

1 Depoe Bay City Council
2 Special Meeting
3 Monday, July 17, 2006 - 7:00 PM
4 Depoe Bay City Hall
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6 PRESENT: Mayor J. White, P. Cameron, P. Taunton, A. Brown, G. Romans, J. Brown, M. Lavery

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8 STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, City Planner L. Lewis, City Attorney P. Gintner, Recording
9 Secretary F. Dreamingtime
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11 1. CALL TO ORDER

12 Mayor White called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 7:00 P.M.
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14 II. Public Hearing (Continued – Deliberations): Case File #1-APPEAL-PC-06 – Appeal of Planning
15 Commission Decision on Application for Variance to Parking Requirements, Case File #1-V-PC-06.

16 Mayor White conducted a round table session asking each Councilor their feelings on the issue.

17 Comments and concerns included: 1) The approved variance is temporary (not to exceed five years)
18 because there is currently not a safe pedestrian access between the business and potential parking spaces.
19 2) A standalone seafood market is not an economically viable option in that location. 3) There is a
20 possibility the number of required parking spaces was miscalculated. 4) Within five years the Planning
21 Commission could establish system development charges for parking. 5) The properties nearest the
22 applicant have recently seen more activity, with many of the parking spaces being taken. 6) Many other
23 property owners have had to supply additional parking when required by the ordinance. 7) Everyone
24 should be treated the same. 8) The applicant has not made an effort to provide the required parking. 9)
25 There has been a lot of money invested in the harbor. 10) The city is losing its ability to process fish,
26 produce ice, and have easy access to the hoist. 11) The city has a responsibility to maintain a fully
27 functioning harbor. 12) The harbor needs to be active to qualify for dredging and grants. 13) The area
28 north of the bridge is different from the area south of the bridge; because of this they shouldn't be treated
29 exactly the same. 14) Parking has always been a problem. 15) The Bulldog Saloon is busiest at night, a
30 market/restaurant would be busiest during the day. 16) Existing parking lots often go unused. 17) No
31 businesses submitted testimony in opposition to the variance. 18) Every application should be examined
32 individually. 19) Lack of parking should not prevent a new business from opening. 20) The Planning
33 Commission vote on the variance was unanimous, indicating there was no question that the applicant
34 met the criteria of the variance.
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36 A Councilor distributed a sheet of photos as a visual aid to harbor investments. The appellant objected to
37 this as additional information for the record. Gintner advised that the sheet of photos will not become a
38 part of the record.
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40 Motion: Romans moved to uphold the Planning Commission's decision to grant the variance. Cameron
41 seconded the motion.
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43 Mayor White said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. A Councilor wanted
44 clarification on whether the number of required parking spaces was correctly calculated. Gintner said the
45 Council could impose additional conditions on the approval.
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1 Vote: Motion passed.
2 Ayes: Cameron, Taunton, Alice Brown, White, Romans, Jack Brown
3 Noes: Laverty

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5 Mayor White directed Staff to draft the Findings, Conclusions, and Final Order for approval at tomorrow
6 night's regular Council meeting.

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8 III. ADJOURN

9 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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James White, Mayor

18 Fox Dreamingtime, Recording Secretary