

1 City of Yachats
2 **PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION**

3
4 August 8, 2017

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6 Minutes
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8 John Moore called the August 8, 2017 regular meeting of the Public Works and Streets
9 Commission to order at 3:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members
10 present: Doug Johnson, Don Groth, John Moore, Rick Haynes, Marc Courtenay, Tom
11 Bedell, Larry Nixon. Absent: none. Staff present: Water Plant Lead Rick McClung,
12 Wastewater Plant Lead Dave Buchwald. Audience: 3.
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14 **I. Minutes**

15 Commissioners had not received copies of the July 11, 2017 minutes. Hard copies
16 were distributed, and Moore indicated the vote would be taken later in the meeting.
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18 **II. Reports**

19 **A. South Tank Project**

20 McClung reported questions were raised about the tank placement at the August 2,
21 2017 City Council meeting. He had met with the Engineer and concluded the current
22 location is proper as the stakes marked the outer edge of the 10 foot road around the
23 tank. Tree cutting will begin later this week. McClung explained the grading process of
24 benching and building the retaining wall as soil is removed. They will not know which
25 trees will remain until this excavation is underway. McClung expected the pad to be
26 completed by the end of September and has asked that construction not disturb the
27 roadway during the winter months when drainage issues become more severe.
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29 Nixon asked if the construction company planned to put a job trailer. McClung indicated
30 space was tight and he had offered to set up a staging area by the ball field.
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32 **B. Public Works Department**

33 Buckwald reported with little rain, PWS was able to take on many projects. PWS
34 uncovered two manholes on King St and one on Greenhill. Buckwald reported they
35 have put in a bid on the backhoe and are looking at a dump truck in Boring, OR.
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37 Groth asked about potential water restrictions. McClung summarized the tripping points
38 of declaring a Level 1 shortage.
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40 **C. Solid Waste District Advisory**

41 Groth reported he and Nixon were covering meetings.
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43 III Business

44 Clean Sweep

1 Moore reported Dahl had received no complaints from drivers regarding pickup. Moore
2 suggested putting off the categories for pick up until next year when they know what
3 Dahl is accepting at that time.

4 5 Trash Cleanup Post-Eclipse

6 Moore encouraged Commissioners to volunteer for the Trails Committee with the
7 eclipse cleanup.

8 9 Traffic Flow on E 2nd and Prospect

10 Moore summarized the issues as

11 E 2nd currently flows downhill and many people will turn onto E 2nd from Hwy 101.

12 Prospect currently flows up the road and many people from the Drift Inn parking
13 lot and the hotel turn downhill to read Hwy 101.

14 Moore reported access from the side streets onto Hwy 101 is safest on Prospect. He
15 believed making Prospect two-way would be safer. This change would necessitate
16 turning the perpendicular parking spaces into parallel parking, resulting in a net loss of
17 1 space.

18 Moore mentioned Manager Davies wanted the first fifty feet of E 2nd St to be two-way to
19 accommodate people leaving the Green Salmon.

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21 Groth was concerned that having the two-way section on E 2nd would not address the
22 safety issue of turning onto Hwy 101. Moore indicated that intersection would be for
23 right turns only.

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25 Haynes suggested closing off the Green Salmon lot entrance from E 2nd would
26 decrease the traffic on E 2nd and create more parking for the Green Salmon. He
27 asserted the access is too close to the intersection to be safe. Nixon asserted the
28 parking for that building has changed significantly over time. He believed closing the
29 Green Salmon lot entrance from E 2nd would be better.

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31 Haynes pointed out that a person traveling up the hill on Prospect would have to turn
32 right onto 2nd and turn around.

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34 Nixon suggested that if they were to change the direction of traffic, they should confer
35 with the business owners.

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37 Bette Perman (E 2nd St) concurred Prospect should be two-way. She thought the
38 direction of E 2nd should remain westbound, in part, because of potential back-ups on
39 southbound Hwy 101 turning left onto E 2nd.

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41 Perman was concerned about closing the 2nd St access from the Green Salmon as cars
42 would get stuck in the parking lot and need to back out onto Hwy 101.

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44 Moore suggested creating visible signage for right turn only on traffic coming out of the
45 Green Salmon and right turn only onto Hwy 101. Courtenay noted there is a dearth of
46 signage on Hwy 101 indicating E 2nd is one-way.

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2 Courtenay was in favor of keeping the direction of E 2nd as is (east to west).

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4 Haynes noted allowing two-way traffic in the short section would cause confusion as
5 there would be no turnaround except through the Green Salmon lot.

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7 Linda Hetzler asked that if Prospect is made two-way, they should pave the east end to
8 increase the width so two cars meeting cars could pass. Hetzler believed making
9 Prospect two-way is a good idea.

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11 McClung noted a lot of prep work is required to prepare for paving and has asked
12 Pioneer to move back a telephone pedestal. He suggested putting out bids in early
13 spring would reap more competitive offers than trying to get into the summer of 2017
14 schedule.

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16 Moore heard consensus to go two-way on Prospect, leave W 2nd downhill, making exit
17 onto Hwy 101 from E 2nd right turn only.

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19 Bedell added there is a lot of foot traffic in that intersection which makes the Green
20 Salmon exit on the 2nd dangerous.

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22 Hetzler asked that the section on E 2nd where there is currently a no parking sign be
23 turned into a parallel parking space.

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25 Haynes suggested McClung create a map of parking with space standards is a good
26 approach to give to the paving company. McClung estimated an engineer would charge
27 2,000 to 3,000 to generate a map.

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29 Perman noted on the diagonal parking on E 2nd cars do not always pull fully into the
30 space – causes drivers going down the road must drive onto shoulder. Hetzler
31 suggested having fiberglass poles to indicate parking depth. Nixon was concerned
32 about the stability of the wall in those spots.

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34 Johnson moved to make Prospect a two-way street, keep E 2nd one-way flowing east to
35 west, create right turn only onto Hwy 101, making the access from the Green Salmon
36 onto E 2nd , no right turn signs for 101 Northbound traffic onto E 2nd : Aye – 7; No – 0.

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38 Courtenay moved to approve paving of the entire area in one act: Aye – 7; No – 0.

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42 Haynes moved to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes of the Public Works and Streets
43 meeting: Aye – 6; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Haynes, absent from meeting).

44 45 **IV. Other Business**

46 **A. From the Commission**

1 Moore noted at the August 2, 2017 City Council meeting they designated the
2 Emergency Planning Commission as reporting to the Public Works and Streets
3 Commission. Nixon would like to see Trails have a more active role with the
4 Emergency Planning Commission. Courtenay indicated he is on the Trails Committee
5 and could serve as liaison.
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7 Groth asked for an update on delivery trucks driving on Oceanview Dr. Moore reported
8 the Council discussed traffic on Oceanview Dr but did not reach a decision.
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10 **B. From the Staff – none**

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12 **C. From the Floor – none**
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14 With no further business before the commission, Moore adjourned meeting at 4:11 pm.
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John Moore, Chair

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25 Minutes prepared by H.H. Anderson on July 23, 2017.