

Minutes of the  
**CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session**  
Monday, September 18, 2023  
Council Chambers

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

Excused:

Staff: City Manager Bruce St. Denis, IT Director Rusty Barrett and Recorder Jennifer Barrett

Other: CIDA Architect Leslie Jones and Paluch in person. Principal Jennifer Beattie via Zoom. Emerick Executive Vice President Jordan Fell in person.

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Knop called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Knop noted public comment is for anything not part of the main topics of meeting. After the presentation, you will have a chance to comment about the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

DISCUSSIONS

**City Hall & Police Station Update and Options**

St. Denis said there was a presentation to council a few weeks ago and we said we'd be back after showing you elevations and here to continue discussion. St. Denis turned the meeting over to Leslie Jones from CIDA. Jones presented the police department plans giving an overview of each one. Jones answered the Council's questions.

Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, PO Box 778: Thank about trying to reduce the square footage and looking at alternative construction methods. Jones added I didn't mention that we have registered these projects with energy trust of Oregon which will be kicking off the last week of the month to start to strategize sustainable and green methods.

Jones presented the City Hall plans giving an overview of each one. Jones, Paluch and Fell answered the

Council's questions.

Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, PO Box 778. I am looking forward to seeing different facades. As a member of the public who comes to meetings I would not like to see people any higher than they are now. At the county they are sitting up like judges to the audience. We want to create a community; we are a small community and want to have that community feeling during the meeting to encourage our participation which we had pre-covid and hope that it comes back again. The drawing on the left with the shallower spaces between the public and staff would be more preferred. I want to help our community come back to a place where they feel heard and welcome more than they do at the moment having everyone on the dais and don't want to have backs to audience while guests are speaking.

Les Sinclair PO Box 1394. My concern is there is an attic full of stuff and a garage full of stuff and outbuildings full of stuff and never been confident that we have enough room for all of our stuff. I haven't heard if there was storage for attic stuff. I am interested in a better audio visual set up, I am sure that is the intent. The neighbors who live behind you, and where the wall is encroaching on their property, would like to know what the south side of the building would look like. What is it going to look like. Knop asked have they attended meetings, Sinclair replied they won't, but have been asking.

Jones pointed out storage areas, a discussion ensued.

St. Denis said the first project was Cannon Beach Elementary and a lot of us had never done this before. It took a considerable amount of time and was a successful process. This is a different kind of project, and I am concerned about the process and schedule. The schedule says we'd be starting spring of 2025 and its partly driven by the process we've built in. An ideal situation would be to start at the beginning of the summer in 2024, that's 9 months. How much time is it going to take to make decisions to stay on schedule? I am trying to make sure we are not spending additional funds at the end of the project. Can we come up with a process that we say these are things the public is involved in, but once the decision is made are we going to try to change it every time we show it or can we stay with the decision. To do it in 9 months is not out of line. It is out of line to go as long as we have gone. It would require a level of trust with staff to say this is the box you have to work within and make it as good as you can. Kerr said we had a lot of meetings about this and there is not a lot of people giving feedback form the community. There are a few people that consistently provide valuable feedback which is great, but overall, I just hear a lot of complaining. There are plenty of opportunities to express things and everyone is fairly ambivalent. I'd like to start in summer or spring of 2024, we need to move this along. McCarthy and Hayes said I agree. Knop added people that work in the building, I went through a school remodel and we designed our rooms, it was people that work there that did it and it's the same here. Hayes added what staff thinks works, I agree. St. Denis asked is there a way staff can continue working on the design and we'll keep showing you, we will keep the project moving forward. On the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting we can focus on exterior and if anyone wants to comment they can. I think it is possible to move it more quickly, but not if we are having a heavy public process, which I am not against, but it will continue to cost more money. Ogilvie added I am supportive of what you brought up, the cost savings alone is enough to move forward with that path. My time is limited, and I'd like to see it through. Kerr said if we had hundreds of people showing up at each meeting with a lot to say that would be different. Knop added we trust that if there is anything you'd change that would increase costs you'd be coming back to us, but general decisions that doesn't affect the cost, we are good. Consensus agreed. St. Denis said next time meet we'll show exteriors and floor plan.

Siebert-Wahrmund said if the staff will be deicing without the public, how will we the public be made aware of what is happening? St. Denis replied with the presentations. Siebert-Wahrmund said you may

have the trust level but I don't think the community has that level of trust. I am concerned about this decision that you just seemed to make. I personally would like to have frequent updates of what's happening on a staff level. St. Denis gave an overview of things the staff would be giving input, such as where things are, the position. St. Denis added these are not items that would affect the public, it would make our operations better, a discussion ensued. Kerr noted the level of detail being discussed is how staff is making things work on the building. Siebert-Wahrmund replied as long as a concise reporting of what's going on, a discussion ensued regarding public process.

**( 2) Good of the Order**

Kerr said ORLA is having a meeting using the council chambers. I want to know how this is allowed. J Barrett replied a PDF of the form that was sent, Ashley reviewed and said they met the criteria. Kerr asked where is the cut off, there are lots of nonprofits. Kerr added I would like to see the policy revisited.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Barrett, City Recorder

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Barb Knop, Mayor