

Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2025

The City Council of Audubon Park held a meeting Monday, April 21, 2025. The following were present: Mayor Madeline Bozeman, City Clerk Cecilia Niemann, Chief of Police Mike Murdoch, Councilors Pete Becker, Olivia Powell, Brenda Hartman, Austin Schwenker, and Joe Brenner, and Joe Tronzo.

Call to Order

Mayor Bozeman called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Public Comments

Pete Hall commended the contractor for promptly beginning road tarring the day after the decision was made. He also appreciated Councilor Joe Brenner's oversight of the project.

Nancy Heine commented on the Dogwood Festival, and Mayor Bozeman thanked Tori Shackleton for organizing the event.

A request was made to consider traffic control measures for the five-way intersection on Audubon Parkway. Dorn Crawford clarified that the previous speed bumps were a temporary measure until it was determined that all traffic control devices require Council approval.

New Business

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring Municipal Order 3, Series 2025 to the floor. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Schwenker seconded. Councilor Schwenker read the order. All were in favor, Councilor Hartman absent.

Mayor Bozeman highlighted the main points of her budget message. She compared Audubon Park's tax rate and budget to other like cities and found Audubon Park lacking.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring Ordinance 4, Series 2025 to the floor. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Becker seconded. Councilor Schwenker read the ordinance. They discussed the budget proposal. All were in favor, Councilor Hartman absent.

Financial Report

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to accept the March cash flow and budget to actual. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Schwenker seconded. All were in favor, Councilor Hartman absent.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Councilor Schwenker made a motion; Councilor Brenner seconded. Four were in favor (Councilors Schwenker, Brenner, Powell, and Becker). Councilor Tronzo abstained, Councilor Hartman absent.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring Ordinance 1, Series 2025 to the floor. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Becker seconded. Councilor Schwenker read the ordinance. They held a discussion. Councilor Schwenker proposed to amend Ordinance 1, Series 2025. Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to accept the amendment. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Becker seconded. All were in favor. Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1, Series 2025 as amended. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Becker seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to bring Ordinance 2, Series 2025 to the floor. Councilor Schwenker made a motion; Councilor Becker seconded. Councilor Schwenker read the ordinance. All were in favor.

Police Report

The Council reviewed the reports.

Code Enforcement Report

The Council reviewed the report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bozeman thanked Tony Williams, Parks and Recreation Board Chair Tori Shackleton, and Councilor Hartman for their contributions to the Dogwood Festival. She announced Arbor Day in Audubon Park and shared that she and the City Clerk have taken over the responsibilities of the Forest Board.

She proposed placing a "No Parking One Side" sign on Oriole Court while they work on the drainage issue. Councilor Brenner suggested granting the Mayor the authority to resolve the parking matter, and Councilor Becker agreed. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Mayor Bozeman expressed her appreciation for the Council, city employees, and the police force for their dedication and responsiveness. She also thanked residents for their ongoing support and emphasized her commitment to investing in the community.

Public Comments

Tony Williams thanked Mayor Bozeman, Parks and Recreation Chair Shackleton, and Councilors Powell and Hartman for their efforts in organizing the Dogwood Festival. He mentioned that during his term, the drainage issue on Oriole Court was reviewed. Widening the road is not an option due to buried lights, but grading the park would allow water to flow toward the drains on Thrush. He suggested notifying residents about the annual waste management rate change and asked if the city would hold a Town Hall Public Meeting to discuss the tax rate. Mayor Bozeman confirmed the meeting would take place in May.


Williams also noted that the KLC Liability Grant covers playgrounds and sidewalks and recommended that the city take advantage of this funding to repair damaged sidewalks in Audubon. Additionally, he stated that elected officials' salaries remain inadequate. Mayor Bozeman confirmed with Williams that the City has taken advantage of the grant for the past two years and has a line item for it in the budget this year.

Pete Hall spoke about the long-standing community pride in Audubon Park and warned that recalling the tax rate could affect road conditions and property values. Nancy Heine expressed her support for the tax rate increase. Dorn Crawford asked if the Arbor Day Proclamation had been posted on the city's website, and Mayor Bozeman confirmed. She also informed him that a reach alert had been sent regarding Arbor Day. Crawford also suggested posting the budget message and proposal.

Adjournment

Mayor Bozeman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Brenner made a motion; Councilor Schwenker seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.

Attested 

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