

Minutes of the
CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL
Work Session
Thursday, October 5, 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 Administrative Assistant Tessa Schutt.

Other: CIDA Architects Leslie Jones and Mya Paluch in person. Principal Jennifer Beattie via Zoom. Emerick Executive Vice President Jordan Fell in person. Landscape Architect Joyce Jackson in person. Geotech Solutions Principal Don Rondema

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Knop called the work session to order at 6:02 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Knop reminded the body to keep their comments kind, respectful, and under three minutes.

Deb Atiyeh, PO Box 1426: Atiyeh thanked the representatives present and commended their reputations. Atiyeh shared her feelings about the goal of the City Hall/Police Department project, which she said would accommodate employees and future growth.

Randy Neal, PO Box 1092: Neal expressed concern about the cost of the project and shared cost-per-square-footage comparisons he had read about other similar facilities in Oregon.

Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, PO Box 778: Siebert-Wahrmund voiced her support for restoring the forest corridor mentioned by Neal as a buffer between the Police Department and drivers on Highway 101. Siebert-Wahrmund said she had seen a desire for this effort during her time in Cannon Beach and would love to see this effort undertaken collaboratively with ODOT.

Hayes said that he hoped everyone who spoke would remain at the meeting until the end when the Councilors would respond to their comments.

Tom Landrum, PO Box 865: Landrum shared several observations he had made while reviewing the plans. He suggested that the numerous angles in the roof of the proposed City Hall would increase the project cost. Landrum said that it did not look like there were offices planned for the City Manager or Mayor. Additionally, he said that he did not notice any radio dispatch area at the proposed Police Department, which would be a great place to set up a communications hub for emergency preparedness. Finally, Landrum expressed concern for what appeared to be a wooden fence around the Police Department and a lack of toilets in the holding cells.

DISCUSSIONS

(1) City Hall & Police Station Community Outreach Event

St. Denis said the purpose of the evening was to discuss the status of the plans for City Hall and the Police Department. He introduced the representatives from CIDA, Geotech Solutions, and Emerick.

Jones thanked the body for providing public comment and mentioned that she would attempt to address some questions throughout her presentation. She began by updating the body about updates to the plans for the Police Department.

Knop asked for questions from the public about the proposed Police Department plans.

Sam Steidel, PO Box 501: Steidel expressed concern about the entry and said that a police station does not need to feel as welcoming as other types of building. He said that the façade would likely be sheltered by trees in the future and recommended moving the front door.

Tom Landrum, PO Box 865: Landrum said he liked the plans and echoed Steidel's concern about the placement of the front door. He expressed support for the Police Department and City Hall being in separate locations. Jones addressed Landrum's comments about holding cells and explained the intent behind the plans.

Deb Atiyeh, PO Box 1426: Atiyeh asked where expansion would be facilitated in the future. Schermerhorn said he responded to an email from Atiyeh to explain that there were additional offices planned within the facility for staff expansion.

Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, PO Box 778: Siebert-Wahrmund shared her preference for the plan set with a regular pitched roof. She expressed support for the use of cedar shake and said that the use of cement should be limited. Siebert-Wahrmund echoed Steidel's sentiment about severe weather impacting the front entrance. Beattie responded to Siebert-Wahrmund's comments by saying that they considered the full lifecycle of building materials used, which may be factored into choices for siding.

Hayes responded to comments about the standardized size of office spaces. Jones responded that the team relied on standardized square footage for these spaces and provided detail about these measurements.

Hayes asked Schermerhorn for information about the necessity of lockers.

The Council and present representatives discussed pricing.

Jones then introduced the updated plans for City Hall. Jackson walked through the landscape plan. The Council discussed ADA parking options.

Rondema provided geotechnical information.

Jones presented the City Hall floor plan.

Following the presentation, Knop invited the body to give public comment.

Tom Landrum, PO Box 865: Landrum expressed concern for angular designs increasing costs and implying a less efficient use of space.

Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, PO Box 778: Siebert-Wahrmund recalled the earlier ADA parking discussion and expressed concern about the potential removal of trees implied by proposed parking options. Jackson clarified the representation of trees on the plans. Siebert-Wahrmund said that she hoped the option would not be considered. She then provided feedback about proposed design elements and material options.

Deb Atiyeh, PO Box 1426: Atiyeh said she did not hear the geotechnical update about the Southwind site. The Council informed her that this information had been provided. She asked clarifying questions about building materials.

Tom Landrum, PO Box 865: Landrum noted that an “artsy” exterior would be covered by the trees that line Gower St.

(2) Good of the Order

No comments were made.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tessa Schutt, Administrative Assistant

Barb Knop, Mayor