

City of Yachats
PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION

May 8, 2018

Approved Minutes

Chair John Moore called the May 8, 2018 regular meeting of the Public Works and Streets Commission to order at 3:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Don Groth, John Moore, Tom Bedell, Larry Nixon, and Marc Courtenay. Absent: Bob Bennett and Rick Haynes. Staff present: Water Plant Lead Rick McClung and Wastewater Plant Lead Dave Buckwald. Audience: 5.

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Commissioner Bedell moved to approve the April 10, 2018 minutes amended: Aye – 4; No – 0; Courtenay not present.

II. Reports

A. South Tank Project

McClung reported the tank is about one-third complete. It is being constructed in four-foot ring sections. McClung noted the siding is green but the roof is silver aluminum, due to some miscommunication between the engineer and the previous City Manager. McClung did not think painting the roof was possible, as it must be acid etched before painting. Workers are prepping for the water line bore across Highway 101, and the bore should be completed within a week. McClung noted the original plan for boring would not work because of utilities in the area. The next component will be the earthquake valve vaults.

B. Public Works Department

Buckwald highlighted the Driftwood water line is complete to 4th St and two fire hydrants were installed. He reported the 10-yard dump truck for hauling bio solids had an engine failure, and they are estimating \$12,000 for a used motor replacement (cost split with Water).

C. Emergency Preparedness Committee

Commissioner Courtenay reported Jenny Demaris was at their last meeting, and June 23, 2018 is the day of the Tsunami Walk Out Drill. Manager Beaucaire is helping to make the event have economic value, and they are calling it, “The Tsunami Hike and Seafood Festival.” On May 31, 2018, Courtenay will represent the City at a tabling event with all the emergency preparedness groups in Lincoln County.

D. Solid Waste District Advisory Council

Commissioner Nixon reported Dahl presented to Council last week and faced a tough challenge in presenting rate increases. Dahl had reported that instead of being paid \$25 per ton for recycling, they are now paying over \$100 per ton to take it to a landfill. Nixon was optimistic that other opportunities for recycling would emerge.

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2 Nixon reported he has reserved bins for Clean Sweep for June 2018. Nixon was not
3 certain of the status of signage. Nixon suggested they continue having the on-street
4 preview of items as part of this year's event.

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6 Commissioner Groth clarified that Council was not asking the Public Works Commission
7 to do anything about the potential for green waste pick-up.

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9 **E. Financial Report – no comments**

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11 **III Business**

12 Moore reported the Commission got excellent feedback from the public at the Sunday
13 meeting.

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15 **A. Traffic Flow**

16 **1. Ocean View Drive from 2nd to 7th Streets and Hwy 101 to the State Park**

17 Moore summarized the majority of the public at the meeting wanted 2nd to 7th to be one-
18 way northbound.

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20 Moore asked Geralyn Mandell from Lincoln County Transit to talk about the bus
21 situation. She reported they park the bus overnight on W 7th St, start the route on W 7th,
22 and exit to 101 on W 3rd. She thought making that section of Ocean View one-way
23 would be problematic. She noted they have greater effectiveness by operating from W
24 3rd St northward, avoiding the traffic around 2nd Street. Mandell noted the newer buses
25 are lower in their clearance below the steps at the door, and they are having problems
26 getting over the hump in the road at the intersection of the side streets onto 101. She
27 noted they have to swing into the other lane to avoid destroying their buses. Mandell
28 reported they are hoping to expand their service to Yachats

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30 Moore noted the only way to get from town north of 7th would be Highway 101 if that
31 section of road were one-way. Moore suggested, given the lanes are so narrow, they
32 consider one-way from 2nd to 3rd and two-way in the rest of this section. Bedell had
33 concern about how motor homes could turn around in the State Park area if.

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35 Nixon suggested the County should grind down the asphalt before adding layers as the
36 height of the asphalt is causing differences in the curbs. Several Commissioners and
37 audience members believed grinding was a good idea.

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39 Nixon did not believe the Commission should suggest additional changes in traffic flow
40 when significant changes to the sidewalks and truck delivery routes were made last
41 year. Nixon suggested they consider rerouting portions of the foot traffic.

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43 Courtenay noted the stretch between 7th and 3rd is falling into the ocean, and restricting
44 vehicle traffic on those roads might lengthen the life of that section. Courtenay believed
45 the buses could be routed from 4th to 7th. Mandell noted the buses have trouble
46 negotiating the roads when the Ladies Club and Lions Club have events.

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2 Bedell stated he was originally in favor of one-way traffic, but has noted there are many
3 problems with this approach. Bedell noted they are trying to control traffic when they
4 have no means of enforcement, and signs may not help the problem.

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6 Nixon reported a conversation he had with the County engineer when they were putting
7 the riprap in that there are mitigating circumstances where the City could do something
8 to stabilize the area should the road fall into the ocean, such as the need to stabilize the
9 water line.

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11 Groth, Nixon, and Bedell agreed they should keep traffic flow as is. Courtenay strongly
12 disagreed with this approach, asserting they would not be addressing the impending
13 problems with the road falling into the ocean. Moore suggested they add signage with
14 vehicle weight restrictions, with the understanding that the signs would not totally
15 prohibit trucks and heavy vehicles.

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17 Mandell indicated she would instruct her drivers to keep the busses off of the 2nd to 4th
18 Street section on Ocean View.

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20 Commissioner agreed that weight limit signs be placed at 4th and 7th Streets.

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22 Moore noted there was no ideal solution.

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24 Courtenay moved to overlay the streets, to not change traffic flow, and to erect signs for
25 weight restrictions at 2nd and 4th Streets: Aye – 5; No – 0.

26 27 **2. 3rd Street**

28 Moore summarized the audience was not at all in favor of changing traffic flow on W 3rd
29 Street. Commissioners agreed they should value the opinions of the people and not
30 change W 3rd St.

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32 Bedell moved to keep the status quo of traffic on W 3rd Street: Aye – 5; No – 0.

33 34 **C. Striping**

35 Moore noted the County has agreed to stripe the roads in the fall. Courtenay suggested
36 striping the edge of the pavement adjacent to the footpath area. Moore was not certain
37 this approach could be done given the requirements the County has for lane widths.

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39 Commissioner agreed there is not a need for lane stripes.

40 41 **D. Revenue Streams**

42 Moore explained they City currently had no funding source to cover the annual costs of
43 \$40,000 for cleaning out storm drains and \$100,000 for doing street overlays. Moore
44 suggested there are two possibilities:

- 45 1. Adding a rate to the monthly water/sewer bill
- 46 2. Letting the voters decide on a tax rate increase

Moore provided a handout on what eleven other jurisdictions do to get funds for this work.

IV. Other Business

A. From the Commission – none

B. From the Floor

Anderson clarified Ocean View is two words.

Leslie Vaaler (205 Radar Rd) suggested the Committee was passing “an inconvenient truth” of the eroding cliffs on to the Council. She also noted they were not respecting the emphasis Yachats puts on trails.

Bette Perman (410 E 2nd St) supported the conclusion of the Commission. She suggested they designate a truck route. She also suggested including the Trails Committee in any decision around Ocean View Drive. She suggested using “one lane ahead” and “watch out for pedestrian” signs.

Michael Hempen echoed Perman’s points around the resource of the Trails Committee. He noted he drove the area after the Sunday meeting and changed his mind about one-way traffic. He also believed they should grind the asphalt. He suggested cutting vegetation or moving boulders in the area adjacent to the Pub at the intersection of 101 and Ocean View.

Bob Langley indicated the Trails Committee is continuing conversations about the 60 meters between 101 at Ocean View toward Beach Street. He noted pedestrians would be very unlikely to follow a path that is not along the water’s edge.

An audience member stressed the importance of grinding the asphalt.

John Topher (4th St) asked that weight limit signs be placed along the entire 804 Trail route along Ocean View.

Groth asked put up signage indicating the one-way direction at E 2nd St as soon as possible.

With no further business before the commission, Moore adjourned meeting at 4:37 pm.

John Moore, Chair

Date

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2 Minutes prepared by H.H. Anderson on May 21, 2018.