

1 Depoe Bay City Council
2 Workshop Meeting
3 Thursday, February 12, 2009 – 5:30 PM
4 Depoe Bay City Hall

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6 PRESENT: Mayor J. White, P. Cameron, P. Taunton, D. Davilla, B. Leff, J. Brown

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8 ABSENT: D. Zimmerman

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10 STAFF: City Field Superintendent T. Owings, City Recorder P. Murray, Recording Secretary
11 F. Dreamingtime

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13 I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

14 Mayor White called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:32 PM.

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16 II. GOALS, PRIORITIES, PROJECTS

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18 The first item of discussion was transient room tax revenues collected for public safety/law enforcement.
19 The cost of a full time officer was estimated at around \$140,000 for the first year and \$100,000 for
20 subsequent years, which it was noted would quickly deplete the accrued funds of \$264,548. The funding
21 accrues at around \$50,000 per year. Other public safety items excluding law enforcement were touched
22 on as options for expending these funds, such as dock maintenance, public restroom maintenance, and
23 parking lot painting, noting that the 1% dedicated funding would keep smaller projects like these going
24 for a long time. There was lengthy discussion about hiring a part time code-enforcement officer, with
25 benefits. Owings noted that the city's enforcement is complaint-driven, and that complaints are sporadic
26 in nature, so there might be weeks at a time with nothing for an enforcement officer to do. He also
27 expressed concern about the possibility of a code enforcement officer being put in dangerous situations.
28 A suggestion was made to determine how much money could be spent on public safety on an annual
29 basis, and then determine where to apply the funds. There was a consensus to ask the sheriff to address
30 the council on this subject, to including pricing information.

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32 Murray reviewed memo dated 2/12/09 from herself and Owings (copy attached to original of these
33 minutes). Owings noted that there have been recent projects that have been fraught with unforeseen
34 difficulties. There was discussion about how the council wants to proceed with projects as relates to the
35 depressed economy. It was the general feeling that the city should be conservative in spending at this
36 time, with harbor projects being a priority. Owings and Murray will be meeting with engineers about
37 infrastructure master plan updates. Work on the community hall was scheduled to begin on February 16,
38 but there has been a delay, and the project is now expected to begin by the end of the month. The
39 building will be able to be used during remodel, which includes new storage, new windows, a French
40 door, new deck, ADA ramp, and new shingles. There was also discussion about the Ainslee building,
41 which experienced some flooding on the south side of the building. The storm water system is complete.
42 Utilities will be installed on the south side; ODOT needs to approve right-of-way access, and may
43 require a sidewalk in front of the new building, which is scheduled to begin construction next month.
44 There was additional discussion about a parcel of land for sale near the city park, but there was a general
45 consensus that funding should be applied toward infrastructure rather than park land. Mayor White will
46 set up a meeting with Sheriff Dennis Dotson to obtain information on various levels of law/code
47 enforcement services that may be available to the city. Owings and Murray were directed to write a letter

1 to the county regarding applying \$10,000 in grant funding to the electrical peds at the harbor instead of
2 pilings. Councilors were directed to think about the Urban Renewal Budget Committee. Murray noted
3 the regular budget committee has two vacancies; and the Urban Renewal Agency needs nine people for
4 their budget committee, or the agency might want to set up the by-laws so they can use the city's budget
5 committee plus two additional members. A councilor suggested exercising caution in how city funds are
6 spent to avoid the need to lay off staff. A suggestion was made to direct staff to develop a list of
7 infrastructure depreciation schedules showing how maintenance can offset depreciation of capital
8 investments in pumps, storm drains, etc.

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10 XIII. ADJOURN

11 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

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James White, Mayor

Fox Dreamingtime, Recording Secretary