



CITY OF PENDLETON
REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Date Submitted:	Type of Action Requested:	Subject:
7/21/2026	☐ Resolution	Process for Arts Commission art fund use and site recommendations.
Date Action Requested:	☐ Ordinance	
07/21/2026	☒ Formal Action/Motion	
Attachments:(list)	☐ Other	

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Donna Biggerstaff, City Recorder

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Brownfield Park as the site for the Public Art Commission's first Minor Projects Program mural, as required by Ordinance 3872.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Art Commission is seeking proposals for a small mural at Brownfield Park, located at the corner of SE Byers Avenue and South Main Street. The project includes a \$1,500 artist fee, paid in two installments (\$500 upon selection and \$1,000 upon completion), plus up to \$300 in reimbursable materials for professional-grade, outdoor-rated supplies.

The Public Art Minor Projects Program provides emerging and established artists without prior public art experience an opportunity to build their portfolios and prepare for future public art commissions. Brownfield Park is the first project in the program.

Under Ordinance 3872, City Council approval of the project site is required before Arts Commission funds may be expended. The Council may approve, approve with modifications, or deny the recommended site.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT/IMPACT:

Public art enhances public spaces, celebrates community identity, and increases access to arts and culture while supporting local artists and attracting visitors.

ALTERNATIVES: none

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF PENDLETON
July 21, 2026**

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS at 7:00 PM, July 21, 2026, with Mayor McDonald presiding.

PRESENT: McKennon McDonald
Carole Innes
Linda Neuman
Stephen Campbell
Addison Schulberg
Brett Mulvihill
John Thomas
Ellie McBride
Joseph Hull

ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE:
Corbett, Byram, Brown,
Currin, Willman,
Colton, Allen, Nelson,
Johnson, Doescher

1. COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

This is the time designated for any person to ask questions or make statements before the City Council on any matter regarding City Business that is not on the agenda.

- a. **Nicole Pantley**, Regional Operations Director for the Pendleton Treatment Center, provided information on their services and advised they are seeing real progress in Pendleton. They are seeing increases in patients getting employment, housing, and stability and less criminal activity. She provided a written summary to the Council outlining the progress their patients have made and advised she is looking forward to continuing their partnership with us and the community.

Roy Jones, a longtime resident who raised his kids here. He has served on PDC advisory board several years and after having the opportunity to get involved, better understands the expenses and decision making process. There is a lot of distrust against government in general with people saying there is waste, fraud, and spending, so they don't want their taxes going towards anything because it's all corruption. He believes Pendleton does not have that issue and everyone is making decisions the best they can based on available information. He thanked council for the work they do and wanted to voice his opinions so those who wanted to create discontent and discord weren't the loudest voices in the room.

Amy Madigral Bates, owner of Life's Intention Back to Basics, advised she has been keeping a closer eye on the homeless population and problems businesses are having. She

is hearing a lot of people talking, but no one is offering solutions. She advised Pendleton needs lower cost housing. There are a lot of apartments going up, but none are affordable for a person who is on social security or who is working a \$17/hour job, meaning we're setting people up for failure. There needs to be more security apartment buildings that are studios or one bedroom units. They are working with people to help them get IDs, jobs, learn how to fill out an application. Building a shelter is a great start, but we need to think about long term plans, not punishment.

2. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

- a. Robb Corbett, City Manager, advised he has a meeting with representatives at Eastern Oregon Alcohol Foundation to discuss the long term status of the organization. They've been an asset to our community for decades that we can't afford to lose.

3. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Introduction of Guests
- c. Appointment of Joseph Hull to serve in the Ward 2 position, currently vacated by Sean Butler.

Mayor McDonald read Joseph Hull's email formally notifying council of his excitement and willingness to begin his council service and Mr. Hull was sworn in.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Accept the minutes of the July 7, 2026, City Council meeting.
- b. City Manager Contract Renewal, Staff Report and Recommendation.

Pulled from Consent Agenda - moved to regular item

- c. Confirming the City Council's approval for all art sites before placement by the Arts Commission, Staff Report and Recommendation.

Moved by: Addison Schulberg

Seconded by: John Thomas

CARRIED 8-0.

5. CITY MANAGER CONTRACT

- a. Employment Contract for City Manager Robb Corbett

As this matter was pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to a regular council item.