

Depoe Bay City Council  
Workshop Meeting  
Monday, March 14, 2005 - 6:00 PM  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Mayor J. White, P. Cameron, P. Taunton, A. Brown, G.K. Romans, J. Brown, M. Lavery

STAFF: City Field Superintendent T. Owings, City Recorder P. Murray

Mayor White called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:00 p.m.

#### Council Mission Statement and Goals, Priorities and Projects Review

At the request of Mayor White, Councilor A. Brown read the City Council Mission Statement/Goals 2004-2005 (copy attached to original minutes) and staff provided status reports on projects listed under GOALS. It was agreed there are no changes needed to the POLICY statements.

Discussion on GOALS considered essential for public health and safety included the following: 1) the water storage improvements project is progressing with engineering underway, currently the city is not in duress due to the drought situation, staff will monitor and provide status reports, Rocky Creek will be brought on line a couple months early if need be, and the city can declare conservation measures if necessary; 2) staff will be seeking Council action at tomorrow night's regular meeting as to submission of a grant application to fund land acquisition for the City Park Expansion Project; 3) the City should pursue acquisition of the lot on the highway in front of city hall for development of an information kiosk and parking; 4) the City should also pursue removal of the billboard adjacent to that lot; 5) eliminate the Sign Committee and add sign permit reviews to the City Planner's job tasks; 6) review the reasons why all City Commissions and Committees were established to determine if still viable; 7) it was suggested, and agreed, that a workshop meeting specific to review of all commissions and committees will be scheduled; 8) codification of the zoning ordinances needs to be accomplished before moving ahead on the "Natural Resources" and "Matrix" text amendments, staff agreed that if codification processing is not done by April 15<sup>th</sup> a request for hiring part time help would be presented to the Council.

It was agreed to revise the items listed under Public Safety as follows: *Street improvements and repair* will remain on the list with it being noted that the current Winchell Street improvement project may require another phase in order to complete, if not, then the Southpoint Street improvements would be first priority. *Law enforcement* will remain on the list, with the City continuing to investigate options. Discussion included 1) the Mayor meeting with Lincoln County Sheriff Dotson to request more patrols in Depoe Bay to discourage criminal activities, 2) submitting a ballot measure to the voters a third time, 3) working on alternate programs such as support of Neighborhood Watch Groups and establishing volunteer patrols in cooperation with Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, 4) legal and insurance concerns relating to volunteer patrol programs, 5) continuing research efforts by the Law Committee (A. Brown, Lavery and Romans). *Support Neighborhood Watch programs* will remain on the list as a continuing effort. *Harbor seawall repair and scheduled maintenance* will remain on the list with it being noted that the harbor fuel facility project is progressing with engineering and obtaining permits nearly finalized, the Army Corps will be dredging the harbor this May, the dock 2 flotation and electrical pedestal replacement project will be moving forward with the recent grant award from Lincoln County, and federal appropriations are being considered for phase 2 of the seawall/landslide stabilization project (parking lot

and sidewalks). *Pedestrian safety through continuing to make sidewalk improvements....* will remain on the list with it being noted that the Pirates Cove sidewalk improvements project is progressing with the flat work out to bid and the bridge work to be completed this summer. Other items on the list are deleted due to projects being completed.

It was also agreed 1) to revise the MISSION statement by changing the second item to read “Preserve *and promote* public health, safety and welfare.” 2) Under GOALS considered necessary for the livability of our city and welfare of our citizens include more specific language to address “livability” by adding “promote policies for economic viability”.

MOTION: A. Brown moved to accept the previous City Council Mission Statement/Goals as written with changes as discussed in tonight’s meeting. Cameron seconded the motion.

Mayor White said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Cameron, Taunton, A. Brown, White, Romans, J. Brown, Lavery

Review of the City Facilities & Projects summary (copy attached to original minutes) included 1) staff reported on the status of the Community Hall kitchen remodel, currently working with the Parks Commission on plans and cost estimates; 2) status of Neighbors Against Drugs (NAD) bathroom remodel at the Ainslee Building, NAD’s receipt of a Rite -Aid grant for the project and addressing ADA issues; 3) status of removal of the fence at the north end of Whale Park is that the removal/relocation will be included as part of a future Memorial Wall expansion project.

#### Request to Create Local Improvement District - Les Fultz

Les Fultz provided background information on his long time engineering career and associations on the coast and thanked the Council for considering his request to create a local improvement district (LID) in the northeast part of Depoe Bay to improve streets and infrastructure in the area. Fultz had first presented his request at the January 18, 2005 regular council meeting and tonight reviewed Lincoln City’s LID procedure. A councilor noted that the City recently adopted a process for establishing a Limited Land Use Overlay which requires 100% approval of property owners within the area and 70% surrounding property owner approval. Fultz suggested the City initiate the LID opposed to property owners petitioning for it.

Kevin Morgan, Austin St., said he is an environmental scientist and he owns the property immediately adjacent to the unimproved (hillside) portion of Austin Street. Morgan voiced his concerns regarding the excavation on the hillside that had been conducted by Mr. Fultz, the removal of vegetation from the 33% slope has left the area in a hazardous situation. He asked if the activity had been permitted by the city, and requested re-stabilization of the hillside. Owings noted there was no permission obtained from the city for the clearing that had occurred, the disturbed area is on the platted unimproved portion of Austin Street, there are no large trees in the area since the city removed trees a few years ago to avoid blow-down, brush and tree stumps were removed in the recent clearing activity. The normal process is that a person wanting to open an unimproved street for access submits their request for city approval. It was agreed the city should require Fultz to mitigate the hazard created by the clearing and stabilize the disturbed area.

MOTION: A. Brown moved to not pursue Mr. Fultz 's plan to create a local improvement district because the city has no tax base and a zero debt limit which would preclude moving forward with that type of project. Romans seconded the motion.

Mayor White said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: J. Brown moved to amend the motion to add that Mr. Fultz be required to stabilize the excavated area of Austin Street. A. Brown agreed to the amendment.

VOTE: Motion, as amended, passed.

AYES: Cameron, Taunton, A. Brown, White, Romans, J. Brown, Lavery

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Mayor James White

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Pery Murray, City Recorder

