

Budget Workshop of October 13, 2026

Present were: Mayor Naillon, Councilmembers Shaw, Marthaller, Hart and Moser.
Absent: Councilmember Werner.

Budget workshop began at 4:32 pm.

Salley Bull was present to discuss the Oroville Market Association’s application for hotel/motel tax funds for the Oroville Farmer’s Market; application amount is \$4,150. Bull explained advertising for 2026, events held and plans for the 2027 season. Mayor Naillon expressed appreciation for Bull and the Farmer’s Market.

Joan Krajewski was present to discuss the two hotel/motel tax funds applications submitted by the Highlands Community Support Coalition; Fiesta de Colores – Cinco de Mayo Festival application is for \$4,700 and The Guild Art Center & Gallery application is for \$7,250. Krajewski discussed advertisement and plans for the Cinco de Mayo event. Mayor Naillon thanked Krajewski for the itemized detail and respectful request for funds. Further discussion on the Cinco de Mayo event held this year. Krajewski explained the events planned through The Guild Art Center & Gallery and the services they provide. Mayor Naillon and Councilmembers thanked Krajewski for the information provided.

Angela Larson was present to discuss Rural Website Design’s application for hotel/motel tax funds; application amount is \$20,000. Larson discussed her background in advertising for the community and explained the proposed options in the application. Discussion on allowed uses of hotel/motel tax funds; Council to discuss setting an amount for advertising through Rural Website Design.

Review and discussion on each application received for hotel/motel tax funds; awards were made as follows:

- Highlands Community Support Coalition:
 - Fiesta de Colores – Cinco de Mayo Festival = \$4,700
 - The Guild Art Center & Gallery = \$7,250
- Molson Museums = \$1,475
- Okanogan County Dept of Public Works:
 - Similkameen & Whistler Canyon Trail Spraying & Maintenance = \$3,000
- Oroville Chamber of Commerce = \$15,000
- Oroville Farmer’s Market Events = \$4,150
- Oroville May Festival = \$5,000
- Rural Website Design = \$10,000
- The Chronicle = \$3,250

Councilmember Moser questioned using hotel/motel tax funds for park use fees that normally are waived for community events; Clerk Denney to confirm with MRSC that the use of funds for park use fees is allowed. Further discussion on options for using hotel/motel tax funds.

Mayor Naillon would like to revisit staff’s previous request to add the Juneteenth Holiday to the Employee Work Policy; discussion. Employee Work Policy to be amended to add one floating holiday in place of the Juneteenth Holiday.

Mayor Naillon would like to reach out to the Patrolman’s Union Representative to discuss possible wage increase and addition of the floating holiday.

Possible wage increase discussion. Clerk Denney discussed the 2027 premium increases announced by the AWC Trust: medical will increase by 11.4%, dental will increase by 1.9% and the LEOFF 1 retiree coverage under the Medicare Advantage Plan will increase by 30.5%. Council discussed approving a \$1.00 per hour wage increase for all employees and addition one floating holiday to the Employee Work Policy.

Next budget workshop to be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 4:30 pm.

Budget Workshop ended at 6:15 pm.

Budget Workshop Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk