

ESTACADA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ESTACADA CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
475 SE MAIN STREET, ESTACADA, OREGON
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026 – 6:00 PM
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Drinkwine called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. He led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Mayor Sean Drinkwine, Cr. Jon Dolezal, Cr. Michael McElroy, Cr. Jonathan Metcalf, Cr. Jerry Tenbush.

Absent: Cr. Melissa Hill

Staff: CM Melanie Wagner, CA Laura Westmeyer, DCR Taryn Brown

CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY GROUP COMMENTS

Submitted written comments were included in the meeting packet.

Nicole Bassett introduced herself to the City Council as a candidate for State Senate.

Darla Mead also introduced herself to the City Council as a candidate for State Representative.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **April 13, 2026 City Council Minutes**
- b. **Quarterly Financial Report – Quarter 3 – FY2025-2026 – Information Only**
- c. **Ordinance Series of 2026, No. 007 – Annexation and Zone Change Local File No. 2026-01-Annex**

Cr. Tenbush moved to approve the consent agenda. Cr. McElroy seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Manager Report – CM Wagner shared the upcoming City Council meeting calendar and thanked everyone for attending the State of the City event held earlier in the evening prior to the Council meeting.

CM Wagner also reported that, at the LOC conference, information was presented regarding regulatory requirements that take effect when a population reaches 10,000. Staff are currently reviewing this information, and a report will be brought back to the City Council in the near future.

Annual Committee Workplan Presentations & Budget Requests-

Jessie Kerr, representing the Arts Commission, presented the committee's annual work plan.

Jim Moriarty, representing the Traffic and Public Safety Committee, also presented their annual work plan.

Following discussion, the City Council reached a consensus to approve the committee budgets.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Community Group Sponsorship Request – Todos Juntos/All Together- Tyra Baird presented information to the City Council regarding the Summer Safety Fest event and requested \$1,500 in sponsorship funding. Cr. McElroy made a motion to approve the sponsorship request to Todos Juntos in the amount of \$1,500. Cr. Metcalf seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no.

Marijuana Prohibition Ordinance and Moratorium Discussion – CA Westmeyer- CA Westmeyer presented the City Council with a draft marijuana processing, production, and wholesaling prohibition ordinance and reviewed its details for confirmation. The first reading is scheduled for the next meeting, along with an industrial hemp processing, production, and wholesaling prohibition ordinance.

The Council discussed the treatment of existing marijuana businesses, including whether a current business could sell and transfer a nonconforming use to a new owner. Options considered included implementing a sunset provision with defined timelines, making the use non-transferable, and allowing for nonconforming use to be tied to the land and to transfer to a new owner.

The consensus of the Council was to adopt an exception to the prohibition ordinance and put to the voters the allowance for existing marijuana businesses to continue to operate and to disallow any expansion or transfer to new owners, which CA Westmeyer noted would function as a sunset clause and ensure the termination of existing marijuana uses entirely within the City once all existing business owners cease to operate.

The City Council also discussed implementing a moratorium on processing land use applications, LUCS, and business license applications. Moratoria resolutions will be presented at the next Council meeting. Councilor McElroy noted his concern to not interfere with the business investment of any current applicants who have already received a LUCS if a moratorium would suspend the processing of the business license which would not be issued until after a certificate of occupancy. CM Wagner confirmed there was one applicant with a LUCS and along with CA Westmeyer confirmed that the status of all then-existing applicants would be presented along with the moratoria resolutions.

Additionally, CA Westmeyer shared that the referral language for the ballot measure would be presented to the City Council for review and approval in June or July following adoption of the ordinance.

2026 City Council Goals Update- CM Wagner highlighted updates to the City Council goals for the 2026 year.

Loan Options – Water Treatment Plant Project- CM Wagner presented loan options for the water treatment plant project. The Council reviewed the options and determined that the 20-year loan with the lowest interest rate was the most favorable choice.

Process for City Councilor Appointment- CM Wagner asked the City Council how they would like to proceed with appointing new City Council applicants. The Council expressed

interest in reviewing the applications in advance and inviting applicants to attend the Council meeting to introduce themselves and answer any clarifying questions. If an appointment is made at that meeting, the selected candidate would be sworn in and attend their first City Council meeting on June 8, 2026. To date, two applications have been received.

SECOND CONSIDERATION – Ordinance #2026-006 – An Ordinance Amending Section 15.12.010 – Building Permits; Permits Required When of the Estacada Municipal Code-

Cr. Tenbush moved to approve Ordinance #2026-006 – An Ordinance Amending Section 15.12.010 – Building Permits; Permits Required When of the Estacada Municipal Code. Cr. Metcalf seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY GROUP COMMENTS

Shirley Burke, RACE member and resident, shared her thoughts on the event Art in the Park.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Members of the Council shared their closing comments.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.