

*585 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301*



Final Action Agenda - Minutes - Draft

Monday, August 18, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Work Session - Air Service Update

Loucks Auditorium / Salem Public Library

City Council

1. OPENING EXERCISES:

Call to Order

6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Councilor Nordyke, Councilor Varney, Councilor Nishioka, Councilor Gwyn, Councilor Brown, Councilor Matthews, Councilor Tigan, Mayor Hoy, and Councilor Vang

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by: Councilor Varney.

1.1 APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Nishioka, seconded by Councilor Gwyn, to approve the special meeting agenda. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Matthews, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

1.2 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

2. DISCUSSION: Air Service Update

- 2.a. Future of Commercial Air Service at Salem - Willamette Valley Airport and Update on Airport Plans, Projects, and Development.

Ward(s): Ward 2
Councilor(s): Nishioka
Neighborhood(s): SEMCA, SESNA
Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy.

Attachments: [Public Comments received by August 13, 2025](#)
[MEMORANDUM regarding use of TOT for airline service](#)
[Salem TOT revenue analysis memo 8.15.25 \(00961129xB8084\)](#)
[Additional Comments Received by 7am 08-18-2025](#)
[Additional Comments Received by 3:30 pm 8-18-2025](#)
[Additional Comments Received by 5pm 8-18-2025](#)

This Information Report was received and filed.

Joint presentation by: Mark Bechtel, Assistant Public Works Director, Operations Division and Jack Penning, Volaire Aviation Consulting.

Questions or comments from: Councilors Brown, Nordyke, Varney, Matthews, Tigan, Nishioka, Gwyn, Mark Bechtel, Jack Penning, Acting Airport Manager Aaron Ison, and Chief Financial Officer Josh Eggleston.

Council went into recess at 7:51 p.m. and reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Mayor Julie Hoy, to direct staff to engage with interested airlines for the purpose of clarifying what terms they would be looking for to begin commercial air service in Salem, and what routes, with updates to the City Council planned for the September 8, 2025, City Council meeting.

Comments from: Councilor Brown, Mark Bechtel, Jack Penning, Interim City Manager Krishna Namburi, and Councilor Nordyke.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Matthews, Tigan, Hoy, and Vang

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

3. ADJOURNMENT

8:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Helena Najar, Executive Assistant, Public Works
Rachael Gangelhoff, Deputy City Recorder