



## UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 1 S. Central Avenue, Umatilla, Florida 32784

### AGENDA

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#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **AGENDA REVIEW**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Appointment for Vacant Seat #3
2. Purchase Existing Parking on Cassady Street from Umatilla Baptist Church
3. Utility Lien Fee Reduction Request from Maria Talasek, 450 Cassady Street

#### **MINUTES REVIEW**

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes  
- August 19, 2025, Regular City Council Minutes

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

5. Senator Truenow and Representative Cobb Check Presentation for Appropriations Funding Award
6. Golf Carts on City Streets

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*At this point in the meeting, the Umatilla City Council will hear questions, comments and concerns from the public.*

*Please write your name and address on the paper provided at the podium. Zoning or code enforcement matters which may be coming before the Council at a later date should not be discussed until such time as they come before the Council in a public hearing. Comments, questions, and concerns from the public regarding items listed on this agenda shall be received at the time the Council addresses such items during this meeting. Public comments are generally limited to three minutes.*

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

7. Special Event Application for The City of Umatilla's Black Bear Festival 2026

#### **PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS**

#### **DISCUSSION**

8. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Discussion

#### **REPORTS**

## 9. Staff Reports

### ADJOURNMENT

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## **CITY OF UMATILLA AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** August 25, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** September 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Appointment for Vacant Seat #3

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### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

The City received six applications from residents expressing interest in the vacant Council Seat 3. The City Council will review the submissions and appoint a qualified candidate to fill the vacancy.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

City Council review the submissions and appoint a candidate to fill the vacancy.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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## **CITY OF UMATILLA**

### **AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** September 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Purchase Existing Parking on Cassady Street from Umatilla Baptist Church

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#### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

The City and Umatilla Baptist Church have agreed on a purchase price of \$100,000 for the paved parking area along Cassady Street across from the City's skate park. Staff is requesting the Council's authorization to move forward with a contract to purchase said property.

CRA funds will be used to purchase this property.

A purchase agreement will be submitted for Council approval at a future date.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends approval

#### **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

\$100,000 from budgeted CRA funds

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

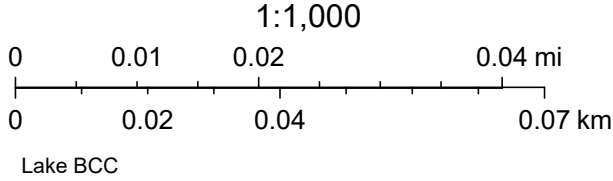
1. Location Map of UBC Parking on Cassady St
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# UBC Parking Cassady Street



August 27, 2025

-  Tax Parcels
-  Tax Parcels Alternate Key
-  Local Streets 1K
-  Street Names
-  County Boundary





## **CITY OF UMATILLA**

### **AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** August 20, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** September 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Utility Lien Fee Reduction Request from Maria Talasek, 450 Cassady Street

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#### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

The new property owner, Maria Talasek, of 450 Cassady Street, has requested to be placed on the agenda for Council consideration of a reduction to the current utility lien on the property. This lien was not paid off at closing and remains valid.

The lien on this property was placed in January 2022. The last payment on the account was made in September 2021. The previous owner had a reverse mortgage on the property and the family refused to pay the utilities.

The total outstanding balance is \$5,718.77, which consists of \$2,025.70 in utility charges and \$3,693.07 in late fees and penalties. An additional \$50.00 for recording fees will also be assessed prior to the release of lien.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Consider a reduction in late fees and penalties.

#### **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

Up to \$3,693.07 reduction in fees and penalties

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Final Appeal Letter - 450 Cassady Street
  2. 450 Cassady Street Location Map
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LAW FIRM OF  
**GARY M. SINGER, P.A.**

*COURTHOUSE PLACE*  
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*\*OF COUNSEL*

August 21, 2025

City of Umatilla  
Attn: City Council  
City Hall  
1 South Central Ave.  
Umatilla, FL 32784

**Re: Appeal and Request for Reduction of Utility Lien**  
**Property Address: 450 Cassady Street, Umatilla, FL 32784**  
**Bill#: 20579000-0**

Dear Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Greenspring Capital Management, LLC, not in its individual capacity, but solely as administrator of the RMH 2023-2 Trust (hereinafter referred to as "Greenspring"). Greenspring took title to this property in February of this year as part of its foreclosure action against the prior owner. From the time Greenspring took title to the property they have spent a large sum of money in rehabilitating the property, specifically with landscaping. During this time Greenspring became aware of the Claim of Lien for utilities dated January 18, 2022 and recorded January 25, 2022 in Official Records Book 5882 at Page 1502, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, which has created a lien against the property in the amount of \$5,370.05 (as of July 10, 2025) with amounts continuing to accrue. This letter serves as a formal appeal and request for reconsideration and reduction of this lien.

We fully acknowledge the City's authority to place liens for unpaid utility charges under applicable municipal code and understand the importance of maintaining the integrity of the utility system. However, certain mitigating circumstances warrant a reduction or adjustment of this lien amount:

1. **Circumstances Leading to the Charges**

Joyce E. Miller was the record owner of the property at the time the Claim of Lien was filed and was the borrower under a mortgage loan held by Greenspring. Joyce E. Miller passed away on September 22, 2021, approximately four months prior to the filing of the Claim of Lien. It seems clear that the lack of payment of the utilities leading to the Claim of Lien was due to the passing of Ms. Miller. The initial claim of lien balance at the time of filing was \$136.34. Greenspring became aware of the Claim of Lien following completion of its foreclosure action when it was in the process of preparing the property for sale.

2. **Equity and Proportionality**

It has come to Greenspring's attention that the subject property was not connected to water services for an extended period of time since the Claim of Lien was filed. Per the City accounting clerk "the water main upgrade was done a few years ago which means for at least the past two years or so this home has not had water". While the City's lien process is understood, the total lien amount—including penalties, interest, and fees—has grown disproportionately compared to the original principal balance. In addition the full lien without reduction imposes an excessive financial burden that does not reflect the actual utility consumption since the property was without water services during much of the time when the lien was in place.

3. **Request for Relief**

Greenspring is a strong supporter of local government and their entitlement to charge for services provided. In this instance, since no services were provided during a majority of the lien period, we respectfully request that the City of Umatilla reduce the lien amount to reflect the actual usage that has occurred from the date of last payment through present. We also respectfully request that given the nature of the underlying default that lead to the lien in the first place, the City consider waiving the penalties and interest that have accrued on that original low balance over the last several years. Greenspring is ready to make immediate payment on any reduced amount and will submit same within 10 days of the Councils decision in this matter.

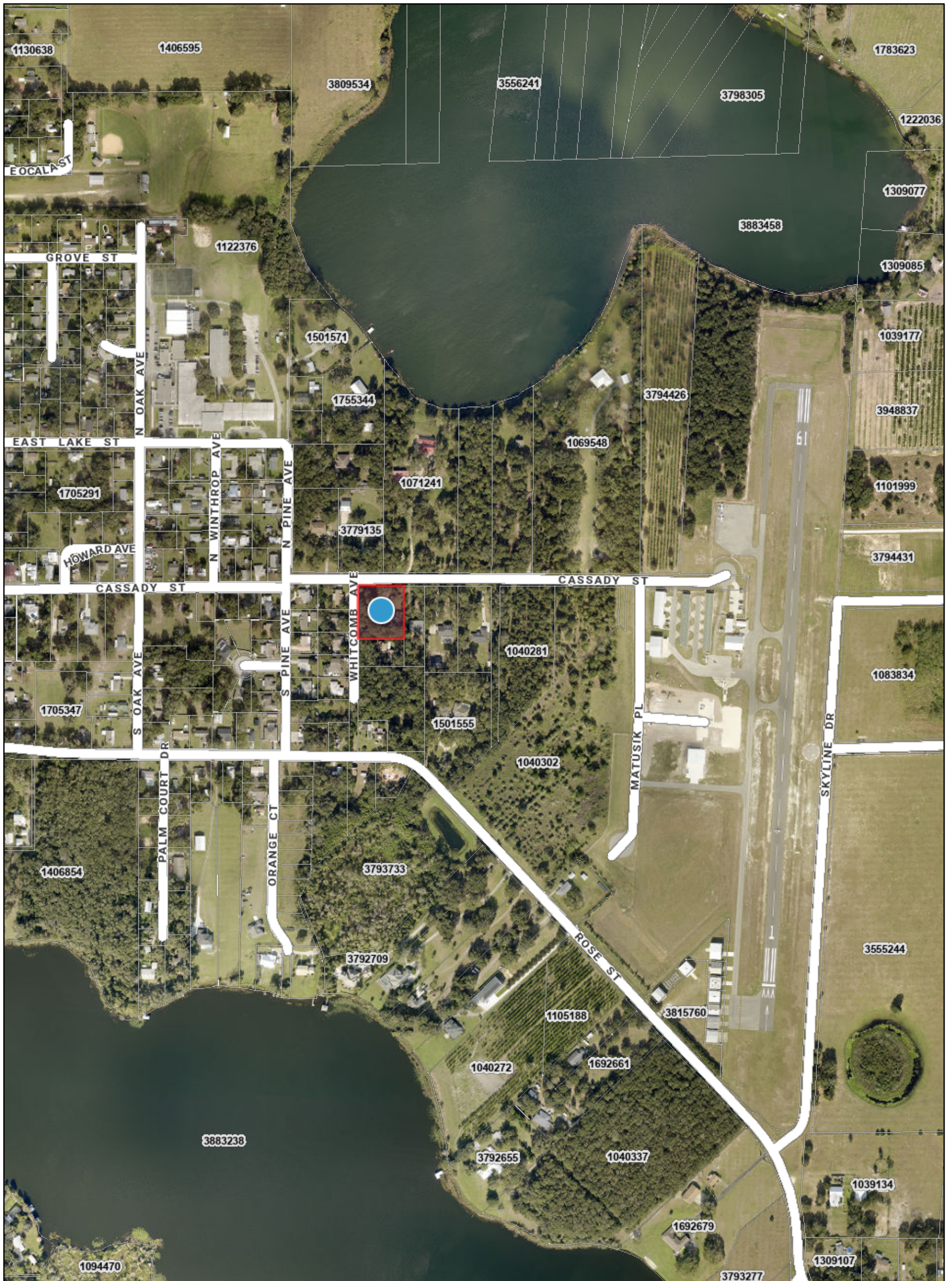
We appreciate your time in considering this matter. We appreciate your response following the Council meeting on September 2, 2025. Please feel free to reach out to the undersigned at 954-851-1448 with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,



Andrew H. Dinnerstein  
Counsel for Greenspring

450 Cassady Street



August 28, 2025



## Override 1



## Override 1



## Tax Parcels

### Tax Parcels Alternate Key



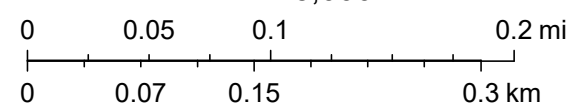
## Local Streets 5K

## Street Names



County Boundary

1:5,000



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## UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 1 S. Central Avenue, Umatilla, Florida 32784

### MINUTES

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#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Creech led the Pledge of Allegiance, gave the Invocation, and called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christopher Creech, Mayor  
Katherine Adams, Vice Mayor  
Bear Crockett, Council Member  
Fred Fetterolf, Council Member

#### **NOT PRESENT**

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Aaron Mercer, Interim City Manager  
Adam Bolton, Assistant City Manager  
Jessica Burnham, City Clerk  
Jennifer Cotch, City Attorney  
Regina Frazier, Finance Director  
David Seeley, Chief of Police  
Amy Stultz, Library Director  
Vaughan Nilson, Public Works Director  
Misti Lambert, Programs and Compliance Manager

#### **AGENDA REVIEW**

Mayor Creech asked Mr. Mercer if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Mercer asked for item number eleven to be removed.

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CROCKETT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE STATED CHANGES BY; SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FETTEROLF . MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

## **MINUTES REVIEW**

1. Approval Meeting Minutes
  - June 24, 2025, City Council Work Session
  - July 8, 2025, City Council Work Session
  - July 15, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
  - July 22, 2025, City Council Work Session

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR ADAMS TO APPROVE ALL THE MINUTES; SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CROCKETT; MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

2. Proclamation in Memory of Lowell Collins 2025

Mayor Creech read the Proclamation into the record.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Creech opened public comment

Tristian Ratmundo, appearing on behalf of Representative Cobb, stated that he was available for any questions or concerns from the Council or citizens and to report back to the Representative as needed.

Charelle Burgess from the Chamber of Commerce reported that the Chamber has 65 members. She noted that she has been participating in Chamber Chat on local radio shows and highlighted passed and upcoming events, including the Educator Breakfast, the Network Breakfast being held on September 4, and the Christmas Parade on December 13

Kaitlin Brody, of 146 Bullfrog, raised concerns that the building official is holding dual positions, serving both as the Building Official for Umatilla and as a Council Member in Leesburg.

Attorney Cotch addressed the concerns, stating that her office had reviewed the matter and found no conflict. She also addressed additional concerns and noted that her office had sent two letters in response to Ms. Brody's inquiries

Mayor Creech closed public comment

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Special Event Application for The City of Umatilla's Halloween Trunk-or-Treat
4. Memorandum of Understanding with SECO for use of Property Staging Area during Emergencies

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CROCKETT TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR ADAMS; MOTION WAS APPROVED BY AN UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

5. Resolution No. 2025-18, Credit for Utility Customers that use E-Billing

City Attorney Cotch read the Resolution by title.

#### **Resolution No. 2025-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A ONE-TIME UTILITY BILL CREDIT INCENTIVE FOR CUSTOMERS WHO ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC BILLING; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Ms. Frazier presented the agenda item and stated it's to encourage utility customers to switch to electronic billing. The City currently mails about 1,545 utility bills monthly at a cost of \$3,000 and significant staff time. Moving to e-billing would reduce costs, ease administrative workload, and improve service efficiency. To incentivize participation, the City proposes a one-time \$20 credit for customers who enroll and remain on e-billing for at least one year.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR ADAMS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18, CREDIT FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS THAT USE E-BILLING; SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CROCKETT. MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

6. Resolution No. 2025-25, Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Funding of Umatilla Water System & Fire Flow Improvements

City Attorney Cotch read the Resolution by title.

#### **Resolution No. 2025-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR FUNDING OF THE UMATILLA WATER SYSTEM CRITICAL NEEDS & FIRE FLOW IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PROJECT L0360); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Mercer presented to the Council that the City was awarded \$1,293,000 in Senate Appropriation funding, sponsored by Senator Keith Trunow and Representative Nann Cobb, for a water line replacement project. A resolution is required per FDEP guidelines to receive the grant. The project will replace and extend approximately 5,100 linear feet of water mains across multiple corridors, improving fire flow, water pressure, reliability, and operational efficiency, while supporting future growth.

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER FETTEROLF TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25, GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR FUNDING OF UMATILLA WATER SYSTEM AND FIRE FLOW IMPROVEMENTS;**

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CROCKETT. MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

7. Resolution No. 2025-26, Cyber Security Act

City Attorney Cotch read the Resolution by title only.

**Resolution No. 2025-26**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK AS THE CYBERSECURITY STANDARD FOR THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK AND COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 282.3185, FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO AFFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 282.3185, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Bolton presented that Florida Statute 282.3185 requires municipalities to adopt the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework. The proposed resolution would establish this framework as the City of Umatilla's cybersecurity standard and authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to implement policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the statute.

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CROCKETT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-26, CYBERSECURITY ACT; SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR ADAMS. MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

8. Resolution No. 2025-28, FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant for Construction of Aircraft Parking Apron Expansion at Umatilla Municipal Airport

City Attorney Cotch read the Resolution by title only.

**Resolution No. 2025-28**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 3-12-0026-018- 2025 FOR UMATILLA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Jack Thompson, AVCON, provided background on the apron expansion project. The City had previously received FAA and FDOT grants for design, but last year's construction bid was not funded due to FAA discretionary funding shortfalls. The project was re-bid this year, and the FAA has now issued an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant covering 95% of construction costs. The grant must be electronically signed and returned by August 20, 2025.

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER FETTEROLF TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-28, FAA AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON EXPANSION AT UMATILLA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CROCKETT. MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

9. Resolution No. 2025-27, Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) Construction of Aircraft Parking Apron at Umatilla Municipal Airport

City Attorney Cotch read the Resolution by title only.

**Resolution No. 2025-27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT (PTGA) 454112-1-94-01 FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON EXPANSION AT UMATILLA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Thompson provided background on the agenda item and mentioned the City previously received FAA and FDOT grants for the design of the apron expansion project. Last year's bid was not funded due to FAA discretionary funding shortfalls. The project was re-bid, and the FAA has now issued an AIP grant covering 95% of construction costs, with FDOT providing a PTGA for an additional 4%.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR ADAMS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-27, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT (PTGA) CONSTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON AT UMATILLA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CROCKETT. MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

10. AVCON Task Order No. 10 Aircraft Parking Apron Expansion - Bidding and Construction Phase Services at Umatilla Municipal Airport

Mr. Thompson provided background on the upcoming acceptance of FAA and FDOT grants at the August 19, 2025, City Council meeting for construction of the aircraft parking apron. The Task Order covers re-packaging plans and specifications, bidding assistance, and construction administration and observation for the project. Funding is provided through FAA AIP Project No. 3-12-0026-018-2025 (95%) and FDOT PTGA 454112-1-94-01 (4%).

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CROCKETT TO APPROVE AVCON TASK ORDER NO. 10 AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON EXPANSION - BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES AT UMATILLA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FETTEROLF. MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

11. Resolution No. 2025-29, Challenging the Validity of Senate Bill 180(2025) Relating to Local Government Land Use Authority

\*This item was removed from the agenda.

Council Member Fetterolf discussed expanding the scholarship that the City awards to senior students at Umatilla High School from one student to two students and increasing the award amount from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER FETTEROLF TO EXPAND THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO**

**TWO SENIOR STUDENTS AT UMATILLA HIGH SCHOOL AND INCREASE THE AWARD AMOUNT TO \$1,500 EACH; SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR ADAMS. MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

## **DISCUSSION**

### 12. Employment Agreement update for Aaron Mercer and The City of Umatilla

Mr. Mercer presented proposed amendments to his employment contract for Council review, including a salary increase from \$120,000 to \$135,000 effective August 1, 2025, use of a City vehicle for work and personal purposes, a 9% contribution to his 457 investment plan, allowing accrued vacation to exceed the current 192-hour threshold, and a provision limiting total vacation payout to the personnel policy allowance.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR ADAMS TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT UPDATE FOR AARON MERCER AND THE CITY OF UMATILLA; SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FETTEROLF. MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

## **REPORTS**

### 13. Staff Reports

Mr. Mercer reported that debris removal had begun on the Bessel property for FEMA purposes, and the Orange Avenue property was demolished to make way for future parking.

Mr. Bolton had nothing to report.

City Attorney Cotch had nothing to report.

Council Member Fetterolf had nothing to report.

Council Member Crockett had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Adams attended the breakfast for Educators, hosted by the Chamber, which was a wonderful event.

Mayor Creech had nothing to report.

Chief Seeley reported that the Police Department was awarded a \$25,000 grant from SECO to upgrade computers. Corporal Brown successfully located and apprehended a suspect following a felony traffic stop.

Ms. Frazier reported that security improvements are currently in progress at City Hall. The budget books are scheduled to be revised on September 2.

Ms. Stultz had nothing to report.

Mr. Nilson had nothing to report.

Ms. Lambert had nothing to report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:49 p.m.

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Jessica Burnham, CMC, FCRM  
City Clerk

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Christopher R Creech, Mayor



## **CITY OF UMATILLA AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** August 28, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** September 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Senator Truenow and Representative Cobb Check Presentation for Appropriations Funding Award

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### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

Senator Keith Truenow and Representative Nan Cobb were instrumental in supporting our appropriations request that will fund the Umatilla Water System Critical Needs & Fire Flow Improvement project. The City was awarded \$1,293,000 and will be made available through a cost reimbursement grant. The City has a "zero" match requirement.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

N/A

### **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

The City was awarded \$1,293,000 and will be made available through a cost reimbursement grant. The City has a "zero" match requirement.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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## **CITY OF UMATILLA**

### **AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** August 28, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** September 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Golf Carts on City Streets

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#### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

Police Chief David Seeley will provide a presentation regarding a recent resident's request to consider authorizing portions of the City's streets for golf cart use.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

N/A

#### **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

N/A

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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## **CITY OF UMATILLA AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** July 30, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** September 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Special Event Application for The City of Umatilla's Black Bear Festival 2026

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### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

In previous years, the city hosted the black bear festival in Cadwell Park. This event has not occurred in the past several years. The city wishes to revitalize this event and hold it in Cadwell Park on January 31st, 2026. The event will have music, games, entertainment, educational presentations, food, vendors, and artists.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approval of the Special Event Application for The City of Umatilla's Black Bear Festival 2026

### **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. APPLICATION SPECIAL EVENTS (blackbear)
  2. Black Bear Map
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City of  
**Umatilla**  
Florida

## Special Events Application

Application must be submitted a minimum of 45 days before event

### Applicant Information

Event Sponsor

Name: City of Umatilla

Address:

1 S. Central Ave

Umatilla

FL 32784

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone:

( 352 ) 6693125

Email

Address:

[abolton@umatillafl.org](mailto:abolton@umatillafl.org)

### Event Information

Name of Event:

City of Umatilla Black Bear Festival

Date: Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

Time 0830

Start:

☐ AM ☐ PM

End: 2000

☐ AM

Location:

Anticipated # of Attendees:

## Submittal Checklist (All items must be included)

☐ Certificate of Insurance with City as a named additional insured

☒ Layout Map with event set  
up  
and emergency access routes

☐ Plan to address clean  
up

☐ Fire Extinguishers

☐ Provisions for first aid or emergency medical  
services

☐ Provisions for crowd and traffic control

☐ Other information as may be required by City  
Manager, Police, Fire Department, Public Works

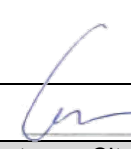
Reserved for City Comments:

☐ Application Approved

☐ Application Denied

\$50 application fee received

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

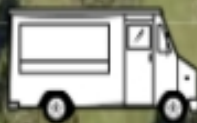
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|  | 8/28/25 |
| Signature – City Manager                                                            | Date    |
|                                                                                     |         |
| Signature – Police Chief                                                            | Date    |
|                                                                                     |         |
| Signature – Fire Chief                                                              | Date    |
| <i>Vaughan Nilson</i>                                                               | 8.27.25 |
| Signature – Public Works<br>Director                                                | Date    |



Highway Men Art Exhibit



Vendors



Food Trucks



Games and Amusements



Live Music

Family Area



## **CITY OF UMATILLA AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** August 20, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** September 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Discussion

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### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

TRIM Notices went out to residents with the proposed millage rate of 7.2377, which is the rolled back rate. The Fire Assessment was included at the highest level of \$362 per residential unit. These are the rates that were approved by City Council at the July 15th meeting. Several changes have been discussed at various meetings since then, which have been incorporated into the Tentative Budget for the First Public Hearing to be held on September 11, 2025.

Discussion will focus on the changes that have been made and any additional changes that the Council may wish to include prior to the First Public Hearing.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approval of proposed changes

### **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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# UMATILLA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

August 12, 2025 through August 18, 2025

## ARRESTS

|            |               |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 08/15/2025 | 10:01<br>a.m. | York, Codi<br>Umatilla  | Battery (Domestic); ADDED – Violation Probation – Petit Theft; ADDED – Violation Probation - Petit theft/3 <sup>rd</sup> conviction; ADDED – Violation Probation – Fraudulent use of personal identification. |
| 08/17/2025 | 6:36<br>p.m.  | Bueno, Juan<br>Umatilla | Trespass after warning.                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## CRIMINAL CITATIONS REQUIRING COURT APPEARANCE

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| 08/14/2025 | 6:33<br>p.m. | Cook, Robert<br>Umatilla | Leaving scene of accident without giving information damage more than \$50.00 |
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## REPORTS FILED

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| 08/12/2025 | 11:47<br>a.m. | Officers responded to the area of Rose Street and Skyline Drive reference a person falling off of a lawnmower and hitting their head. Person was turned over to EMS.                                |  |
| 08/13/2025 | 5:00<br>a.m.  | Officers responded to the area of Bonaire Street reference a person on a bike in the area with no light on. Person was given a verbal warning reference riding the bike in the dark with no lights. |  |
| 08/13/2025 | 6:47<br>a.m.  | Officers responded to a call for service in the area of Cayman Circle reference a verbal dispute.                                                                                                   |  |
| 08/13/2025 | 8:48<br>a.m.  | Officers responded to the area of Golden Gem Drive and Devault Street reference a theft. Report was taken. A few hours later the item was located.                                                  |  |
| 08/13/2025 | 5:14<br>p.m.  | Officers responded to Cayman Circle reference a civil complaint. An informational report was taken.                                                                                                 |  |
| 08/14/2025 | 2:52<br>a.m.  | Officers responded to the Circle K located at 391 North Central Avenue reference someone coming in and out of store and arguing with customers. Person was trespassed.                              |  |
| 08/14/2025 | 5:09<br>p.m.  | Officers responded to a residence on Cayman Circle reference a verbal dispute. A report was taken.                                                                                                  |  |

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| 08/15/2025 | 9:59<br>p.m.  | Officers responded to a residence in the area of Kentucky Avenue for a well being check.                                                                                                                         |
| 08/16/2025 | 11:29<br>p.m. | Officers received a noise complaint in the area of West Ocala Street. They turned the music down.                                                                                                                |
| 08/17/2025 | 11:20<br>a.m. | Officers received a call reference a person walking in the roadway in the area of County Road East 450 and seeming confused. Officers checked out with person and they were okay and knew where they were going. |
| 08/18/2025 | 2:34<br>p.m.  | Officers responded to Aim High Academy at 755 South Central Avenue to assist the Department of Children and Families with commencement of a case.                                                                |
| 08/18/2025 | 5:43<br>p.m.  | Officers arrived at 939 North Central Avenue, Kentucky Fried Chicken reference a verbal dispute. Person was trespassed.                                                                                          |

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| ARRESTS                  | 3   |
| DISPATCHED CALLS         | 155 |
| TRAFFIC STOPS            | 24  |
| TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED | 3   |

# UMATILLA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

August 19, 2025 through August 25, 2025

## ARRESTS

|            |           |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 08/23/2025 | 7:00 p.m. | Green, Steven Umatilla | Warrant out of Lake County confirmed through FCIC/NCIC and through the Lake County Dispatch for failure to appear: Possession of firearm by felon; Possession of paraphernalia; Driving while license cancelled/suspended or revoked. Charges added: Possession of controlled substance – Meth; Possession of controlled substance – Dextroamphetamine. |
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## CRIMINAL CITATIONS REQUIRING COURT APPEARANCE

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| 08/23/2025 | 10:31 a.m. | Wynn, Zakary Tavares | No drivers license never had one. |
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## REPORTS FILED

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| 08/19/2025 | 3:33 a.m.  | Officers assisted Lake County Sheriffs office in the area of County Road 445 and State Road 19 reference a person in need of medical attention. Person was turned over to EMS.                                                                         |
| 08/19/2025 | 3:31 p.m.  | Officers responded to a residence in the area of Lakeshore Avenue reference a missing person. After searching the area officers returned to the residence to get further information and start a missing persons report, the person had returned home. |
| 08/22/2025 | 8:09 a.m.  | Officers responded to Eli Marine located at 831 South Central Avenue for an accidental business alarm.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 08/22/2025 | 9:37 a.m.  | Officers responded to United Southern Bank located at 750 North Central Avenue reference an accidental business alarm.                                                                                                                                 |
| 08/22/2025 | 11:57 a.m. | Officers assisted the Department of Children and Families at the Umatilla Elementary School to commence a case.                                                                                                                                        |
| 08/22/2025 | 12:48 p.m. | Officers assisted the Department of Children and Families at the Umatilla Elementary School to commence a case.                                                                                                                                        |
| 08/22/2025 | 2:01 p.m.  | A person walked into the Umatilla Police Department to turn in found property. The item was placed into property for safekeeping.                                                                                                                      |

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| <b>08/23/2025</b>               | <b>12:05<br/>a.m.</b> | <b>Officers responded to a call reference a battery at a residence in the area of Umatilla Boulevard. After speaking to all parties involved a primary aggressor could not be established the fight was of mutual consent. Neither the witnesses or parties involved wished to complete a statement.</b> |
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| <b>ARRESTS</b>                  | <b>1</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>DISPATCHED CALLS</b>         | <b>133</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>TRAFFIC STOPS</b>            | <b>30</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED</b> | <b>5</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |