



CITY OF YACHATS
YACHATS CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Craig Berdie at 1:00 pm in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Council President Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, Councilor Barry Collins, Councilor Catherine Whitten-Carey, and Councilor Nicole Hedlund. Staff: City Manager Bobbi Price, Recorder Kimmie Jackson.

Attendance: 30

The meeting commenced with the Mayor adjusting the agenda, prioritizing the swearing-in ceremonies for newly elected officials.

I. Swearing In Ceremonies

1. Mayor Craig Berdie was sworn in for his next two-year term.
2. As an appointed City Councilor, Barry Collins was sworn in after being re-elected to a four-year term.
3. Nicole Hedlund, who received the highest number of write-in votes on the November 2024 ballot, was sworn in as an incoming City Council member.

II. Announcements-Correspondence – Proclamations:

1. The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Demonstration, which will showcase the technology's potential, is scheduled for January 25, 2025, in Depoe Bay. The Mayor plans to attend.
2. State of the City Event is set for February 3, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Yachats Commons.

III. Public Comments / Citizens' Concerns: None

IV. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included several updates; the detailed report is available on the city website. City Manager Price highlighted the following:

1. Financial Report: Multi-year transient rental tax comparisons were highlighted.
2. Civic Campus Master Plan: Progress was reported with strong community engagement, and the final plan is expected in June 2025.



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3. Landmark Property Acquisition: Ownership is finalized, and a ribbon-cutting and weed-pulling event will be held in April 2025.
4. Infrastructure Updates: Mayor Berdie commented on the completion of the submersible pump project, enhancing the sewer system, and replacement of public works roll-up doors are complete.
5. Little Log Church Museum and Library Renovations: Contractors have begun preparations for the Museum's renovations, and the bids for the library will be open and reviewed on January 16, 2025.
6. Code Compliance Enhancements: City Manager Price outlined efforts to increase enforcement and follow-ups on code violations.

Motion: Approval of the consent agenda with corrections to the name spelling of Nicole Hedlund as noted. The motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

1. Council President nomination: Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey was re-elected as Council President by a unanimous vote.

Ayes: Whitten-Carey, Collins, Hedlund, O'Shaughnessey, and Berdie

2. Parks and Commons Commission Appointments: The Council considered three candidates for three open seats:

Adam Altson: Cited historical knowledge and extensive volunteer experience.

John Pravel: Highlighted his local knowledge and HOA experience.

Dan Wright: Brought expertise in construction, landscape design, and native plants. (Can this line move over and be in line with the rest of the formatting)

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-246, appointing Adam Altson, John Pravel, and Dan Wright to the Parks and Commons Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Budget Committee Appointments - RES 2025-249:

Existing Budget Committee members were reappointed. City Manager, Price is confirmed as the Chief Budget Officer. (Please move these two lines over to be in line with the rest of the formatting)



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Motion: Approve Resolution 2025-249 (created during the meeting) to confirm the Budget Committee appointments and the Chief Budget Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

4. View the Future Report: The organization shared updates on its conservation and community initiatives aimed at preserving Yachats' natural and cultural heritage and how the work they do relates to promoting tourism.
5. Cape Perpetua Collaborative's new executive director, Talina King, presented the organization's progress since receiving funding from the City of Yachats.
6. The Chamber's 2nd Quarter Report provided updates on the efforts to support local businesses and promote Yachats as a premier destination. The focus has been on marketing Yachats to potential visitors and fostering sustainable tourism that benefits the community. The report also boosted local engagement and economic activity, provided resources, and provided networking opportunities for local businesses.
7. Ocean View Drive – City Manager Bobbi Price, along with Mikel Diwan, Lincoln County Public Works Department Director, explained the Ocean View Drive approval process, which involved legal descriptions and the transfer of jurisdiction from the County to the City; the administrative portion of the process was complete. Mr. Diwan also addressed concerns about the ownership of the road through the State Park and the responsibility for the parking spaces, the City will be responsible for repaving the road and maintaining the trail.

A motion was made to authorize the City Manager to accept the legal description and authorize the City Manager to act on the response from Lincoln County. The vote was called and passed unanimously.

VI. Ongoing Business

1. Administrative Policy 15– The policy amendments clarify that City Staff will only accept SDC payment when the property owner receives their approved building permits. If a lot has prepaid SDC fees and sells after January 2025, the



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new owners will be responsible for paying the difference when they get a building permit approval.

The motion was made to approve the amendments to Administrative Policy 15.

The vote was called and passed unanimously.

2. Goal Setting – The City Council briefly discussed the upcoming work session for goal setting and which member would work on bringing recommendations for which goals.

VII. Other Business

City Manager Bobbi Price informed the Council that Bayside Cellars submitted their OLCC application to the City for approval and was approved.

Adjourned at 4:00 pm

Kimmie Jackson Recorder