



PUBLIC MEETING: Port Budget Committee Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, **April 28, 2026, 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: Cascade Locks City Hall 140 Wa Na Pa St, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806615790>

MINUTES

- 1) Budget Committee meeting called to order at 6:01 PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - i. President Lorang
 - ii. Vice-President Klute
 - iii. Commissioner Nance (excused)
 - iv. Commissioner Gann
 - v. Commissioner Dodd
 - vi. Committee Chair Mohr
 - vii. Committee Vice-Chair Torres
 - viii. Committee Member Olvera (via Zoom)
 - ix. Committee Member Keilty
 - x. Committee Member Soborowicz
 - xi. Members of the Staff and Other Support – Executive Director Jeremiah Blue; Deputy Executive Director Genevieve Scholl; Administrative Specialist Keriane Stocker; Operations Manager Parker Nelson; Matt Apken, Financial Advisor – Merina+Co
 - xii. Members of the Public – (via Zoom) iPhone
 - c. Modifications, Additions and Changes to the Agenda
 - d. Declarations of Potential Conflicts of Interest
 - i. Vice-Chair Torres declared that he had a potential conflict of interest, as an employee of JettyLight which operates the Sternwheeler.
- 2) Budget Committee Recommended Revisions
 - a. Development Fund Increase \$25,000 to \$50,000 (Experience the Gorge Grant)
 - b. Updates to Debt Services (Flex 5 and 6)
 - c. Revision to Salary Schedule (Maintenance Seasonal Hours from 1500 to 750 hours)

MOTION: To approve the raise for those toll collectors whose 3.5% raise would come in under \$1.00, to be an even \$1.00 increase.

MOVE: Carrie Klute

SECOND: George Torres

DISCUSSION: Apken reviewed the changes that were made to the proposed budget. The Experience Mount Hood Gorge Grant was increased to \$25,000 due to DED Scholl's updated application; the LGGP Grant Expense was increased to \$50,000.

CC Mohr sought clarification on the updated payment structure for Flex 2 and Flex 4. Apken explained that while payments were historically made quarterly, the

finalized agreement with Business Oregon changed the payment structure from quarterly to annual payments.

Apken noted a final correction to the Seasonal Maintenance Worker hours, adjusting the figure from 1,500 to 750. He clarified that the 1,500 hours had been entered in error and the update now accurately reflects the proposed budget.

VOTE:

Aye: Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, Travis Gann, Ted Dodd, Donna Mohr, George Torres, Shelley Olvera, Brian Keilty, Chris Soborowicz

Absent: Albert Nance

3) Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes)

4) Business Action Items

a. Consider Proposed 26-27 Budget or Set Another Meeting

MOTION:

To approve the Port of Cascade Locks Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget as included in the packet and increasing bridge wages by \$5,074 and benefits by \$1,593 with the offset going to Unappropriated and Ending Fund Balance.

MOVE:

Carrie Klute

SECOND:

George Torres

DISCUSSION:

CM Keilty expressed concern noting that a 3.5% wage increase would amount to less than \$1.00 per hour for certain staff members. The committee subsequently deliberated on this point to evaluate the fairness and effectiveness of the percentage-based adjustment.

VOTE:

Aye: Brad Lorang, Carrie Klute, Travis Gann, Ted Dodd, Donna Mohr, George Torres, Shelley Olvera, Brian Keilty, Chris Soborowicz

Absent: Albert Nance

5) Adjourned at 6:12 PM