. Dr. Calvanese thanks the Council for being given time to speak and for the letter of support. OSU has decided to reduce operations at the field station due to federal budget cuts. Dr. Calvanese lets citizens know that they are able to reach out to the field station if they have questions. Dr. Calvanese thanks the City of Port Orford for 15 amazing years of community and support.

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- b. Councilors:**
 - i. TP thanks the Jubilee for the 4th of July celebration.**

11. Future Meetings

- a. By consensus, the Council agrees to a special session on July 31st.**
- b. Next normal meeting will be August 21st, 2025, at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers.**

12. (1:21) Adjourn

- a. Seeing no further business, Mayor AV ends the meeting @ 6:51 pm**

Attest:

_____ Mayor, Ann Vileisis	_____ Date
_____ City Recorder, Joseph Harrison	_____ Date