

Minutes of the
CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Barb Knop, Council President Nancy McCarthy, Councilors Brandon Ogilvie, Gary Hayes and Lisa Kerr

Excused:

Staff: City Manager Bruce St. Denis, IT Director Rusty Barrett, Recorder Jennifer Barrett, Police Lieutenant Chris Wilbur, Community Development Director Steve Sokoloski

Other:

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Knop called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Hayes moved to approve the agenda; Ogilvie seconded the motion.

Vote: McCarthy, Ogilvie, Kerr, Hayes and Knop voted AYE: the vote was 5:0 and the motion carried. The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Knop called for public comment. There was none.

DISCUSSION

(1) Transportation System Plan and Parking

During the December retreat, the Council requested a special work session to discuss the Transportation System Plan and Parking. The following items were designated as priorities:

- 4-way stop at Hemlock and First
- 3-way stop at Hemlock and Sunset
- Traffic flow in downtown
- Striping downtown parking

St. Denis introduced the item.

4-way stop at Hemlock and First:

Kerr feels a three way stop at Sunset is more important. McCarthy agreed. Hayes noted it's really a problem crossing Hemlock east or west at 1st. Council discussed the concerns of the location. Wilbur noted it's a congested area in the summer with the traffic. Discussed the steps to take to put in a stop sign, such as a traffic study. In response to Knop's question do we have fundings for traffic study or do we budget for it, St. Denis replied we would have to budget for it, a discussion ensued.

Knop noted Council picked these priorities but she feel 2nd and Hemlock is just as dangerous, suggested signs that say cross traffic doesn't stop, a discussion ensued. Hayes suggested adding that to the list. Sokolowski noted concerns with major traffic revisions, giving an overview of the TSP guidance on the easier projects in the report. Sokolowski went over the data collected for the TSP plan. La Bonte noted there is plenty of data in order to make a move but wouldn't mind reaching out the consultant on the traffic study to weigh in on it. La Bonte added the

studies run from \$15-25K depending on location. Knop replied she feels that's the direction they want to head. La Bonte will organize a call. Hayes suggested talking about Hemlock and 1st, Hemlock and 2nd and Hemlock and Sunset.

Sokolowski added the map of Hemlock and Gower is listed as a high collision area and with the new city hall it's an important location to consider. Hayes noted those should be on the list, adding to see what documentation we have and then move forward. Discussed the costs of installing stop signs. La Bonte noted the parameters required on the Warren Way project. Discussed grant funding.

Traffic flow in downtown

Kerr noted the traffic flow options in downtown has 3 dollar signs. Hayes noted people stopping at 3rd and Spruce coming into town a lot turn right at Duane Johnson and it says RV parking continue on Spruce. Hayes added he is not sure why it doesn't include public parking, as it would move more people to the parking lot and keep them on spruce. In response to Knop's question what do we do to get a sign, La Bonte if adding more signs to a post there are regulations so someone walking buy so they can't smack their head. La Bonte added the pole may need to be taller if adding more signs. La Bonte will have Mount look into this.

Discussed RV's in downtown and the route they take. Wilbur noted there are 18 RV spaces downtown, a discussion ensued. Discussed the number of cars in town and the impact they create. Discussed options of reducing cars in town, such as parking system. Discussed Multnomah parking program. Discussed paid parking options. Discussed the economic impact of people who want to come to a free beach. Discussed timed parking. Wilbur noted electronic parking systems they looked into and how it is enforced.

McCarthy suggested an ad hoc committee to research recommendations. In response to Hayes's question what would it take for us to look at options, Sokoloski replied a consultant to look at parking, and an ad hoc committee would discuss what they think the issues are.

Ogilvie noted the study recommended not doing paid parking since the city had not done timed parking yet. Discuss time frame and people who should be involved such as the chamber. St. Denis will work with La Bonte to put together plan to move forward, working with the consultant.

Sokolowski noted the information doesn't indicate things will get less but will increase. Knop suggested a sign would be an immediate help. McCarthy replied that if it didn't help it can be removed.

Hayes noted northbound across bridge 5th and Fir people cannot see the stop sign, suggesting a stop ahead sign, a discussion ensued regarding the area. La Bonte will put a sign up in the next couple of weeks.

Knop noted she always wanted striping in downtown, but maybe suggested waiting. Hayes added it would be part of the solution and may help.

Trails

Hayes noted part of the solution is to get people out of their cars and he sees Cannon Beach as a pedestrian destination. Hayes would like to see as a better bike destination and feel trails need to be in the conversation. Kerr added once people get here in their cars, they won't need to drive which won't solve the number of cars in town but would solve getting around in town. Kerr would like to have an S-Curves bike path, noting the potential trail in the TSP plan. R Barrett pulled up the plan. Council discussed working with ODOT. Discussed Ocean Ave and S-Curves.

Hayes suggested a trail to connect Les Shirley to Fir St bridge, adding it is very dangerous because the way the horse have created ruts and hasn't been maintained.

Jan Siebert-Wahrmund expressed noise concerns with having a trail along the highway and the potential loss of trees.

Hayes noted the bike plan is to continue on the ODOT ROW, adding there is trail now that goes up to Haystack Hill, a discussion ensued regarding the parameters. Council discussed the Les Shirley to the Fir St bridge area, and the walking experience Cannon Beach has to offer. Kerr noted she would like to see the parks master plan to see if there is a good map and would like to keep trails on the agenda. Knop added when Council meets with TAC this can be discussed further. A discussion ensued regarding TLT funding.

McCarthy requested an update on Forest Lawn, Sokolowski gave an overview of the duplex type dwelling that needed a footpath, adding Planning Commission approved the footpath and now it's at DRB, a discussion ensued.

(2) Good of the Order

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Barrett, Recorder

Barb Knop, Mayor