CITY OF YACHATS

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES

October 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Cit Council was called to order by Mayor Craig Berdie at 12:00 p.m. in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, Council President, Councilor Barry Collins, Councilor Anthony Muirhead (via zoom) and Catherine Whitten-Carey; Staff: City Manager Bobbi Price, Recorder Kimmie Jackson

I. Announcements & Proclamations

None

II. Citizens' Concerns

None

III. Vote regarding Real Property

The council discussed the urgency of a property negotiation, emphasizing the need for quick action to prevent potential harm to residents and the natural environment. The council proposed a motion to authorize the city manager to resume 25-year lease negotiations at the appraised value with the landowner and R & L Logging. The councilors were asked to discuss the motion and provide feedback. It was expressed by a councilor's preference for purchasing the property instead of leasing it but acknowledged that this option was not currently viable. The council's support for the proposal was based on the urgency of the situation and the importance of maintaining the area's beauty and safety.

It was proposed negotiating a package deal with Rocha and Howard, emphasizing that both parties must agree for the deal to proceed; and also suggested that the offer should not exceed the estimated value. A council member disagreed, stating that they wouldn't support the deal due to the potential financial repercussions and the fact that it would set a precedent for the city to spend money on issues it doesn't control. Some members acknowledged their concerns but maintained that the offer was fair and based on the appraised value. The decision on whether to proceed with the offer would depend on the counteroffer received from Rocha and Howard.

After council's discussion about authorizing the continuation of a 25-year lease negotiation at the appraised value with the landowner and R & L Logging.

The vote was call and members voted as follows:

Aye: Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, Barry Collins, Catherine Whitten Carey, and Mayor Craig Berdie.

Nay: Anthony Muirhead

The motion passed; the mayor adjourned the open session. The city manager was thanked for her efforts in a difficult but worthwhile discussion.

Adjourned at 12:30pm
Kimmie Jackson Recorder