CITY OF YACHATS

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

July 25, 2017

Minutes

Mayor Gerald Stanley called the July 25, 2017 the special meeting of the City Council to order at 12:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Council members present: Mayor Gerald Stanley, Barbara Frye, Jim Tooke, and Max Glenn, Greg Scott. Staff present: City Manager Joan Davies.

Mayor Stanley explained his process of forwarding media on Yachats and Yachats staff and people to interested parties.

I. Council Members on Library Committee

Mayor Stanley asked Councilors if they wanted to appoint by consensus or by motion Councilors Frye and Tooke to the Library Committee. Frye wanted to have a note taker at the meetings.

Councilor Glenn moved to appoint Frye and Tooke the Library Ad Hoc Committee on moving the library: Aye – 5; No -0.

II. Repairs on Oceanview Drive

Manager Davies noted there was a meeting on July 17, 2017 of persons from Yachats Trails Committee, Lincoln County Council, Parks and Recreation Department, Central Coast Supervisor of Parks and Rec, Roy Kinyon (Lincoln County Road Supervisor), Molly Manyon (Parks Department Coast Archeologist) to discuss Oceanview Drive. Frye believed it to be inappropriate to not have a city representative at that meeting. Councilor Scott indicated he was aware of the meeting and was grateful for this group for getting the process moving. Mayor Stanley reported he had encouraged the Trails Committee to work with the Parks and Commons Commission.

The Mayor and Councilors discussed who is best responsible for bringing the 804 road up to standard. Glenn asked Manager Davies to inform them of what would be needed to assess the road condition. Glenn asked to get a copy of the engineered plan for a cantilevered trail between the State Park and the Landmark building paid for by the County and created by Dwyer Engineering. Scott noted the archeologist had rejected the plan.

Manager Davies wanted to understand Councilor positions before she invested weeks of work. Scott clarified the project is the completion of the 804 Trail.

Manager Davies noted there is 225-250,000 left in the County's trails mitigation money that can be spent on parts of the project. She raised the following questions:

- Does the Council want to be a party in finishing the 804 Trail?
- Does the Council want to be a party in deciding in where that mitigation money gets spent?
- Does the Council want to take over ownership of Oceanview Drive? At what level would that be?
- Does the Council want to make at least part of Oceanview one-way? Southbound? Northbound?
- How far should the sections extend?

Scott stated the Council has consistently indicated they want to finish the Trail and work on the road. Scott believed they would want to take ownership of the Trail/road once it has been brought up to standard. Tooke argued that the erosion and situation of Oceanview Rd implies continual

upgrades and investment of monies to maintain. He did not believe the Council was in a position to assume that responsibility.

Mayor Stanley strongly believed Oceanview should become one-way, and believed traffic should be northbound. He noted the change of traffic would be extremely difficult for citizens and residents of that area.

Tooke reported he has heard significant input from citizens about the City investing in unworthy projects, such as buying the 501 building. He noted there would be great pushback on a decision like taking ownership of Oceanview Dr. He noted people were pointing out current roads need to be maintained before taking on more responsibility.

Mayor Stanley suggested they City has been following the vision of very respectable persons from the past. He was not sure how to merge their vision with pragmatic needs and how to not become a "town of the rich." Scott believed the focus should be on providing a walkable trail suitable for wheelchair use.

Manager Davies noted people might be complaining more to Mayor Stanley and Tooke as they are new to government. Mayor Stanley asserted many citizens believe the City is pursuing visions that cost money but don't touch the lives of a good deal of our citizens. Councilors discussed what the priorities of the city should be regarding pursuing visions versus maintaining city property versus addressing affordable housing. Scott noted the previous Publics Works Director had created a prioritized list of city street paving. Glenn suggested the City needs to establish standards for city streets.

Manager Davies noted she had sent a letter and spoke to four county and state agencies on controlling truck traffic on Marine Dr, and she is waiting on a definitive response.

Frye was concerned that two of five Council members were hearing the Council is "out of touch." The Council discussed the history of public input into various projects. The Council discussed what vision and visionary mean.

Scott proposed the City establish some financial plan for city road maintenance, which appears to be of high concern to residents. The Council discussed priorities on financial commitments to roadways and what funds are available to expend on what areas.

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Stanley adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm.

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GERALD F. STANLEY, Mayor

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Joan Davies, City Manager Date