

**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
MINUTES**

Monday, April 2, 2018

Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Mayor Stromberg called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

Councilor Slattery, Councilor Morris, Councilor Bachman and Councilor Rosenthal were present.

I. Public Input (15 minutes, maximum)

II. Look Ahead review

Interim City Administrator, Adam Hanks went over changes on the Look Ahead ([see attached](#)).

III. Water Treatment Plant status update – 20

Public Works Administrator, Paula Brown gave a Staff Report.

Ms. Brown went over the results of the comprehensive cost comparison for the water treatment plant (WTP).

She explained the costs to operate two separate WTPs are not in the best interest of the City.

Items discussed:

- Seismic risk.
- Cost for using existing building or new.
- The age of the plant.
- Landslide and fire needs.
- Timeline and location to build new.
- Storage needed.

- What to do with the old plant.
- Personnel increase/decrease with a new larger plant.
- TAP usage.

Ms. Brown explained that an award design will be brought to Council.

IV. Economic Development, Cultural, Tourism, and Sustainability grants process

Mr. Hanks discussed the process and how to function during an off year.

Council discussed:

- Subcommittees versus Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Committee Membership.
- Meeting Structure.
- Schedule.

V. Discussion of Sister City 50th Anniversary Celebrations 15 mins

Mr. Hanks gave a staff report.

Council discussed options and decided to bring this back to a future Study Session.

VI. Ruffey Rancheria Restoration Act of 2017

Mr. Hanks gave a brief Staff report. Council suggested for Staff to write a letter expressing concerns regarding a casino being in Ashland.

The Study Session was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:00 PM for real property transaction pursuant to ORS 190.660(2)(e) in the Jury Room.

Respectfully submitted by:

City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

Mayor Stromberg