



# CITY COUNCIL & URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

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Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2025

Mayor Primmer called the regular meeting to order at 7:07pm. Present were Councilors Hayward, Roberts, McCarthy, Duron, Linton, Myers, Kelso, and Barron. City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Finance Director Ignacio Palacios, Chief Jason Edmiston, City Planner Clint Spencer, Assistant City Planner Heather La Beau, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The pledge of allegiance was given.

## **Recognition of Downtown Banner Contest Winner**

City Manager Smith stated in partnership with the Downtown District; this is the second year of the community-wide banner contest where the community was asked to design a banner that represents Hermiston. Talented 16-year-old Nathan Brown designed the winning banner in 2024 that is now displayed throughout the City.

Mayor Primmer read aloud the Certificate of Recognition and both Mayor Primmer and Downtown District President Judy Pederson recognized Nathan Brown for sharing his talent and presented him with a \$100.00 check, baseball cap with his winning design, and a certificate (applause from all present).

## **Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items**

None given.

## **Consent Agenda Items**

Councilor McCarty moved, and Councilor Roberts seconded to approve Consent Agenda item A-E to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcement
- B. Change of Ownership Application for Off Premises Sales for Dino Mart located at 710 W Hermiston Ave
- C. Initiate annexation proceedings Jaber Investment LLC 4N2802BA Tax Lot 100 - 2455 NE 7th St
- D. Minutes of the May 15th City and HURA Budget Committee Meetings
- E. Minutes of the May 27th City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Hearing – 2025-26 Budget of the City of Hermiston (Resolutions 2371-2374 Below)**

After hearing no declarations of conflict of interest from the Council, City Manager Smith read the hearing guidelines and Mayor Primmer opened the hearing at 7:15pm.

City Manager Smith spoke regarding the Budget Committee meeting and their recommendation to the Council to adopt the proposed resolutions for the 2025-26 fiscal year budget and answered questions from the Council.

Hearing no public testimony, Mayor Primmer closed the hearing at 7:17pm.



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**Resolutions (2371, 2372, 2373, 2374) Related to the adoption of FY 2025-26 City of Hermiston Budget**

City Manager Smith stated these resolutions to adopt the FY 2025-26 budget were discussed during the public hearing and provided in the agenda packet and briefly explained each one.

**Resolution No. 2371- Declaring the City of Hermiston's Election to Receive State Revenues**

Councilor Linton moved, and Councilor Roberts seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2371 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2372- Adopting the City of Hermiston's Budget, Make Appropriations, and Impose and Categorize Taxes for FY 2025-26-** Councilor Duron moved and Councilor Hayward seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2372 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2373- Establishing Reserve Funds for the City of Hermiston for FY 2025-2026**

Councilor McCarthy moved, and Councilor Hayward seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2373 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2374- Establishing City Compensation Plan for the City of Hermiston for FY 2025-2026**

Councilor Duron moved, and Councilor Roberts seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2374 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2375- Section 3 HUD Requirements Resolution**

City Manager Smith stated this resolution is a requirement from the Community Development Block Grant process for the Agape House Project as supplied in the agenda packet.

Councilor Hayward moved, and Councilor Roberts seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2375 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adoption of the FY 2025-26 Umatilla County Dispatch Agreement**

City Manager Smith stated the proposed Umatilla County Dispatch Agreement has been reviewed and is within the budgeted amount. Communication between Umatilla County and the City of Hermiston continues to improve with plans to meet soon.

Councilor Roberts moved, and Councilor McCarthy seconded to authorize the City Manager to sign the FY 2025-26 IGA for Dispatch Services as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**Airport Advisory Committee-** Councilor Roberts gave updates regarding finances, fuel sales, construction of the current hangar, and a possible contract for another large hangar which would be very beneficial for the Airport.

**Faith-Based Advisory Committee-** Councilor Hayward stated Stepping Stones Alliance presented information regarding a recently denied grant but are continuing to seek additional funding.



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## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Primmer stated he attended the Umatilla City Council meeting.

## **Council Presidents Report**

Councilor McCarthy spoke regarding the Good Shepherd Health Care Systems Annual Scramble for Scholarships Golf Tournament and the Pickleball Court Ribbon Cutting.

## **Council Reports**

Councilor Kelso spoke regarding his attendance at the Hermiston High School Graduation and gave praise to all those who graduated and spoke regarding his ride-a-long with Oregon State Police based out of Hermiston. Councilor Kelso also stated that he helped the Boy Scouts put up flags down Main Street on Memorial Day and encouraged the community to volunteer for this task on Flag Day.

Councilor Duron asked if the City would be supplying a cooling station this summer for those in need.

City Manager Smith stated the City has a good relationship with PATH and will investigate if there is a need in the community and move forward accordingly.

Councilor Barron stated he has been receiving comments regarding the restrooms and water fountains at parks being closed and whether there was a way to keep them open.

Mayor Primmer stated that these facilities are being misused, and although the City wants to have the public enjoy parks, the City must consider public safety and be fiscally prudent with this delicate situation.

City Manager Smith stated City Staff will work on a report to present to staff regarding this situation; however, he does believe that some of these comments may be carrying over from winter months when the restrooms are shut down to protect infrastructure during freezing weather.

## **Youth Advisory Report**

None present.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Smith stated he met with School District staff to discuss additional financial resources to help provide Mr. Davis more time to devote to the Youth Advisor Program next year, as well as their continued attendance at LOC events.

## **Adjourn City Council Meeting and Convene Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency (HURA) Meeting**

At 7:41pm Mayor Primmer adjourned the City Council Meeting as there was no other business and convened the Urban Renewal Agency Meeting.

## **Public Hearing- HURA 2025-26 Fiscal Budget (HURA Resolution 24)**

Hearing no conflicts of interest from the members, City Manager Smith read the hearing guidelines and Chair Primmer opened the hearing at 7:42pm. Planning Director Clint Spencer gave information regarding



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the Budget Committee meeting held and their recommendation to the Agency to adopt proposed Resolution No. 24. for the 2025-26 fiscal year budget.

There was no one present who wished to give public testimony and the hearing was closed at 7:44pm.

**HURA Resolution No. 24- Adopting the FY 2025-2026 Budget for the Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency**

City Manager Smith stated this resolution was discussed during the public hearing and information was provided in the agenda packet.

Member Duron moved and Member Roberts seconded to adopt HURA Resolution No. 24 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn Urban Renewal Agency Meeting**

Chair Primmer adjourned the HURA meeting at 7:45pm as there was no other HURA business.

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Doug Primmer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder