

Minutes of the  
**CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORK SESSION**  
Tuesday, September 8, 2009  
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Mike Morgan, Council President Sam Steidel, Councilors Nancy Giasson, Melissa Cadwallader and Wendy Higgins

Excused: None

Staff: City Manager Rich Mays, Finance Director Renee Sinclair, and Administrative Assistant Brandy Brien.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morgan called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Cadwallader asked to discuss the committee minutes on the website and tsunami road signage. Morgan asked that Stimson Lumber – herbicide spray be discussed.

Giasson moved to amend the agenda. Cadwallader seconded the motion. Council agreed by consensus to amend the agenda.

DISCUSSION

**(1) Proposed Amendments to the City Municipal Code 12.12.100 Lien Record and Foreclosure Proceedings.**

Sinclair summarized her staff report. Council discussed the language and agreed to consider at their next meeting.

**(2) Wauna Mill Lawsuit IGA**

Mays summarized his staff report. He reviewed that Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products (GP) was granted an Enterprise Zone Exemption starting in 2004-05 for certain property at Wauna Mill. In May of 2008, GP was disqualified from receiving the Enterprise Zone Exemption because it had not met minimum employment requirements. As a result of the disqualification, all taxes on previously exempt property became payable. GP paid these taxes in the amount of \$4,023,270.21 but appealed the disqualification and the amount of tax. The appeal, which is being defended by the Oregon Department of Justice, is expected to take a number of years to reach final adjudication.

Mays noted that if all Taxing Districts agree to execute the IGA, there will be an alternative means in place to finance any refund that may be ordered. As a result, the Reserve Fund can be rescinded and the proceeds distributed to the Taxing Districts.

In response to a question from Giasson, Sinclair reviewed the interest accrual and confirmed that the road fund is secure. Council concurred to consider at its next meeting.

**(3) Minutes on the Website**

Cadwallader led a discussion regarding the minutes on the City's website. Mays confirmed with Brien that nearly all the approved minutes are uploaded on the website for review or print. Mays noted that Administrative Specialist Buffy Simmons has also been training with Brien to provide assistance in uploading minutes and other information to the City's website.

**(4) Tsunami Road Signage**

Cadwallader led a discussion regarding additional tsunami signage at the east Presidential Streets. Mays reported that the Public Works Department is currently preparing to place the new tsunami signs and the east presidential streets will be stressed.

Council discussed concerns with regard to Global Positioning System (GPS) and MapQuest that provide interactive maps and driving directions to our city as they do not correctly display dead-end streets and are misleading visitors to Cannon Beach access to Highway 101. In response to comments made by Giasson, Morgan suggested that since resolving this issue with GPS and MapQuest is not in the City's purview that perhaps a sign could be placed to read "Residential Area, No Access to Highway 101".

**(5) Stimson Lumber Company – Herbicide Spray**

Morgan reviewed the previous relationships with Willamette and Weyerhaeuser Lumber Companies. Unfortunately, Stimson has a different approach and it appears that they will continue to spray near the Ecola Watershed. He reviewed his conversation with Stimson Lumber and noted that mowing may be an option, however the City may need to provide funding for the additional cost to mow.

In response to a question from Higgins, Morgan replied that there guidelines that prohibit spraying within 100 feet of the water, however that is generally not sufficient.

Steidel recommended that Council seek funding to isolate an intake area for testing the water for contaminates in the watershed. Higgins agreed. Morgan replied that Arch Cape is planning to proceed in that same direction.

Mays stated that staff will discuss the matter of testing with the Water Department and analyze this issue.

**(6) Status of Council Priorities**

Mays reviewed the Council priorities.

Morgan recommended that an additional shelter building be placed at Warren Way. Morgan provided an illustration of the location of the proposed shelter and asked that Mays discuss the placement of a shelter at that location or put the shelter in the right-of-way with the current property owner.

Steidel recommended that Council focus on work force housing issue through the winter to make some progress. Morgan noted that he has discussed this matter with the new Chamber Director. The Director expressed an interest and has successfully handled work force housing projects.

Giasson recommended that Council provide some closure on the recycling survey. Council discussed that the commercial recycling survey majority was to not proceed with commercial recycling. Higgins suggested that the handful of businesses interested in recycling collaborate to contract an agency to pick-up their recycling. Council concurred to discuss the survey results at the October 13, 2009 work session.

**(7) Good of the Order / Public Comment**

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morgan adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Brandy Brien, Administrative Assistant

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Mike Morgan, Mayor