

CITY of LA GRANDE

City Council Work Session

Monday, November 27, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
La Grande City Hall
1000 Adams Avenue
La Grande, Oregon

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AGENDA

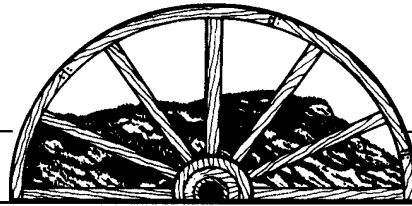
The purpose of a Work Session is to provide an opportunity to informally discuss topics of common concern and interest and to exchange ideas with Staff, not to make decisions or to direct Staff toward a specific action or conclusion beyond identifying additional information the Council would like to have presented at a later date. As no decisions are made, there will be no voting at the Work Session. The City Manager or members of the Staff may confirm any additional information required as part of any future discussions regarding the presented topic(s). If a Work Session topic subsequently requires official action, it will become an action (voting) item on a following Regular Session Agenda. In accordance with the Oregon Public Meetings Law, Council Work Sessions are open to the public; however, in order to make efficient use of time, public comments and questions generally are not entertained during the discussion segment of the Work Session. Time will not be designated for public comments at the conclusion of the discussion. Members of the public are routinely provided with an opportunity to address the Mayor and Council during the Public Comments portion of each Regular Session Agenda.

1. **CALL to ORDER** 6:00 p.m.
~ Justin B. Rock, Mayor
2. **CODIFICATION REVIEW**
~ Robert Strope, City Manager
~ Stacey Stockhoff, City Recorder
3. **ADJOURN** 7:00 p.m.

Stacey M. Stockhoff
City Recorder

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Stacey Stockhoff, City Recorder

DATE: November 20, 2023

RE: City of La Grande – Codification Review

Civic Plus Staff and City Staff have been working diligently this past year in collecting, categorizing and reformatting ordinances into a structured, comprehensive and accessible document, that will essentially be known as the La Grande Code. This process involves reviewing currently adopted ordinances to assure they reflect current legal requirements and make required changes based on new legislation, legal precedents and/or removal of obsolete provisions. It also involves indexing, cross-referencing and organizing ordinances by subject matter to enhance usability and searchability. Once the project is complete, the City Council will adopt the new Code in a single motion. The process is not intended to make new laws or regulations.

On October 31, 2023, the final proof draft of the La Grande Codification was returned to City Staff, which reflect the contents of the new Code as agreed upon. The proofs embrace legislation through August 2, 2023. The best estimate of the new Code will be 954 pages, including the City Charter and Land Development Code. The purpose of this Work Session is to update the Council on the process and share the final proof as it was provided to the City.

The Staff is currently reviewing the final proof draft to assure agreed upon substantive changes have been impressed into the proofs and appear as footnotes, with changes shown in underline and strikethrough. Any changes that City wishes to make on the final proof draft will need to be returned to the Civic Plus editorial team by December 15, 2023.

Once returned and all final changes are accepted, Roger Merriam, Civic Plus Senior Code Attorney, will send us a model adoption ordinance so that City Council can adopt the new code. Once the new code is adopted, it will be published by Civic Plus on the web where it can be easily accessed by Staff and the public.

Future changes to the code will be done in the form of an Ordinance revising a portion of the code rather than adopting a new Ordinance which would replace an existing Ordinance. One of the current challenges we face is assuring the Ordinance someone is looking at is the most current version, and not a prior version which has been repealed.