

Minutes of the  
**CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session**  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023  
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Barb Knop, Council President Nancy McCarthy, Councilors Brandon Ogilvie, Gary Hayes in person; Councilor Lisa Kerr on Zoom.

Excused:

Staff: City Manager Bruce St. Denis, Assistant Public Works Director Trevor Mount and Administrative Assistant Tessa Schutt

Other: CIDA Architect Leslie Jones and Principal Jennifer Beattie in person. CIDA representatives Samantha Thornton, Angelica Juengel and Curtis Gagner via Zoom. Emerick Executive Vice President Jordan Fell via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Knop called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Motion: Ogilvie moved to approve the agenda as presented; Hayes seconded.

Vote: Hayes, McCarthy, Ogilvie, and Knop voted AYE: the vote was 4:0 and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was none.

DISCUSSIONS

( 1) CIDA Presentation of the City Hall & Police Station Community Outreach Events

St. Denis introduced CIDA Architect Leslie Jones and Principal Jennifer Beattie. St. Denis introduced attendees on Zoom representing CIDA and Emerick. Jones summarized the goals and premise of the project. Jones presented the findings from the two community outreach events (COE), where she observed strong public interest and involvement. Jones detailed the methodology used to analyze comments received at these COE, and then explained CIDA's findings about participant priorities.

Kerr joined the meeting on Zoom during Jones' presentation.

Given the previous Council chose the existing City Hall site for this project, Jones requested the Council provide direction on CIDA's next steps after reviewing community input.

St. Denis recalled that this choice had been difficult. He explained how this decision had developed from an understanding of feasibility and a community desire to retain City Hall's centralized location. St.

Denis explained that a seismic event was more likely than a catastrophic tsunami based on historical data. St. Denis stressed that the Council must make funding decisions rather quickly and asked whether the Council desired to reexamine the location.

Hayes and Knop expressed interest in discussing the site. Ogilvie and McCarthy expressed their support for the current City Hall site. Hayes drew the Council's attention to the strong conflicting community response. A discussion ensued regarding the history of the debate surrounding the location and the feasibility of carrying out emergency operations.

Kerr and Hayes centered their discussion around seismic resiliency. Kerr requested Hudson weigh in on the viability of running an emergency operations center at the City Hall site. Hudson and St. Denis discussed the difficulty of choosing a site that combines the best features for all facets of city operations.

Jones noted that the building will be designed to Risk Category 4 standards wherever it is located. Beattie added that separating the buildings would increase costs significantly.

Hudson and St. Denis explained what an emergency operations center generally looks like. Jones added information about design priorities for an EOC. The body discussed the viability and potential benefits and disadvantages of separating City Hall from an EOC.

Gagner answered questions about risk category standards. CIDA representatives took questions about changing state regulations. Beattie said CIDA will draft an initial request for more information from the state regarding these regulations.

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There was none.

#### ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Tessa Schutt, Administrative Assistant

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Barb Knop, Mayor