

1 Depoe Bay City Council
2 Regular Meeting
3 Tuesday, March 5, 2013 - 7:00 PM
4 Depoe Bay City Hall
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6 PRESENT: Mayor AJ Mattila, B. Leff, S. Hoitink, Z. Olsen, D. Goddard, R. Gambino, B. Berry
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8 STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, City Superintendent T. Owings, Recording Secretary
9 E. LuMaye, Field Supervisor B. Weidner
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11 I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

12 Mayor Mattila called for all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
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14 II. CALL TO ORDER

15 Mayor Mattila called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 7:00 PM.
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17 III. APPROVE MINUTES: February 19, 2013 Regular Meeting and February 25, 2013 Joint Workshop

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19 Motion 1: Berry moved to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2013 Regular Meeting and
20 the February 25, 2013 Joint Workshop. Leff seconded the motion.
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22 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.
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24 Vote: Motion 1 passed.

25 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Gambino, Berry

26 Abstain: Goddard
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28 IV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

29 Motion 2: Hoitink moved to accept the Accounts Payable with the addition of a check for \$191.76
30 for webhosting renewal. Leff seconded the motion.
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32 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There were a couple of
33 inquiries on a CNA Insurance premium and a bill from Stricker Engineering; it was noted that Mr.
34 Stricker was present for a later agenda item.
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36 Vote: Motion 2 passed.

37 Ayes: Leff, Olsen, Hoitink, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry
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39 V. SPECIAL ORDERS

40 A. Presentation by George Priest, Oregon Dept. of Geology & Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)
41 George Priest gave an information slide presentation on the subject of tsunamis. He explained the
42 mechanics of how tsuanmis work, and the unique geography of the Pacific Northwest coast. His
43 information showed Depoe Bay to be in a potentially strategic position in the event of an extra-
44 extra large ocean earthquake, and said the bridge is solidly based in basalt, giving it a fair chance
45 of surviving a 9.0 magnitude earthquake. He explained the magnitudes are exponential, so one
46 point makes a tremendous difference. One of his slides showed the Willamette Valley flooded in an
47 earthquake scenario, and he explained that was because the valley is "soft soil" and would "shake
48 like jello" in an earthquake. Because of this, the valley is likely to sustain much more damage than
49 the Depoe Bay area, and emergency services would be focused in areas of higher damage. He also
50 said coastal cities have the advantage of maritime access. He referred people to
51 www.oregontsunami.org for current evacuation maps. He said assembly areas are not intended to
52 be sheltering areas, but are for immediate removal from the danger zone. He said local officials will
53 be the one to make the "all clear" decision and announcement. He said on average, tsunami events
54 of about 50 feet happen every 25-30 years, and a big earthquake hits about every 525 years. He
55 said the harbor should be evacuated for distant tsunamis. DOGAMI Community Organizer Lynda

1 Engle was present, and said a community rally and evacuation drill are being planned. She said
2 neighbors talking to neighbors is the best way to get information out. She left a business card
3 (copy attached to original of these minutes) for people who have questions or wish to volunteer. A
4 gallery member said she would like to see a resiliency audit for the water reservoir and the water
5 plant. Mr. Priest said the odds are good that Depoe Bay has 50-60 years to make incremental
6 changes for tsunami preparation.

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8 Motion 3: Leff moved to put [Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant] resiliency
9 plan information in upcoming Budget Committee materials. Berry seconded the motion.

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11 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. Weidner said the Water
12 Treatment Plant already has an isolation plan. A gallery member said she repeatedly hears that
13 Depoe Bay has one of the best water treatment plant facilities. Mayor Mattila asked Murray to
14 check with the City Planner regarding available emergency food and supplies.

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16 Vote: Motion 3 passed.

17 Ayes: Leff, Hoytink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry

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19 Mayor Mattila thanked Mr. Priest, Ms. Engle, and the gallery member for their information and
20 input. Mr. Priest thanked Leff for making the motion and the Council for taking action, saying that
21 was a rarity.

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23 VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, OR STANDING COMMITTEES

24 Leff reported on 1) Yesterday's Outdoor Warning System Protocol Sub-Committee meeting. She
25 said there was a lot of information presented and tasks were assigned; there will be a follow-up
26 meeting later this month. 2) December's cash report; the City is doing well. In response to
27 Councilor interest in the report, copies will be distributed to all Councilors in the future.

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29 Olsen reported on the Municipal Utility District (MUD) Exploratory SubCommittee meeting (copy of
30 his email dated 2/27/13 and supporting documents from Bob Houston attached to original of these
31 minutes). He said Monmouth also has a MUD. Paul Levesque of Tillamook Lightwave has offered
32 services. A Councilor said the information provided did not include a projection of potential income,
33 potential costs, and Staff time, and this information would be necessary before the Council could
34 make a decision. Olsen suggested a small group visit Mr. Levesque in Tillamook to gather more
35 information. There was additional discussion about the Tillamook MUD.

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37 Motion 4: Goddard moved to authorize five people from Depoe Bay to meet with Paul Levesque to
38 discuss MUDs, with the City to pay the current mileage rate and reimburse lunch expenses, not to
39 exceed \$200. Berry seconded the motion.

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41 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was brief
42 discussion about how to fit five people on Olsen's vehicle; Goddard said to take however many
43 people would fit in one car.

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45 Vote: Motion 4 passed.

46 Ayes: Leff, Hoytink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry

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48 Olsen expressed his belief that the City should move forward with *Item VIII.B. Request for*
49 *Franchise Agreement – CoastCom, Inc.* Another Councilor said the City's still waiting to hear from
50 the attorney on that item.

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52 VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

53 There was no public comment.

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55 VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1 A. Depoe Bay Marina Emergency Project – Dock 1, Engineer’s Status Report/Proposed Change
2 Order #1

3 Andy Stricker provided a project status report, and said the project was running over about
4 \$30,000, which is not unusual in a pile-driving project. He said if available information was perfect,
5 then cost estimates would be very close to expenses, but there are unknowns until the pile driving
6 starts. Because the project was funded by FEMA, the pilings had to be done without removing them
7 from their positions; this created difficulties. He said records were spotty, showed differing
8 information, and some information was missing. Some piles went deeper than expected and the
9 harbor bottom was more uneven than expected. A Councilor said the cost overrun should fall under
10 “errors and omissions”. There was discussion about the Harbor Commission having changed the
11 original plan. Stricker said you can’t see what’s under the ground. A Commissioner asked Mr.
12 Stricker if he would be willing to oversee a contractor finishing the job on a “time and materials”
13 basis; Stricker said he was. He estimated it would take two men two days to weld the pilings.
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15 Motion 5: Olsen moved to authorize repair of I beams through time and material basis, not to
16 exceed \$32,000 without coming back to the Council for authorization. Hoytink seconded the motion.
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18 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was brief
19 discussion regarding the remaining budget for this project.
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21 Vote: Motion 5 passed.

22 Ayes: Leff, Hoytink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry
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24 Mr. Stricker also reported on the City Park pedestrian bridge. He said a railcar bridge requires
25 steep ramps, which would not accommodate getting an emergency vehicle across the bridge, or for
26 handicap access. He said a steel truss with an arch can perform the necessary functions without
27 restricting access; it would be about 10 feet across. A gallery member suggested looking at the
28 orientation of the bridge so emergency vehicles can get out once they are across. Stricker pointed
29 out that skewing the angle would make the bridge longer, and the budget is already very tight. He
30 will bring plans for the Council’s review to a future meeting. Councilor Leff spoke highly of Mr.
31 Stricker’s reputation.
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33 B. Request for Franchise Agreement – CoastCom, Inc.
34 This item was tabled to the next agenda.
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36 IX. NEW BUSINESS

37 A. Lincoln County Community Economic Development Fund Grant Award
38 Murray reported the City was awarded a \$5,000 grant for electrical improvements on harbor docks,
39 and the award letter (copy attached to original of these minutes) contained binding terms upon
40 acceptance of the money.
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42 Motion 6: Leff moved to accept the grant award and authorize the Mayor to sign. Goddard
43 seconded the motion.
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45 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.
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47 Vote: Motion 6 passed.

48 Ayes: Leff, Hoytink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry
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50 B. Proposed Res. #427 – A Resolution Authorizing Application to Oregon Parks & Recreation
51 Department Local Government Grant Program for Hwy 101 Scenic Lands Improvements/
52 Parks Master Plan

53 Murray said City Planner Lewis provided a memo to the Council dated 2/26/13 (copy attached to
54 original of these minutes). A 20% match is required for the \$25,000 grant; the match could be
55 cash or in kind. The submission deadline is April 12. The Parks and Recreation Department requires

1 the Council to authorize the grant application through resolution (copy of proposed resolution
2 attached to original of these minutes).

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4 Motion 7: Hoytink moved to accept proposed Res. #427 as written. Gambino seconded the motion.

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6 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

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8 Vote: Motion 7 passed.

9 Ayes: Leff, Hoytink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry

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11 C. Water Meter System Upgrade

12 Mayor Mattila said he'd recently attended City Day at the Capitol, where he learned about possible
13 funding opportunities for municipalities' infrastructure (copy of handout attached to original of
14 these minutes). At Mayor Mattila's request City Field Supervisor Brady Weidner explained the
15 different types of meter-reading systems – manual, touch, and radio. Weidner said the City has
16 installed about 400 upgradeable meters (out of about 1,100 total) in the past several years. He
17 said it's very expensive to upgrade, and the billing software is the most complicated part of an
18 upgrade. Owings recommended the City complete a cost analysis to determine whether an upgrade
19 is feasible at this time. In answer to a Councilor's question of whether a plumber would have to be
20 hired to switch out the meters, Weidner responded that the City's utility crew are Certified
21 Distribution Operators, and all the water-sewer infrastructure work is done by the crew. Weidner
22 was directed to prepare a rough order of magnitude (ROM) to include an estimate of the time
23 employees spend on reading water meters; Murray was directed to supply an estimate of the time
24 the Billing Clerk spends preparing water/ sewer bills.

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26 X. CORRESPONDENCE

27 There was no correspondence.

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29 XI. CITY STAFF REPORT

30 Murray reported three letters were sent to the owners of property across from City Hall, as directed
31 in a previous meeting. One owner was not interested because the property is currently being
32 leased with an expectation of purchase. One owner might be interested as long as they are assured
33 of their right to keep the billboard. The third owner had not responded.

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35 Owings had no report. A Councilor asked about dock 1 meters. Owings said there will be meters,
36 but FEMA is not paying for them. The Harbormaster is looking into meters that can be put inside
37 the electrical shed. The electric pedestals will be done as soon as the dock is finished.

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39 XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

40 Leff said 1) She and Mayor Mattila met with staff from Schrader and Merkley offices last week.
41 They toured the harbor and dam. 2) The Ramp Act is legislation that was introduced earlier this
42 year that would require [Federal] harbor funds to be used for nothing but harbor maintenance. She
43 said the act has little chance of passing, but an intense citizen campaign could make a big
44 difference. It is more effective for individuals to write letters rather than single letters signed by
45 multiple people. She raised this issue as having potential for near-future action, and said the City
46 could write a couple of five-sentence samples and encourage other coastal cities to write letters.
47 Mayor Mattila added that Caroline Bauman from Lincoln County Economic Development Alliance
48 might be helpful; Leff asked Murray to provide her with Bauman's contact information. Mayor
49 Mattila said he told the congressional representatives that the silt [in the harbor and behind the
50 dam] doesn't come from the ocean, it comes from timber companies and he would like to see
51 dredged material go back upstream and put somewhere where it won't find its way back into the
52 harbor. Leff added that one of the representatives was following up on that.

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54 Olsen wished Mayor Mattila well with his "hail Mary" pass at fireworks.

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1 Mayor Mattila said he had an unexpected visit with Governor Kitzhaber when he attended City Day
2 at the Capitol. He had the [fireworks] paperwork in hand as the Governor and his aides were
3 leaving, and Kitzhaber graciously gave his time to speak with him, saying he would review the
4 paperwork. Mayor Mattila also sent a letter to Mark Ellsworth [Governor Kitzhaber's regional
5 solutions manager for our region], but hasn't heard back. He also spoke with Chamber President
6 and Secretary Phil Taunton and Linda Wisniewski, who said if the Governor would give approval for
7 the Parks and Recreation Department to issue a fireworks permit by April, the Chamber could still
8 pull it together in time for July 3.

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10 Goddard expressed displeasure at seeing "brown stuff" on the sidewalk near Fuddy Duddy Fudge.
11 She said tourists who saw it thought it was sewage. Owings said it comes from a private storm
12 drain that connects to ODOT's system. He said the property owner knows about the backup
13 problem, and that it is the property owner's responsibility to contact ODOT. Weidner said the brown
14 color is caused by bacteria that live off the iron in basalt. Goddard said her point was public
15 perception, and something needs to be done about it. Another Councilor suggested telling ODOT
16 their problem is affecting our tourism. Owings said he's contacted ODOT many times about this.

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18 Motion 8: Leff moved to authorize Staff to develop a letter to go to ODOT with a copy to the
19 property owners. Goddard seconded the motion.

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21 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. Goddard said the letter
22 needs to be direct and to the point, and the problem needs a final fix. Owings said the City can't go
23 on private property. A suggestion was made and there was no objection to addressing the letter to
24 ODOT and the property owners.

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26 Vote: Motion 8 passed.

27 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry

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29 Mayor Mattila said he spoke with ODOT today, and someone will be here for the next TSP
30 (Transportation System Plan) update meeting. He is interested in City crosswalks being outfitted
31 with bright pedestrian-operated solar-powered LED lights, like some he saw in Salem.

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33 XIII. ADJOURN

34 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

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A.J. Mattila, Mayor

Emma LuMaye, Recording Secretary