

Minutes of the  
**CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING AND WORK SESSION**  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Barb Knop, Council President Nancy McCarthy, Councilors Brandon Ogilvie, Gary Hayes and Lisa Kerr

Excused:

Staff: City Manager Bruce St. Denis, IT Director Rusty Barrett, Chief of Police Jason Schermerhorn and Administrative Assistant Sheri Skotland

Other:

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Knop called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Vote: McCarthy, Ogilvie, Kerr, Hayes and Knop voted AYE: the vote was 5:0 and the motion carried. The agenda was approved.

**RESOLUTION**

**( 1) Resolution 24-04 For the Purpose of Amending the City Council Rules of Procedure Dated May 2, 2023**

St. Denis read the staff report, noting the purpose is to revise the rules of procedure.

Knop gave an overview of the recent “zoom bombing” and hopes this will help. Knop summarized the revision, adding it goes into effect immediately.

Motion: Kerr moved to adopt Resolution 24-04 for the Purpose of Amending the City Council Rules of Procedure Dated May 2, 2023; Hayes seconded the motion.

Vote: McCarthy, Ogilvie, Kerr, Hayes and Knop voted AYE: the vote was 5:0 and the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Knop called for public comment, noting this falls under the new resolution and reminded everyone to be kind and respectful and keep it under three minutes.

- Jan Siebert-Wahrmund PO Box 778 spoke in favor of the CBE landscape design public hearing for feedback., spoke in favor of an ad hoc committee, asked for additional information on the bond and revisions made for the tax benefit.
- Betty Gearen PO Box 137 spoke about being on the advisory committee and spoke in favor the project.

**CLOSED SPECIAL MEETING AND OPENED THE WORK SESSION**

## DISCUSSIONS

### **( 2) Landscape Review of the Rejuvenation of the Cannon Beach Elementary School Project and Ne'Cus Park**

St. Denis introduced Dustin Johnson from CIDA Architects. Johnson reviewed the plans in the packet. Johnson answered Council's questions. Council acknowledged the loop to the creek.

Discussed the plantings and the Thunderbird. Discussed the trail, Johnson noted it will be wide for mobility issues and will be ADA accessible. Discussed native plants.

Ginger Erickson, 3625 SE Vailmont Lane, Happy Valley OR spoke in favor of Joyce's design adding it will flow well. Erickson added cedar was not this close to the ocean but was further inland.

McCarthy requested Johnson to review the thunderbird area. Johnson noted it will be a welcome pole, or gateway but not a closed gate.

Discussed the benefits of the pavilion.

This will move forward to the public hearing on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **( 3) Review Committee Request for CBE**

St. Denis read the staff report.

Paul Dueber PO Box 549 summarized the letter in the packet. Dueber suggested an ad hoc committee be created, a discussion ensued. Discussed how things changed over time, such as going from bringing up to code, to a full design.

St. Denis noted the drawings came from community and tribal input.

McCarthy noted the project is a year in a half behind project and costs keep rising.

Hayes added he understands bringing the community together however feels this is derailing and needs to move forward.

Kerr noted it is worthwhile having the meeting to ask questions.

Hayes noted the attorney informed staff there are IRS rules to follow for tax free municipal bonds and the requirements for non-profits.

Knop suggested having one public meeting with questions pre-submitted, so the experts have time to provide answers.

Dueber noted he would like information on how the plans got to \$12 million.

St. Denis noted if the questions are received in advance, they can be reviewed within a week, answered within approximately 10 days, then go to a public meeting for discussion. Hayes replied as long as it

doesn't delay the project.

Dueber noted the majority is in favor of this project, adding they feel it was important to them and they are behind it, but are questioning the cost. Dueber they are in favor of the buildings being connected.

Johnson gave an overview of the project, noting the first-time pen was put to paper was September 16, 2022, giving an overview. Johnson added the next meeting was with Tribe November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Next meeting was February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 testament for the \$12,000.

Todd Lawson noted the tribe appreciated the process and will do whatever they can do to help.

Discussed the time frame moving forward. St. Denis requested to have comments and questions in advance on Monday February 26, not to reduce the scope, but what do they mean in reducing scope. Answers within the 10 days and set meeting date.

#### **( 4) Good of the Order**

McCarthy recommended Coffee with Councilors is on Monday at 10 AM, February 26th

Kerr noted regarding Larry Sellers and the concern about the trees, the legal staff is working on it, there no answer at this time.

Next week tuesday at 5 PM have executive session 2 hour.

Wednesday council meeting on the 29th for the Code audit.

Planning Commission is the 22nd and will discuss wetlands.

#### **ADJORNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Sheri Skotland, Administrative Assistant

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Barb Knop, Mayor