

Minutes of the
CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday March 9, 2010
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, City Attorney Tamara Herdener, Police Chief Gene Halliburton and Administrative Assistant Brandy Brien

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Morgan distributed a letter written to Michelle Obama for Council's review.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

(1) Review of a Possible Change to Burning Permit-Requirements

Chief Halliburton summarized his staff report noting two proposed amendments to the City Municipal Code. He noted that the current Code necessitates a text amendment to reflect some administrative changes that were made several years ago authorizing the police department to issue burn permits.

Rooper reviewed that the current code states that no person, firm or corporation shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire, except a fire in a waste burner or incinerator. He stated that the majority of City residents are not aware of this restriction and he proposed that the Council considering amending the Code to allow for small fires through a permit process.

Halliburton noted that there are many residents and visitors that have small fires in the back yard for roasting marshmallows etc. and are unaware that this is not permitted and the enforcement of this regulation seems impractical.

Council noted concerns with regard to the fact that this regulation is not common knowledge. Council concurred to incorporate an education piece and move forward with the amendment at a public meeting.

(2) Lodging Tax Increase

Mays summarized his staff report. He noted that several alternatives have been explored and an increase in the City's lodging tax is one alternative. Mays recommended that the Council consider holding a public forum to allow for input on this matter.

Council discussed that, if approved, a grant process similar to the City's Community Grant Program process would be implemented for Art and Tourism Funding Program.

In response to comments made by Steidel, Morgan suggested that the reviewing board for the potential Art and Tourism Funding Program be two members from the lodging industry, two members from the arts community and one member at large. Council consensus was to direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution and ordinance to include two members from the lodging industry, one member from the arts community and two members at large for the reviewing board.

Council also discussed and asked staff to amend the powers and duties section of the proposed ordinance to reflect that changes to rules are subject to the City Council's approval.

Council concurred to hold a public hearing on April 6, 2010 to consider this matter.

Mayor Morgan asked if anyone wished to comment at this time.

Budget Committee members Sharon Clyde and Marty Schwab-Harris, offered suggestions for allocating funds if this amendment was approved.

Herdener agreed to prepare a final draft of a resolution and ordinance to review prior to the April 6, 2010 meeting.

(3) 2009-2010 Second Quarter Financial Statements Report

Sinclair summarized her staff report and provided an overview of the second quarter financial statements.

(4) Good of the Order/Public Comment

There was none

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Brandy Brien, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Mike Morgan, Mayor