

Minutes of the
CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 10, 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 and Chief of Police Jason Schermerhorn, Finance Director Laurie Sawrey

Other:

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Knop called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

St. Denis requested to add an item to the agenda as a follow up from last night's meeting. Knop replied we could add it to next week's meeting. Knop added we can do a recap during good of the order on what we feel was the message last night and add to Tuesday's agenda.

Motion: Ogilvie moved to approve the agenda; Hayes 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

There was none.

(1) Sea Turtles Forever

St. Denis read the staff report, adding Marc Ward is here to answer any questions you may have.

Marc Ward Sea Turtles Forever 36286 Hwy 26, Seaside, OR

Knop asked what did you do with all the poundage of debris you collected? Ward replied it went in a dumpster, mostly to a dumpster at city hall. Discussed how much was collected and on what days. Ward noted we have a small crew, and I was struggling with budget and had a couple guys quit, a discussion ensued. Knop asked why doesn't your organization apply for a community grant, Ward replied the last council suggested we do a line item, Ed did too. I am the guy on the ground. How we got into this transition was a combo of Ed and Sam. Really I'd like to have \$25,000 to work worth, discussed current budget. Kerr asked in future would you be willing to apply for a Community grant, going back to that method and we could avoid this situation. Ward replied if you are uncomfortable doing it this way, I can. Knop said we are not questioning the value, but I am hearing on the street other nonprofits asking why can't I be a line item. Kerr said going forward in the future you should be applying for a Community Grant. J Barrett to send Ward an email when Community Grants go out. Discussed meeting deadlines and missing information in grant applications. Hayes noted I recall budget meetings when we approved this as a microplastics clean up, but we never awarded a contract and the work got done.

Discussed the request for an invoice and what was received. Discussed the amount of funding being requested. In response to McCarthy's questions how did you weigh it and does it include the woody debris, Ward replied we weigh it and we work very hard the last couple years to pull the woody debris out. We use a digital scale. McCarthy replied so that's not all plastics, it's woody debris. Ward said we broke it down once from a 20-pound bag and it's about 40% grass/woody debris. I don't break it down each time, I did that once. The first time we heard there is too much woody debris I told them we are throwing all the woody debris out, I don't care how long it takes. So we took a lot of hours to pull as much as we can out. Sometimes it may only be 10% wood, discussion ensued. Discussed the sample bags that were pulled. Discuss the separation of the woody debris from plastics. Ward said I asked a biologists about woody debris and they say just keep going, it doesn't hurt to take that out of the environment. I asked are we going to create harm and Neal Maine said no.

Sharon Amber Po Box 101 Cannon Beach

I am not a rep of Sea Turtles, my son worked for Sea Turtles Forever. I want to thank you for what you are going here. These people on sea turtles are also providing a really good service for our community. What's different about this non profit and others is they are dealing with an extremely hazardous poisonous substance. We have an extreme hazard on the beach. Before he started cleaning microplastics on the beach I could not leave my windows open on the beach, now I can leave my window open most the time because it doesn't seem to bother me as much. It could be that people are building fires in the line of plastic. They are poisoning us and our guests. I would like to see it as a line item on the budget. add to February 6th meeting for vote.

(2) Lifeguard Budget Clarification

Marc Reckmann said I am sorry for confusion and reviewed the materials from the last meeting. Reckman answered Council's questions. Discussed the Seaside fire lifeguard program. Discussed the use of TLT funds. Ogilvie asked tonight are you looking for support, St. Denis replied yes. Ogilvie asked and we would vote at a future meeting, St. Denis replied yes we would have an IGA. Reckmann added if doing an IGA will need to do it soon so we can start the hiring process. Ogilvie asked when can we do it, St. Denis replied at the February meeting, giving an overview of the process.

(3) Financial Report, 1st Quarter, FYE 2024

Sawrey presented the quarterly report. Sawrey answered Council's questions. Kerr asked for RV park occupancy for this report, Sawrey replied I will get it to St. Denis. Knop said it would be neat to see previous quarters as well. Council thanked Sawrey. St. Denis noted this is Sawyer's last presentation, her last day is 2/2.

(4) Signatories for Financial Institutions

Sawrey summarized the staff report. Sawrey answered Council's questions. Discussed banks.

(5) Council Review of City Hall Project Details Prior to DRB Submittal

St. Denis summarized the item. Leslie Jones gave an overview of the proposed plaza, adding we have updated the plaza drawings, the new ones are on the dais. Jones called out the differences from the plaza drawing in the packet versus the updated ones. Jones answered Council's questions. St. Denis recommending bringing the entire City Hall on 1/30 to review everything before going to March DRB. The council shared their thoughts. Discussed maintenance concerns/issues. Discussed potential

revisions. council consensus of option 1 with a small revision. Jones will continue moving forward with option 1. Jennifer Beattie replied we'll be coming back to come in front to show the full package before going to DRB.

(6) Good of the Order

Hayes said let's talk about last night, Kerr said i liked the format. Knop added I worry we can't run meetings like this all the time. The format has to be a one item discussion. Kerr added it cuts down on animosity. I've received a lot of information from people who are in support of the project, but they didn't say anything last night. Probably because they already have but seems like the people who are dissatisfied with it speaks again and again, a discussion ensued. Discussed public input letters being on the website. Discussed the opposition. Discussed housing issues brought up. Discussed funds spent would be wasted if demolished. Will continue discussing at the January 16th meeting. Discussed timeframe with bonds. Discussed process moving forward.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Barrett, Recorder

Barb Knop, Mayor