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**CITY OF YACHATS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING**

441 Hwy 101 N., Yachats OR 97498

Thursday April 6, 2023 at 9:30 am

To Be Held In-Person and Zoom

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AGENDA

Council Work Session

- I. Public Safety: Sheriff Landers, Judge Havner
- II. Introduction to Master Planning Process: Scope, Steps, Preparation

Immediately Following Work Session - Regular Council Meeting

- I. Announcements, Proclamations (National Volunteer Month), and Correspondence
- II. Public Comment - limited to items not on the agenda (5-minute limitation per person)
- III. New Business
 - a. Planning Commission Appointment recommendation – Marc Sakamoto Resolution 2023-206
 - b. Presentation of Single Use EPS Foam proposed ordinance
 - c. CIP Schedule, Status, Goals
 - d. Budget Schedule and Assignments
- IV. Ongoing Business
 - a. Goals / Objectives: Objectives from PCC and Planning, (Public Works pending)
 - b. Identify CIP Items for 2022/2023 to be completed prior to 23/24 CIP
 - c. SB 582 Meeting and HB 3220 Letter, Juno Tour
 - d. IGA Office of Homelessness Final Version and Exhibit - Status
 - e. Water Sustainability Discussions - Status
 - f. Parks and Commons re. Commons

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POSTED 3/29/23 By: Kimmie Jackson



VI. Other Business

From Mayor: Letter of Support for OCCC delayed, AI: Just for Fun
From Council
From Staff

From: Adam Altson <stormwatcher42@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 10:48 AM
To: City Recorder
Cc: Catherine
Subject: FW: PCC and Commons

Hi Kimmie,

At Catherine?s suggestion, I am sending this to you as well.

Adam
Stormwatcher's Retreat
There is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. ~John Ruskin

From: Catherine <catherine@YachatsMail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 9:02 AM
To: Adam Altson <stormwatcher42@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: PCC and Commons

Adam,
Well stated & thank you.
I suggest that this might also be sent to Kimmie, City Recorder, so that it will be put in the packet for the next meeting. Possibly even request to Craig & Mary Ellen that Parks & Commons be put on the next agenda. What do you think?

Yours,
Catherine

Catherine Ann Whitten-Carey

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From: Adam Altson <stormwatcher42@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:46:06 AM
To: Craig <craig@YachatsMail.org>; Ann@yachatsmail.org <Ann@YachatsMail.org>;
Greg@yachatsmail.org <greg@YachatsMail.org>; Catherine <catherine@YachatsMail.org>; Mary Ellen
O'Shaughnessey <MaryEllen@YachatsMail.org>; Heide Lambert <citymanager@YachatsMail.org>
Subject: PCC and Commons

Dear City Council and City manager,

In June 2022, 10 months ago, the Parks and Commons Commission was instructed to pause/stop all actions or recommendations related to the advice or oversight of anything to do with the Commons building. This instruction delivered by councilor Ann Stott was at the time expected to last until the end of 2022. The Commission was told to pause all Commons related concerns while of the City Manager organized her staff and prioritized her plans on how to move forward for the rest of the year.

As you may have also noted, a couple of weeks ago I sent our goals for 2023. Among those goals was what I hope would be an easy one ? ?Get clarity on our commission?s charter, especially regarding the Commons?.

As Chairperson for the Commission along with Commission members support, I am requesting some guidance on this issue from City Council. If it is their desire to remove the Commons from our Commission, please inform us of that decision and make whatever changes are necessary to the City Charter. We would appreciate knowing if the opposite is true. Can we resume being the Parks and Commons Commission and end the nearly year-long pause? And worst case, if our commission should continue functioning in limbo with respect to the Commons. And if that?s the case, please let us know when this topic should be revisited.

Thank you for your consideration.

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City of Yachats City Council National Volunteer Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Month is a time to recognize and honor the many Yachadians who volunteer their time and talents to make Yachats a great place to live and visit and

WHEREAS, volunteers are essential to this community, helping to meet the needs of the elderly, the poor, the disabled, and providing wisdom and guidance to the City and City council and

Whereas, volunteerism promotes a sense of civic responsibility, empowers individuals, and builds social connections and relationships; and are a vital part of our democracy, participating in the political process and working to improve the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of volunteers to our city are immeasurable and should be celebrated and recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Berdie, Mayor of the City of Yachats, do hereby proclaim April as National Volunteer Month in the City of Yachats.

I call upon all citizens to observe this month by continuing to volunteer their time, talents, and expertise to help others. There are many ways to get involved, and every little bit counts. You can volunteer with any of our many volunteer groups including, but not limited to, serving on a commission, working in the library, helping with Don's place, Trails, or just helping a neighbor in need.

Volunteerism is a way of giving back to our community and making a difference in the lives of others. It is a rewarding experience that benefits the volunteer and the community.

This is a month to honor those who serve and to contribute to Yachats and make National Volunteer Month a time of service and giving.

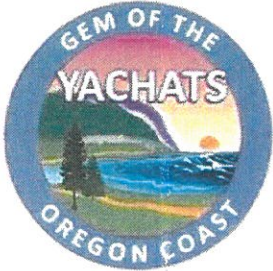
Craig Berdie

Mayor, City of Yachats

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City of Yachats Volunteer Agreement - Submission #187

Date Submitted: 2/22/2023



City of Yachats

501 Highway 101 N

PO Box 345

Yachats, OR 97498

Phone: 541-547-3565

Fax: 541-547-3063

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for City of Yachats. We look forward to partnerships with volunteers to enable us to effectively serve the citizens of our community. In order to ensure the safety of our volunteers and protect the interests of City of Yachats, we require potential volunteers to complete this questionnaire form and participate in a background check. Thank you for volunteering.

First Name*

Marc

Last Name*

Sakamoto

Address*

Gimlet Lane

City

Yachats

State

OR

Zip Code

97498

Daytime Phone*

Evening Phone

Email*

Volunteer Activity

Please describe the type of volunteer work you are interested in performing or activity/event you wish to volunteer for.*

Planning Commision

Please list the date(s) or range of dates for which you would like to volunteer

"Any time" can be a stated date range.

Statement of Interest or Related Experience for Commissions & Committees

Please provide a short narrative about why you chose to apply for this particular committee or commission. You may attach a document below, if needed.

Upload document, if needed

No file chosen

References

Please list two references that are **not related to you** and that have knowledge of your relevant experience for the type of volunteer activity you are interested in.

Reference 1

First Name*

Last Name*

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Relationship*

Years Known*

Reference 2

First Name*

Last Name*

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Relationship*

Years Known*

Emergency Information

Name and contact information for the person(s) to reach in the event of an emergency.

Name

Phone Number

Relationship

Name

Phone Number

Relationship

I understand and agree to the following:

- I will keep all issues pertaining to city business confidential
- I may be subject to background and motor vehicle record checks.
- I will adhere by Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA) safety standards and training I am provided.
- I have read and understand the Volunteer Policy.

I hereby certify that the facts set forth in this volunteer registration are true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if the information given in my registration, resume, or any other materials, or during any interview, is found to be false in any way, it shall be considered sufficient cause for denial of volunteer status.

I understand that City of Yachats is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position and that nothing contained in the volunteer registration form is intended to create a contract between City of Yachats and me. In addition to the above items, I agree to comply with the policies, rules, regulations, and procedures of City of Yachats, which I understand may change at any time and I understand that my volunteer status can be terminated with or without cause or notice, at any time, at the option of either me or City of Yachats.

Signature

Date

2/22/2023

Required for all Minors: Parent or Guardian's Authorization for Medical Care & Consent to Agreement

I PARENT/GUARDIAN as parent or legal guardian, hereby grant permission for MINOR to do volunteer work for City of Yachats. In the event of an emergency, accident, or illness, I authorize City of Yachats and its employees to administer emergency medical care to my child and/or, if deemed necessary, to secure emergency medical services and incur expenses for which I will be responsible for payment. My signature in the following hereby represents that I have read, understand, and to this agreement.

Parent/Guardian

Minor

Signature

Date

mm/dd/yyyy

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**CITY OF YACHATS
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-206
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER
TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission on March 28, 2023, made a recommendation to the City Council concerning the appointment of a member to serve on the Commission, and

WHEREAS, The City Council discussed and approved the recommendation of Marc Sakamoto at the April 6, 2023, City Council meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Yachats resolves that the following appointments are made:

- Planning Commission - 4-year term:
 - o Marc Sakamoto is appointed to Seat A with a Term ending December 31, 2023

Passed and adopted April 6, 2023. This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

Craig Berdie, Mayor

Attest by:

Heide Lambert, City Manager

**CITY OF NEWPORT
ORDINANCE NO. 2178
AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 4.40
TO THE NEWPORT MUNICIPAL CODE RESTRICTING
THE USE OF SINGLE-USE EPS FOAM AND PLASTIC FOOD SERVICE WARE,
AND STATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Newport City Council adopted Resolution No. 3780, on November 20, 2017, which approved the Vision 2040 Plan, and a focus area of this Plan is “Preserving and Enjoying Our Environment;” and

WHEREAS, the Newport City Council expressed interest in regulating the use of single-use expanded polystyrene, plastic, and plastic-lined food service ware, which directly impacts the implementation of the Vision 2040 Plan, and the focus area of “Preserving and Enjoying Our Environment;” and

WHEREAS, single-use EPS foam and plastic food service ware are made of nonrenewable resources which cause urban blight, land and marine litter, and damages wetland, estuarine, and oceanic habitats, and breaks down into micro-plastics that can create long-term environmental problems; and

WHEREAS, costs associated with the use, recycling, litter collection, and disposal of single-use EPS foam and plastic food service ware creates burdens on solid waste disposal facilities, and create a real, provable economic and environmental threat to the city’s natural resources and economy; and

WHEREAS, restaurants spend \$24 billion purchasing disposable food service ware items on average in the U.S.¹; and

WHEREAS, to significantly reduce waste generation and its budgetary impact, it is in the city’s interest to regulate the use of single-use EPS foam and plastic food service ware by retail and commercial establishments in the City of Newport; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021, the City Council held a public hearing on the concept of regulating single-use EPS foam and plastic food service ware; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2021, the City Council held a work session, considered the public comment from the public hearing held on January 19, 2021, and determined that it is appropriate to develop an ordinance regulating single-use EPS foam and plastic food service ware.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 4.40 of the Newport Municipal Code is added as follows:

4.40.010 Purpose

4.40.020 Definitions

4.40.030 Regulations

4.40.040 Exemptions

4.40.050 Enforcement and Penalties

4.40.010 Purpose

¹ Upstream, based on Freedonia market research.

The purpose of this chapter is to prohibit the use of single-use EPS foam and plastic food service ware at retail establishments, including restaurants, city facilities, city managed concessions, city-sponsored events, and/or city-permitted events, and to require the use of biodegradable food service ware.

4.40.020 Definitions

- A. Cafeterias mean dine-in areas within corporations, government, education, and medical institutions. Cafeterias include ones managed by the institution or contracted food services.
- B. City Manager means the City Manager of the City of Newport or designee.
- C. Customer means every person who purchases food or beverage that is intended to be consumed using single-use containers and plastic service ware.
- D. Dine-In means food and beverages that are intended to be consumed inside the place of business where the food and beverages were purchased, including without limitation, cafeterias and food halls.
- E. Electronic Orders mean food purchases conducted by smart phone, email, or the website of a retail food and beverage establishment. This includes electronic ordering services that are independent of the retail food and beverage establishment.
- F. Fast Food means food that can be prepared quickly and easily and is sold by food providers as a quick meal or to be taken out for consumption. Fast food includes drive-through, take-out and delivery orders, and applies to orders transacted in person, by phone, or electronically.
- G. Food Providers mean any entity that sells prepared food for public consumption on or off its premises. This includes, but is not limited to, full service and limited service restaurants, food carts, bars, coffee and tea shops, grocery stores, convenience stores, hotels, motels, caterers, and food service contractors.
- H. Food Service Containers mean bowls, plates, clamshells, lids, or other containers, or any other items used for serving, containing, or consuming prepared food, including takeout food and leftovers from partially consumed meals prepared by food providers.
- I. Food Service Ware means service ware intended for consumption of food, which includes, but is not limited to stirrers, spoons, forks, knives, sporks, and chopsticks.
- J. Polystyrene Foam means any material composed of polystyrene and having a closed cell air capacity of 25 percent or greater, or a density of less than 0.787 grams per cubic centimeter based on an average polystyrene density of 1.05 grams per cubic centimeter, as determined by an analytical testing laboratory.

K. Prepared Food means a food or beverage that:

1. A food provider prepares on the food provider's premises, or that another person prepares and provides to the food provider for sale to the public; and
2. A person may consume immediately or without the need for further or additional preparation.

L. Reusable Food Service Ware means food service ware designed and manufactured to be materially durable and maintain its shape and structure for a cycle of at least 1,000 uses including washing and sanitizing by immersion for at least 30 seconds in water at least 171 degrees Fahrenheit.

M. Single-Use Condiments mean condiments packaged to deliver single-serving condiments to customers, including, but not limited to, single-serving packaging for ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise, hot sauce, coffee creamer, salad dressing, jelly and jam, and soy sauce.

N. Single-Use Cups mean cups made of any material that are intended for the consumption of beverages and are designed for one-time use.

O. Single-Use Plastic Food Service Containers mean food service containers made of plastic, including polystyrene foam. This includes compostable and biodegradable plastic (petroleum or biologically based polymer) service containers, but does not include service containers that are made from non-plastic materials, such as paper, sugar cane, bamboo, etc.

P. Single-Use Plastic Food Service Ware means food service ware made of plastic. This includes compostable and biodegradable plastic (petroleum or biologically based polymer) service ware, but does not include service ware that is made from non-plastic materials, such as paper, sugar cane, bamboo, etc.

4.40.030 Regulations

- A. No food provider shall serve prepared food in any single-use plastic food service containers.
- B. All food providers and cafeterias serving prepared food for the purposes of consumption on the premises shall only provide Reusable Food Service Ware (except that disposable paper food wrappers, sleeves; foil wrappers; paper napkins; straws, and paper tray and plate-liners shall be allowed for dining on the premises.)
- C. All food providers, and cafeterias, where beverages may be consumed at dine-in areas, shall provide single-use condiments only after customer request.
- D. All food providers and cafeterias, where customers order food for take-out or delivery, shall provide single-use plastic service ware and single-use condiments to customers

only upon customer request or after asking if the customer needs single-use plastic service ware and single-use condiments, and the customer responds affirmatively. For electronic ordering, the food providers are responsible for coordinating with any third-party ordering service to prompt the customer to opt-in to single-use plastic service ware and single-use condiments. Food providers may impose a fee to customers that opt-in for single-use plastic service ware and single-use condiments.

- E. All food providers serving prepared food for the purposes of consumption on the premises shall only provide Reusable Food Service Ware; (except that disposable paper food wrappers, sleeves; foil wrappers; paper napkins; straws and paper tray and plate-liners shall be allowed for dining on the premises.)
- F. Only as allowed by Subsection 4.40.040 (E) of this chapter: Food providers that distribute prepared food in single-use plastic food service containers shall: (1) distribute only disposables that exhibit a resin code other than 'No. 6' or 'PS'; and (2) maintain documentation about the composition of the disposable food service ware. Documentation may include information from the supplier, manufacturer, or bulk packaging for the disposables, and any other relevant information demonstrating that the disposable material is not polystyrene.
- G. Single-use cups shall not be made of polystyrene.

4.40.040 Exemptions

- A. Cafeterias and food providers designed for counter service may allow customers to access a self-service station for single-use plastic food service ware.
- B. When the single-use plastic food service ware is attached to, or packaged by, the manufacturer with a beverage container before the beverage container is offered for retail sale. For example, juice boxes.
- C. Products that include a single-use condiment as an ingredient are exempt from Subsection 4.40.030 (C). For example, a separate plastic container of dressing included within a larger salad container.
- D. When free, or reduced-price, meals are provided as part of a social service to vulnerable populations, including without limitation, free or reduced-price meals provided by school systems, shelters, and programs that deliver meals.
- E. Prepared food that is packaged and labeled by the manufacturer pre-sale by a food provider. This includes:
 - 1. Packaging for raw meat, raw poultry, raw seafood, unprepared produce, and uncooked eggs;
 - 2. Packaging for prepackaged food, shelf stable food, and catered food.

- F. The City Manager may exempt a food provider from the implementation deadline, i.e. the effective date of this chapter, for a period of not more than six months upon the food provider demonstrating to the City Manager's satisfaction, in writing, that this chapter would create an undue hardship, or practical difficulty, not generally applicable to other persons in similar circumstances. The decision to grant or deny an exemption will be in writing. The City Manager's decision will be final.
- G. Food containers and cups for spillable prepared foods and beverages for delivery or take out by a Food Provider may include lids, spill plugs and sleeves without request. Single use plastic lids, spill plugs, etc. shall only be used for the purposes of safety or spill containment and in conjunction with an allowable food or beverage container under this chapter.

4.40.050 Enforcement and Penalties

- A. The City Manager is authorized to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter.
- B. If any food provider violates this chapter, the city may impose the following penalties and enforcement actions:
 - 1. On a first violation, the City Manager will issue a written warning notice to the food provider that a violation has occurred.
 - 2. On subsequent violations, the following penalties will apply:
 - a. \$100 for the first violation after the written warning within a 12-month period;
 - b. \$200 for the second violation within a 12-month period;
 - c. \$500 for any subsequent violation within a 12-month period.
- C. The city shall not impose more than one penalty on any single food provider within a seven-day period.
- D. If a food provider violates the provisions of this chapter, the City Manager will send a written notice of the violation by mail to the food provider specifying the violation and the applicable penalty.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective on March 31, 2022.

Date adopted and read by title only: December 6, 2021.

Signed by the Council President on _____.

CM Hall, Council President

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

Parks and Common Commission – 2023 Goals

1. Complete Sunset Parks (North and South). Plants have been purchased and are being graciously housed for us at Beaver Creek. Once the gravel has been removed and replaced with soil, planting can finally occur. Bids were procured last fall for the gravel removal. If this does not occur in the somewhat near future, we may have to eat the cost of those plants. 25,000 has already been approved by the City Council. We likely will only spend about ½ that amount.
2. Complete installation of bike racks
3. Get clarity on our commission's charter, especially regarding the Commons
 - a. Assuming the Commons is still under our purview, another goal is to continue planning the enhancement of the Northeast entrance.
4. Work with the city and other commissions (Planning and maybe Emergency Preparedness) on a city-wide Master Plan.
5. Come up with a policy for smaller (than benches) memorials people might wish to place.
6. Continue helping plan and coordinate the Bayside Walkway. We probably missed any possible window of having that start this year. Hopefully we can get that project moving forward again, maybe to be completed in 2024. I believe almost 500,000 has been approved by city council (110K – Engineering, 150K-Construction, 200k – Undergrounding Utilities)
7. Continue on design for Greenspace and Wetlands. As many people have noted, the Wetland ponds are slowly filling in. This might need to be prioritized ahead of the test of the Greenspace. Many people are concerned about this, we really need to get a wetland specialist to help us come up with a plan to restore the ponds AND try to prevent them from filling in again in a few years.
8. Provide any required assistance for the redesign and rebuild of the skate park.
9. Recruit two more commissioners to bring us up to our full 7-members.

2023 Planning Commission Goals and Projects

1. Continue to work on Fences, Walls, Hedges Amendment
2. Complete and Adopt Local Wetlands Inventory and integrate into to Title 9, the
3. Complete City Center Parking Management Plane
4. Complete the Housing Studies and integrate minor amendments to Title 9.

Upcoming work projects:

1. A Comprehensive Plan Audit,
2. Demolition and Grading Amendment to Title 9, Structure and Project Development,
3. Other projects of interest to Council.

The Planning Commission are aware of the budgetary implications.

Mayor's sorting of Objectives (Italics = Mayor's Additions)

Achieve Water Sustainability

1. *Negotiate IGA with SWLCWPUD*
2. *Pursue property acquisitions for Emergency Storage and possible Water Storage*
3. *Implement Water Master Plan high priority items*

Deliver efficient, effective, transparent municipal services

1. Comprehensive Plan Audit
2. Complete city-wide Master Plan
3. Amend Fences, Walls, Hedges
4. *Participate and plan for SB 582 – Improved recycling*

Provide safe access to and use of city infrastructure, trails, parks

1. Complete Sunset Parks (North and South)
2. Plan and coordinate the Bayside Walkway
3. Redesign rebuild the skate park

Be Environmentally responsible in all that we do

1. Complete installation of bike racks
2. Design Commons Greenspace and Wetlands with the Wetland ponds a priority.
3. Complete Local Wetlands Inventory and adoption and update Title 9

Effectively manage and plan for the city's financial needs

1. *Test and modify CIP process if appropriate.*

Synchronize and update city policies and administrative rules

1. Clarify Parks and Commons Commission's charter, especially regarding the Commons
2. Develop a policy for smaller (than benches) memorials people might wish to place
3. Improve Commission recruitment.
4. Review recommendations for City Center Parking Management Plan following final report
5. Housing Studies – make minor amendments to Title 9.
6. Demolition and Grading Amendment changes to Title 9, Structure and Project Development,

AI “ Why should I visit Yachats, Oregon”

ChatGPT

Yachats, Oregon is a beautiful and charming coastal town that offers a unique and memorable experience for visitors. Here are some reasons why you might want to consider visiting Yachats:

Overall, Yachats is a great destination for anyone looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life and experience the natural beauty and charm of the Oregon Coast.

1. **Natural Beauty:** Yachats is situated on the stunning Oregon Coast and is surrounded by natural beauty. From the rugged coastline to the lush forests, there are plenty of opportunities for outdoor exploration and adventure.
2. **Hiking and Outdoor Activities:** Yachats is home to many hiking trails, including the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area, which offers stunning views of the coast and the forest. Visitors can also enjoy kayaking, surfing, and fishing in the nearby rivers and ocean.
3. **Local Cuisine:** Yachats has a thriving culinary scene, with many locally owned restaurants offering fresh seafood and other local specialties. You can also visit local farmers markets to sample fresh produce and artisanal foods.
4. **Arts and Culture:** Yachats is home to many art galleries, studios, and museums, showcasing the works of local artists and artisans. There are also numerous festivals and events throughout the year, including the Yachats Music Festival and the Yachats Arts and Crafts Festival.
5. **Relaxation and Tranquility:** Yachats is known for its peaceful and laid-back atmosphere, making it the perfect destination for a relaxing getaway. Visitors can enjoy walks on the beach, meditation, yoga, and spa treatments.

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Yachats is a small coastal city in the southernmost area of Lincoln County, Oregon, United States. It is located on the Oregon Coast, about 23 miles (37 km) south of Florence and 8 miles (13 km) north of Waldport. Yachats is a popular tourist destination, known for its beautiful scenery, mild climate, and abundance of activities.

Here are some reasons why you should visit Yachats, Oregon:

- **Beautiful scenery:** Yachats is located in a beautiful part of the Oregon Coast. The city is surrounded by tall mountains, lush forests, and stunning beaches. There are many opportunities to hike, bike, fish, and swim in the area.

- Mild climate: Yachats has a mild climate year-round. The average temperature in the summer is 65 degrees Fahrenheit (18 degrees Celsius), and the average temperature in the winter is 45 degrees Fahrenheit (7 degrees Celsius).
- Abundance of activities: There are many things to do in Yachats. You can visit the Yachats State Recreation Site, go whale watching, or take a walk on the Yachats Beachfront Trail. There are also many restaurants and shops in the city.
- Friendly people: Yachats is a friendly town with a welcoming atmosphere. The people who live in Yachats are passionate about their city and are happy to help visitors enjoy their stay.

If you are looking for a beautiful, mild-climate, and activity-filled place to visit, Yachats, Oregon is a great option.

2023 Planning Commission Goals and Recommendations

In response to the request from the Mayor and City Council to review their 2023 Goals, the Yachats Planning Commission has the following additional goal recommendation:

'To promote sustainable and equitable growth through effective community planning.'

To these ends we further recommend the continuation and development of the following proposals and projects which the Planning Commission believes fall under this goal:

1. Structure and project development:

- a. Integration between the Planning Commission and the other commissions and committees.
 - Discuss the possibility of quarterly meetings.
 - Joint development of projects and submission of project application form(s)
 - Monthly chair roundtable updates
- b. Citizen Involvement in Land Use Planning
Citizen involvement is part of the responsibility of the Planning Commission. Both the Parking and Housing Studies were good examples of better citizen participation. How can the Planning Commission grow that participation?
 - City website use:
 - o Planning Commission documents folder to the best advantage
 - o Landing page
 - o Citizen input page
 - Facebook
 - Surveys and casual meetings

City staff are integral to the implementation of these efforts.

2. Several projects were started in 2022 which the Planning Commission will be continuing its work on. Those projects are:

- a. **Fences, Walls, and Hedges Amendment to Title 9, Yachats Municipal Code (YMC)**
This amendment is scheduled for Council action in April of this year.
- b. **Local Wetlands Inventory (LWI) Completion**
Receipt of DSL approval anticipated by late spring/early summer; may require Council action on YMC amendment.
- c. **City Center Parking Management Plan**
Final report with recommendations has been received from the consultants, Studio Davis. Recommendations for action, with support of the Public Works and Street Commission, should be ready to be forwarded to City Council by May 2023.
- d. **Housing Studies**
The first phase of the housing work that the Planning Commission has undertaken was finalized with the receipt from the consultants, Cascadia Partners, of the Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) Final Report. Phase Two of the process, the Housing

Implementation Plan (HIP) has begun as of January. The timeline for completion of this second phase is June 2023, after which final Planning Commission recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration and action by Council.

- Actions for Council consideration are expected to include:
 1. Amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan related to Housing goals, policies, and actions.
 2. Amendments to City Zoning map and Title 9 of the Yachats Municipal Code (YMC) enhancing opportunities for development of a mix of housing options including but not limited to affordable housing.
 3. Non-regulatory tools and practices

e. Minor Amendments to Title 9, YMC

New terms and definitions, and related zoning provisions, identified by the Planning Commission as "immediate priority" should be ready to be forwarded to the City Council by May 2023 for consideration/adoption.

Upcoming work/projects that the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council consider are as follows:

1. Further Comprehensive Plan Audit

The Planning Commission recommends a review of the sections in the Yachats Comprehensive Plan that have not had a review in the past several years.

- a. Goals **A**-Protection of Natural Resources, **B**-Protection of Estuarine Resources, **C**-Protection of Shoreline Resources, **E**-Protection from Natural Hazards and Disasters, and **L**-Beaches have been updated but not incorporated into the Yachats Comprehensive Plan as of February 2023. The **DRAFT** language dated July 30, 2020, has been considered and adopted by the City Council. This language should now be incorporated into the official Yachats Comprehensive Plan. The Yachats Municipal Code has been updated to reflect the revised Comprehensive Plan for the Goals mentioned.
- b. In June 2023, with the completion of the work being conducted on housing, Cascadia Partners will submit for consideration and approval the language needed for the update to the **Goal J** – Meeting Housing Needs.
- c. In June the Planning Commission will report to the City Council on needed updates to the Comprehensive Plan not already addressed. This recommendation will include possible funding opportunities for any needed technical planning assistance, depending on the extent of identified revisions.

2. Demolition and Grading Amendment to Title 9, YMC

Consideration of amendments to Title 9 to address the demolition of structures and improve regulation of land disturbance for construction purposes. If the City Council deems it worthy of review recommendations provided would be provided to City Council, no later than December 2023.

3. Transportation Systems Plan

If pursued by the City and funded by ODOT in 2023, the Planning Commission would like to partner with the Public Works and Streets Commission, City Water Lead, and City Planner, to work with a selected transportation planning consultant to prepare a Transportation Systems Plan for Yachats. This Plan would replace the City's Village Circulation Plan and be a major element of an amended City Comprehensive Plan.

Budgetary implications:

1. GIS mapping software and education of staff or outside consultant.
 - a. There are free courses online available such as through Coursera.
 - b. Software through QGIS, a free and open-source GIS online platform.
 - c. Software – ARCGIS Pro would be approx. \$765/year for the subscription service.
ESRI Training - **ESRI – 877-377-4575 ext 5757 Megan Burlington(?) – left message.**
2. To lessen the workload on City staff due to the recommended enhancements for community input & communications a Civic Plus integrated third-party service for updating and posting information on the existing City website.
3. Consultant fees and grant writing for specific projects
 - a. It seems that as of February 2023 an outside consultant, Forage Design+Planning has been contracted for limited grant writing and public engagement(?)
4. Legal fees – in connection with ordinance and code review
5. Conference and training attendance for Planning Commissioners and staff