

Minutes of the
CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 5, 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

Other:

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Knop noted agenda item 4 the Sunset Empire Transportation District Executive Direction Presentation has been postponed and will be scheduled to a future meeting.

Motion: Ogilvie moved to approve the agenda as amended; 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

Knop called for public comment, reminding everyone to be kind and respectful and keep it under 3 minutes.

- Marc Ward 36286 Hwy 26 Seaside – Read letter submitted earlier in the day. A copy has been included in the packet. The letter was also submitted to the budget committee for their March 19th packet.
- Ed Johnson 929 Trosper Rd SW, Tumwater WA, President of Board Sea Turtles Forever, spoke about the OSU microplastic project and questioned why considering removing the budget line item, spoke in favor of keeping the line item and not going to a community grant.

INTRODUCTION

(1) Introduce New City Staff

St. Denis introduced Bara Mbathie the new receptionist/court clerk.

PROCLAMATION

(2) Proclamation 24-01 for the Purpose of Proclaiming the Month of March 2024 as Red Cross Month

St. Denis read the staff report. Jenée Pearce-Mushen via Zoom thanked Council for doing the proclamation noting the Red Cross provides services such as free smoke alarms.

Motion: Ogilvie moved to adopt Proclamation 24-01, declaring March 2024 Red Cross Month in Cannon Beach; Kerr seconded the motion.

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

Ogilvie read Proclamation 24-01.

ACTION ITEMS

(3) Appointment of City Committee/Board/Commission

TOURISM AND ARTS COMMISSION (TAC): two (2) vacancies to fill one four-year term beginning immediately and one beginning April 1, 2024

Applicant: Greg Swedenborg

Swedenborg Thanked the council for their consideration, gave a history of his time on TAC, and shared his thoughts on items that could be funded through this source.

Motion: Hayes moved to appoint Greg Swedenborg to the Tourism and Arts Commission beginning immediately; Kerr seconded the motion.

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

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

(5) Tree Focus Group Presentation with Design Review Board and Parks Committee

St. Denis introduced the item. Bates thanked the working group giving an overview of the citizen group. Bates noted the tree code served its purpose but no longer does, giving examples. Bates gave a PowerPoint presentation; a copy is included in the record. Bates reviewed the proposal in the presentation. Kerr added the group met with the different departments including code enforcement, public works and planning to make sure anything suggested wouldn't be too burdensome or impossible to enforce. Jan Siebert-Wahrmund noted the Parks Committee was supportive and helpful. Stacy Benefield added land use attorney Bill Kabeiseman reviewed the code as well.

Bates said the text they provided is what is being proposed and will be revised based on comments received. A final project will be brought back for conidiation.

Knop appreciated all the time spent and that city departments and legal were included. Hayes added there is some good stuff here. Disused the process for a change of set back and how staff approval would occur. Discussed the impact of the proposed tree revisions on affordable housing. Discussed options to benefit affordable housing. Discussed ADUs. Bates answered the Council's questions. Discussed fines, and uses for fines collected. Discussed the appeal process. Discussed the timeline with going through planning commission process. Hayes noted it would be nice to hear from staff. Bates said he has what needs to be worked on. In response to Hayes' question did Marcy see this, Kerr replied she did not and has nothing to do with this. Tim Ramey spoke saying he is not on the working group, but on the Design Review Board and appreciates what's been done. Bates will present an update at a future meeting.

INFORMATIONAL/OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

(8) Monthly Status Report

There was none.

(9) Mayor Communications

Knop reported she went to Pacific Ridge Elementary with the Mayor from Gearhart and Seaside to speak with 4th graders about a poster contest where they make posters of what they would do if they were Mayor. Knop noted it was lots of fun and will involve the Cannon Beach Academy 4th graders.

(10) Councilor Communications

There was none.

(11) Good of the Order

McCarthy said Council did not make a decision to remove the line item for plastic removal from budget, Knop agreed. Kerr noted that they are feeling down, it's a technicality, and they viewed it as removed. Kerr added she let them know they are allowed to come and listen at the budget meeting. Knop added after listening to Swedenborg comments they may be able to use TLT funds. Hayes replied it was neither marketing or real improved property, so they would need to make a case for marketing. Knop suggested a series of events, a discussion ensued.

St. Denis noted there is a preliminary budget meeting on Thursday that will not get involved with specific funding amounts.

Tim Ramey, PO Box 429 spoke about a photo he sent Karen La Bonte of the foot of Larch where street was about to wash away, a discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Barrett, Recorder

Barb Knop, Mayor