

Depoe Bay City Council - Workshop Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Mayor J. White, P. Cameron, P. Taunton, A. Brown, G. Romans,
J. Brown (arrived 6:02 pm), M. Laverty
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

Mayor White called the meeting to order, established a quorum, announced the purpose of the meeting is to review city commissions and committees, and discussion of the two council member positions on the Economic and Business Development Committee would be included.

Economic Business Development Committee: Discussion included suggestions to discontinue the committee, to reduce the membership to 7 by eliminating the two council member positions, to require quarterly reports to the Council, to temporarily disband the committee, to task the committee with the Downtown Refinement Plan work, to revise the committee from regularly meeting each month to meeting on an as-needed basis to address issues and projects as they arise, to obtain committee members' input on the suggestion to disband, to hold a joint meeting with the committee before making any final determination on how to proceed. Staff was directed to draft an ordinance to revise the committee's membership by eliminating the two council member positions and to require the committee to provide quarterly reports to the council. It was agreed to schedule a joint meeting with the committee to discuss disbanding the committee, tentative date of Wednesday, February 8, 2006. It was also agreed to delay any ordinance changes until after the joint meeting.

Harbor, Parks, Planning and Salmon Enhancement Commissions: There were no comments.

Sign Committee: Discussion included suggestions to eliminate the committee and to assign the review of sign permit applications as a duty of the City Planner, to continue the committee since community member involvement is desirable, to include the City Planner as a review committee member. It was noted that revising the Sign Ordinance may be a land use text amendment which requires a more involved process than amending a non-land use ordinance. Staff was directed to investigate the process for revising the ordinance and bring the information back to the council.

Traffic Safety Commission: Commission members John O'Brien and Lou Trapani (present in the audience) were asked for their comments. They noted that the Commission members have been active in the Downtown Refinement Plan work, street survey work, speed monitoring and traffic safety awareness projects and placing speed monitoring radar trailers along roadways. The commission fulfills the role for the city when a Traffic Safety Commission is necessary for obtaining grants for traffic safety projects and serves as a communication channel with ODOT. A councilor suggested expanding the existing commission to include public safety (research towards future law enforcement efforts), which may generate new interest to fill membership vacancies. It was agreed to not make any changes to the commission at this time, and that all councilors will conduct recruitment efforts to actively seek volunteers to serve on the commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Mayor James White

Pery Murray, City Recorder