

# COUNCIL MEMO



**MEETING DATE:** March 10, 2026

**STAFF:** Mayor Bell/Sammy Egbert

## 2026 Council Liaison Appointments

### Mayor Bell's Proposed 2026 Council Appointments

Finance Audit Committee	Councilor Myers
Heritage Committee	Councilor Wells
Parks and Tree Committee	Councilor Smith
Planning Commission	Councilor Lehmann
Lane ACT	Councilor Engebretson
Lane Transit District (LTD)	Councilor Bouwman
Lane Council of Government (LCOG)	Mayor Bell
Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPO/MPC)	Mayor Bell
Coburg Main Street	Mayor Bell

### Council Liaison Roles and Responsibilities

The role is a mayor-appointed, one-year term, reviewed and potentially reassigned annually, typically collaboratively discussed and determined each January/February, and formally appointed in March of each year.

#### Definition of Council Liaison

“Liaison”: a person who establishes and maintains communication for mutual understanding and cooperation (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

- Serves as a point of contact between the Committee and the Council
- Assists in communication between the committee and the Council
- Non-voting, limited participation committee representative
- Opportunity to listen, learn, and gain context on issues and requests that will be presented for future Council decision making.

#### Responsibilities of the Council Liaison:

1. Attend all meetings, but is not a member of the committee.
2. Acts as a representative of the full Council to provide direction or guidance clearly supported by the Council.
3. If the committee asks for the Liaison's opinion, the Liaison may state a **personal opinion** but should ensure that they are speaking as an individual rather than representing the Council.
4. As requested, or invited by the Committee Chair, Liaison may speak to remind the committee of Council direction or City policies.
5. Shall not attempt to influence the work or recommendations of the committee.
  - a. Will not take part in any deliberations, votes, or decisions.
  - b. Must not share or engage with information discussed in a quasi-judicial committee, e.g., Planning Commission.

6. Will share with Council any requests from the committee, such as:
  - a. Questions raised by the Committee about the scope of work or changes to the scope of work
  - b. Requests for expenditures or impact on city resources (money, staff time, or supplies)
  - c. Requests to add items to Council agenda
7. The Council liaison will regularly update the Council on the work of the Committee.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

An email will be sent to liaisons the committee members, staff lead, and the 2026 meeting schedule and bylaws.