

*555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301*



Final Action Agenda - Minutes - Final

Monday, March 24, 2025

5:30 PM

**Special City Council Meeting - Budget Committee Interviews
and Appointment
Council Chambers / Hybrid Meeting**

City Council

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - City Manager's Conference Room

ORS 192.660(2)(h) Current / Pending Litigation

1. OPENING EXERCISES:

Call to Order

5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilor Varney attended remotely.

Present: 7 - Councilor Nordyke, Councilor Varney, Councilor Nishioka, Councilor Gwyn, Councilor Brown, Councilor Tigan, and Mayor Hoy

Absent: 1 - Councilor Matthews

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Councilor Brown.

1.1 APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Questions or Comments by: Councilor Nishioka and Dan Atchison, City Attorney.

A motion was made by Councilor Nishioka to approve the special meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Paul Tigan.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Tigan, and Hoy

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Matthews

Abstain: 0

1.2 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

2. BUDGET COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENT

2.a. Budget Committee Interviews and Candidate Selection

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship;

Safe and Healthy Community; Safe, Reliable and Efficient

Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Attachments: [Bayard Mentrum Application \(redacted\).pdf](#)
[Kirstie Rudich Application \(redacted\).pdf](#)
[Mel Whisler Application \(redacted\).pdf](#)

Questions or Comments by: Mayor Julie Hoy, Councilor Nishioka, Dan Atchison, City Attorney

A motion was made by Councilor Nishioka to cancel the interviews and appoint Mel Whisler (Fuller) to the open Ward 5 position on the Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tigan.

Additional Comments by: Councilors Nishioka, Nordyke, Gwyn, Brown, Varney, and Mayor Julie Hoy.

Mel Whisler (Fuller) introduced herself.

Questions for Mel Whisler (Fuller) by: Councilors Nordyke, Nishioka, Tigan, Varney, Gwyn, and Mayor Julie Hoy.

Mel Whisler (Fuller) was APPOINTED as the Ward 5 Budget Committee member, to a term ending June 30, 2027, by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Nordyke, Varney, Nishioka, Gwyn, Brown, Tigan, and Hoy

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Matthews

Abstain: 0

3. ADJOURNMENT

5:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Amy Johnson, City Recorder.