



**MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Meeting

Council Chambers, City Hall

**Approved: February 25, 2026**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Johnson, and Councilors Carolyn McLeod, Marilyn Smith, Ramycia McGhee, Chris Van Drimmelen, Steph Newton, Michael Thomson

Councilors absent:

**3. Adoption of consent agenda**

**6:02 p.m.**

- a. Approval of minutes
  - 1) January 26, 2026 city council minutes
  - 2) January 28, 2026 city council minutes
- b. Appointments
  - 1) Appointments to citizen advisory groups (CAGS)

**MOTION:** was made by Smith and seconded by Thomson to move to adopt the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

**4. Public hearing(s)**

**6:26 p.m.**

- a. Resolution Approving Issuance of Senior Living Revenue Bonds for Mennonite Home of Albany (TEFRA Approval)

Johnson opened the public hearing at **6:26 p.m.**

Finance Director Jeanna Yeager spoke. She said a TEFRA hearing is required. There is no city liability or responsibility for any of the costs. No city revenues are pledged, this action as the local governing body says the tax-exempt bonds can be issued.

Smith asked for clarification on what TEFRA meant? Yeager said it is the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982.

**Public Comment**

None

Johnson closed the public hearing at **6:29 p.m.**

**MOTION:** was made by Smith and seconded by Thomson to move to adopt the resolution on page 27 of the packet, to approve for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, the issuance of senior living revenue bonds by the Hospital Facility Authority of the City of Albany for the benefit of Mennonite Home of Albany, Inc. The motion passed 6-0, and was designated RES NO. 7485.

**5. Public Comment**

**6:31 p.m.**

**Peter Kenagy** said he was in attendance to follow up to his previous public comment. He said the problem of homeless camping adjacent to Takena Landing has not gotten better, there is more people and trash down there. He said at the last meeting McLeod asked questions about expenditures related to homeless camp cleanup, and weed cleanup. He said he would like that report to be made public. Kenagy said that during his last public comment period the Mayor offered to come visit Kenagy for a tour of the area, but he has not done so yet. Kenagy said in conjunction with his last public comment he provided pictures and a video that he expected to be displayed when he was speaking. Photos were distributed to councilors via email and placed at the dais.

**Tresha Maveland** - said she moved to Albany in 2008. She recently went for a walk and saw a posting at Thurston and 19<sup>th</sup>, at Sunrise Elementary/CTI trade school. Maveland said the posting indicated that from February 2 to February 6 from 6am to 3pm Glyphosate would be sprayed. A time when kids would be in school. She said there were no weeds and questions why the toxic chemical was sprayed. She said her family doesn't believe in chem trails, but they are real.

**Christopher Glover**- said he resides at Latitude 44 apartments in Albany. He has called code compliance multiple times, but after 15-20 minutes on hold it hangs up. He said the parking lot lights are dark and he has asked the apartment manager about it multiple times. Glover said kids play there, and he has almost been hit while walking a few times because the property manager won't take action on the lights.

**Mark Stewart**- submitted written comment\* pertaining to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) nationally and in Albany. He also spoke and said he understands the council has his written public comment, but would like to request time on a future agenda to read his letter. Stewart said attention spans are so divided no matter what is going on, life still seems to go on. At the last meeting, it was a packed house. He said with what happened to Senator Mark Kelly who is a veteran and astronaut, he feels that he is taking a great personal risk by attempting to speak about this and putting it in writing. However he would like to read it aloud. Stewart said he would be happy to work with council to set a time.

**Stephen Meyer**- said he grew up in North Bend as the son of German Jewish immigrants. He said tonight he is Alex Pretti. How sad this could happen in this country; it could happen in Albany, and to be aware.

## 6. Informational Briefings/Staff Reports

a. Department Strategy Discussions – Executive Leadership Team

6:44 p.m.

This item was continued from the February 09, 2026 work session.

Police Chief Marcia Harnden presented a PowerPoint\* presentation giving an overview of the Police Department. Council provided comments and feedback. Questions from council were answered.

Fire Chief Chris LaBelle presented a PowerPoint\* presentation giving an overview of the Fire Department. Council provided comments and feedback. Questions from council were answered.

Human Resources Director Holly Roten presented a PowerPoint\* presentation giving an overview of the Human Resources Department. Council provided comments and feedback. Questions from council were answered.

Deputy City Manager Kayla Barber presented a PowerPoint\* presentation giving an overview of the City Managers Office. Council provided comments and feedback. Questions from council were answered.

## 7. Business from the Council

8:01 p.m.

**Smith** said she provided testimony at the state legislature in support of HB 4008, which would establish a short taskforce to look at transit.

**McGhee** said she has a question about HB4148 regarding Transient Lodging Tax. She said she recalls the item being a priority for previous council's but doesn't recall it as a priority since she has been on council. She said it would be beneficial to have a refresher on what the legislative priorities are. Troedsson said an update on the legislative priorities will be provided.

**McLeod** said she would agree with Councilor McGhee on legislative priorities. She requested more frequent reminders, and more information to make sure everyone is on the same page. She said she attended a session about affordable and accessible solutions for communities. McLeod said she appreciated seeing immigration and support services information added to the city website.

**VanDrimmelen** said he would also echo the sentiments about legislative priorities, and wanting to ensure everyone is on the same page before things are sent in the name of the city.

**Thomson** said he appreciated Peter Kenagy coming to talk to council. He said the council hasn't worked with this topic in any real way, homeless and homeless camps in a big picture way. He said he is in favor of cleaning up as quick as we can, and being aggressive. He said he thinks the city needs to talk to groups about what can be done, as it's growing as an issue.

**Newton** said the exterior street lighting issue mentioned earlier may be the power company Pacific Power or Consumers Power, but would like to look into dropped calls at code compliance. Newton shared that it would be helpful for the council and public to have an idea about cleanup schedule and next steps. She said a council site visit may make sense. She said she is frustrated about the legislative testimony without the full council being polled, or a discussion or vote on it. She said she talked to friends who are on other councils in Oregon, and legislative priorities are discussed and voted upon. She said she expects the city to have that process going forward. She said new members joined council after August 5, 2024 when they were voted upon and may not have agreed with the priorities voted upon then. She said prior to a legislative session the council should have a session on legislative priorities. Troedsson said historically the short session was designed to do cleanup, but the process at the city can be changed if it's not enough.

**Smith** said the transit lodging tax discussion came up many times in discussions about the ORLA-Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association litigation. She said she also wanted to clarify she was speaking on her own behalf at the state legislature.

**VanDrimmelen** said he feels the process is wrong. Especially when there is a new council member, it is prudent to have a refresher on priorities and if council feels adjustments are necessary they can be made. It makes sense before every session, but especially a short session.

**Johnson** responded to Kenagy's comments and said he was at a family members funeral and Kenagy was on his list to call, and he apologized for the delay. He added that the League of Oregon Cities is having a regional meeting in Albany soon.

## 8. City Manager Reports

8:19 p.m.

Troedsson shared that he provided the information on camp cleanups to the council on January 26<sup>th</sup>. It was mentioned then that more than half of the budget for that activity had been expended and bad weather was not conducive to cleanups. He said Parks and Recreation Director Kim Lyddane said a cleanup will happen when drier conditions come, the budget goes further when it is not done in muddy conditions. He added the Adopt a Parks volunteers have a cleanup on their radar as well, there is no exact date yet, but it will be announced when available.

## 9. Next meeting dates

Monday, February 23, 2026; 4:00 p.m. work session

Wednesday, February 25, 2026; 6:00 p.m. meeting

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Erik Glover  
City Recorder

Peter Troedsson  
City Manager

*\*Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. Documents from staff are posted to the website after the meeting. Documents submitted by the public are available by emailing [cityrecorder@albanyoregon.org](mailto:cityrecorder@albanyoregon.org).*