

From: [Brent DeHart](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Cc: [John Paskell](#); [Mark Becktel](#)
Subject: Support of item 3.2a
Date: Friday, August 25, 2023 10:48:34 AM

Hello Mayor and Councilors- I am writing in support of item 3.2a regarding the purchase of the used car lot on airport property. The timing is providential to provide additional parking at the airport, and hopefully additional revenue to go with it. Thank you for your forward thinking and opportunistic purchase to further improve the infrastructure and functionality of the public asset that is the airport complex. I am told that there are a number of good options to discuss for the use of the buildings. Looking into the future- the location of the tower (that will be replaced elsewhere in coming years) combined with the Oregon Department of Aviation building is very good placement for a future full fledged terminal building. The ODA is a state administration office that does not need to be at the airport, so working towards getting them off the edge of the tarmac is a useful endeavor. All for future discussion- for now, I appreciate your support of agenda item 3.2a.
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From: [Evan West](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [citycouncil](#); [Chris Hoy](#)
Subject: Items of Public Trust for 8/28 Meeting
Date: Friday, August 25, 2023 11:30:19 AM

Mayor Hoy and Members of City Council,

Several agenda items scheduled for discussion on Monday, 8/28, directly relate to the public trust deficit that Councilor Nordyke previously brought to your attention. I write with the hope that you will strongly consider taking action on the agenda items discussed below in ways that will work to rebuild the public trust of the City Council.

Item 3.2a 23-236:

It is too early to know if additional parking will be needed at the Salem airport when Avelo Airlines begins service. It would also be hypocritical of this Council, which voted to eliminate parking mandates, to support personal vehicle access instead of transit options. I encourage you to not move forward with this purchasing proposal.

Item 3.3a 332:

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Item 7.1.b 23-338:

I've previously testified to Council that I believe a proposal put to a vote of the people would pass. I still believe that this is true. Councilor Hoy, in her motion, speaks to the importance of resetting public trust. For this reason, I encourage the Council to repeal the previously passed measure and focus on reworking the tax proposal in a way that is equitable and inclusive. The City and the Council should expend as few resources as possible on the current proposal, choosing instead to create a tax that is based on the expressed needs of the people.

In these three items the Council has tremendous opportunity to act in a manner that will partially restore trust in transparency, and belief that councilors are acting in the interests of their constituents. I look forward to seeing you reaffirm these commitments in your actions.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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From: [Susan Graves / Lloyd Chapman](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: airport spending
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:25:44 AM

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I urge you to stop any further spending on the airport until the new airline has proved they will stay- perhaps at least a year. (Given the track record of Avelo in other cities, as well as other small airlines here and elsewhere, it is no sure bet.) And use city money for other kinds of acquisitions that benefit a wider swath of Salem residents than the airport.

Parks come to mind.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Susan Graves