

1 Depoe Bay City Council
2 Regular Meeting
3 Tuesday, May 21, 2013 - 7:00 PM
4 Depoe Bay City Hall
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6 PRESENT: Mayor A.J. Mattila, B. Leff, S. Hoitink, S. Olsen, D. Goddard, R. Gambino, B. Berry

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8 STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, City Field Supervisor B. Weidner
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10 I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

14 Mayor Mattila called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 7:00 PM.
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16 III. APPROVE MINUTES: May 7, 2013 Executive Session and Regular Meeting
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18 Motion 1: Leff moved to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2013 Executive Session and Regular
19 Meeting as written. Gambino seconded the motion.
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21 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.
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23 Vote: Motion 1 passed.

24 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry
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26 Motion 2: Leff moved to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2013 Budget Committee Meeting.
27 Goddard seconded the motion.
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29 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.
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31 Vote: Motion 2 passed.

32 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry
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34 Mayor Mattila read an open letter (copy attached to original of these minutes) into the record.
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36 IV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

37 Motion 3: Hoitink moved to accept the Accounts Payable as presented. Leff seconded the motion.
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39 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. A Councilor asked about
40 bio-solids disposal.
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42 Vote: Motion 3 passed.

43 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry
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45 V. SPECIAL ORDERS

46 A. Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce Annual Report, Services Contract Renewal
47 A Councilor provided an overview of current events happening at the Chamber of Commerce,
48 including late publication of *Destination Depoe Bay*, which is still not in print.
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50 Motion 4: Olsen moved to withhold the \$5,000 for the Services Contract until October 8 (date of
51 the Board meeting after the Salmon Bake) to give them [the Chamber] a chance to "get their act
52 together" and come up with a comprehensive plan to move the Chamber forward. Leff seconded
53 the motion.
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1 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. Seconding Councilor Leff
2 said that while she agrees the money should be withheld until it is certain the Chamber is a
3 functioning organization, it is not appropriate for the Council to help the Chamber solve their
4 problems. Another Councilor said she spoken with many people but only heard concerns [about the
5 Chamber] from three, who were worried about the Chamber having no President because he
6 moved away, and a need to generate younger volunteers. Another Councilor didn't want red tape
7 between the Chamber and their budgeted contract money. Another Councilor said what a good job
8 the Chamber does. Moving Councilor Olsen said many business owners are unhappy with the
9 Chamber, and strongly advocated for his motion. Moving Councilor Leff suggested including a letter
10 with the check to the Chamber, saying this would be the last \$4,999 grant they would receive until
11 such time as new plans are developed. There was also discussion about a new economic
12 development committee, and a statement that *Destination Depoe Bay* is not a Chamber publication
13 and the failure to publish lies with the *NewsTimes*. Moving Councilor Olsen called for the question.
14 (Copy of Chamber letter dated 5/16/13 and the proposed renewal Agreement attached to original
15 of these minutes.)

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17 Vote: Motion 4 passed.

18 Ayes: Olsen, Mattila, Gambino, Berry

19 Noes: Leff, Hoitink, Goddard

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21 Murray asked if withholding the payment was for the upcoming year contract or the current year
22 contract; it was brought up that there is a current signed agreement that could not be broken. It
23 was clarified that the withheld payment will apply to the upcoming fiscal year.

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25 Rick Beasley Depoe Bay resident and *NewsTimes* employee, said *Destination Depoe Bay* is a very
26 nice magazine. He said publication delays are common in the business, and are being addressed.
27 He finds Depoe Bay to be "a hard town to do a hard job" in, and advised anyone having questions
28 about the publication to call James Rand at the *NewsTimes*.

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30 Pat Dunlop, Depoe Bay business owner for nine years, spoke her opinion of Chamber of Commerce
31 shortcomings.

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

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A. Recommendations

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• Trail Brochures, Identifier Signs – Parks Commission

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37 Councilor Goddard reported she had offered Parks Commissioner CJ Bond a lower-cost print
38 alternative. She displayed a sheet of 100 lb. glossy print paper, and said that printing, folding, and
39 delivering 1,000 copies would cost \$197.02, and 2,500 for \$307.01. Another Councilor suggested
40 printing 2,500 copies and getting them to the motels for their feedback, because anything the City
41 can do to put heads in beds brings economic prosperity to the town. Another Councilor said a
42 brochure should be done for the nature trail. (Copy of draft North Point Pedestrian Loop brochure
43 attached to original of these minutes.)

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44 Motion 5: Leff moved to authorize printing 2,500 North Point Pedestrian Loop brochures for \$307,
45 and also recommend to the Parks Commission that they put together a brochure on the City Park
46 Nature Trail. Berry seconded the motion.

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48 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. A Councilor addressed
49 the subject of visitors throwing away the brochures, saying it's OK because they look at them first.
50 Moving Councilor Leff said there's enough space that motels could be offered a "courtesy of [motel
51 name]" promo for a small fee. Peggy Leoni, Trollers Lodge said she gives out Chamber brochures
52 and tracks what gets thrown out, and she would also track how many parks brochures get thrown
53 out; a Councilor suggested sending a note to other motel owners asking them to do the same.

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55 Vote: Motion 5 passed.

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

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3 B. Reports

- 4 • Succession Planning Committee

5 Motion 6: Goddard moved to direct Staff to prepare an advertisement for hiring a Water Treatment
6 Plant Operator. Olsen seconded the motion.

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8 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion.

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10 Vote: Motion 6 passed.

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

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13 Councilor Goddard referred to a letter from the City Superintendent stating his intention to retire
14 on January 1, 2014 or earlier (June). She said there is a clause in the PERS contract allowing an
15 employee to retire and return for less than 1,040 hours. She advised the Council find out when
16 Owings wants to retire, and to ensure that everything that needs to be passed on to a new
17 Superintendent gets done before he leaves, whether that's January or earlier. She suggested the
18 Council put together a limited contract of a certain number of hours, say 40 per month, for training
19 a replacement. A Councilor asked if there's a requirement to advertise the position; Murray said the
20 Employee Handbook states the City can first look within its own ranks when advertising a position
21 as vacant. Councilor Goddard stated she wanted to make it official that Weidner was being offered
22 the position of City Superintendent. There was discussion about job descriptions and what exactly
23 Weidner would be responsible for if he accepted the position being offered.

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25 Motion 7: Leff moved to authorize Councilors Goddard and Olsen to craft a letter for the Mayor's
26 signature, to go to Terry Owings. Gambino seconded the motion.

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

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30 Vote: Motion 7 passed.

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

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33 • Technology Application Committee

34 Councilor Olsen said the contract with CoastCom needs to be ratified before moving forward. He
35 said he wants to hold a summit for people that could use this technology, and discuss its
36 applications – not only will it bring lightning-fast huge bandwidth to the City, but also technologies
37 like 4G servers in town, or an internet that links major institutions in Depoe Bay. But it's all
38 conjecture until the contract is ratified. He will provide feedback after that happens.

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40 VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

41 Jeff Molfino, said technology upgrades have been a huge success where he's from.

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43 Unidentified speaker asked for Olsen's thoughts on how the new fiber optic technology would affect
44 economics in Depoe Bay; Olsen said he believes it will touch everyone present – from streaming
45 internet TV to talking to family using VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol), to having conference calls
46 within City Hall to other City Halls within the State. The City has an opportunity to generate
47 revenue from this by means of franchise or similar fees. The City can put out more content to
48 anyone who's interested in anything about Depoe Bay. He said perhaps the economic development
49 council would decide to use it for selling widgets on TV – he wasn't sure what it would be, only that
50 the "possibilities are endless".

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52 Lars Robison asked for time for citizen input on harbor electric during that Agenda item rather than
53 during Public Comments because it's hard to make comments on a discussion that hasn't yet taken
54 place.

1 VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2 A. Harbor Electric

3 Murray recapped that Mayor Mattila had asked Staff to come up with a fee to recapture the capital
4 cost of the electrical meters on the pedestals on the docks, within three years. She referred to her
5 memo dated 5/16/13 (copy attached to original of these minutes) to explain a fee method. Mayor
6 Mattila said he hadn't realized it, but he's been advised and was declaring that he has a potential
7 conflict of interest because he's a transient moorage holder. He asked if there were any other
8 conflict of interest statements; Goddard said she has an actual conflict of interest because she is a
9 moorage holder. A Councilor asked if part of the cost for the meters was covered by grants; Murray
10 said there is \$24,000 of grant funding from the County, and the \$27,210 is the cost for just the
11 meters. A Councilor said it didn't feel right to try to recoup the cost of the meters. There was
12 discussion regarding the tsunami-damaged dock replacement; Murray pointed out this was a
13 separate project. There was discussion about other dock projects and upcoming expenses.

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15 Motion 8: Olsen moved to move forward with assessments for those moorage holders who have
16 chosen to have electricity, and of those who have opted out, if they ever choose to opt in, there
17 will be a \$200 fee for the hookup.

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19 Amendment: Leff amended the motion - "~~those who have opted out, if they ever choose to opt in~~
20 ***anyone who hooks up later...***". Olsen accepted the amendment. Gambino seconded the motion.

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22 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. Councilor Olsen read a
23 letter from Jeurgen Turner (copy attached to original of these minutes) into the record. Lars
24 Robison, Harbor Commissioner speaking as a citizen, said he opposed the meter cost surcharge;
25 and said harbor leases are the City's business. Jerome Grant, Harbor Commissioner speaking as a
26 citizen, said rather than recouping this amount through an assessment, let it be done through all
27 the moorage holders rather than just those who use electric. Loren Goddard, 15 SE Ellingson and
28 Harbor Commissioner speaking as a citizen, said Councilor Goddard technically has no conflict of
29 interest because her name is not on the moorage agreement. He agreed with the points made by
30 Mr. Turner and Mr. Robison. He said the harbor leases that have been allowed to lapse are a source
31 of revenue that needs to be re-established. He spoke strongly against an electrical surcharge to
32 cover the cost of the meters, and said that funds were budgeted for that. He felt as if he were
33 being punished with a surcharge invoked. Unidentified speaker asked about the collection rate for
34 electric; Murray said it was 100%. Speaker said replacing meters is a cost of doing business. Bill
35 Mills, owner of the Cha-son, said a year's surcharge was \$99 and his electric charge for a full year
36 is \$30; so over the three-year-life of the surcharge, he would be paying the equivalent of 10 years'
37 worth of electricity. He said if the electric company decides to change his meter, they pay for it; if
38 he decides to change it, he pays for it; and if the City decides to change the meters, the City
39 should pay for it. A Councilor pointed out that Mr. Mills' surcharge would actually be \$197, not \$99;
40 Mr. Mills said that would equal 20 years' worth of electricity. Pogo Robison said the money for the
41 meters has already been allocated, so he didn't see why this was being discussed. He said it was a
42 burden that shouldn't be put on the moorage holders. A Councilor said she was hit hard by Mr.
43 Mills' comment, and she had a bad feeling about this. Moving Councilor Olsen brought up the
44 question of funds for dredging, then he called for the question. Mayor Mattila asked that the motion
45 be withdrawn, and said he wanted Staff to do more research and discuss it at another time,
46 because he felt the meters had been purchased prematurely. Councilor Olsen said it wasn't what he
47 would choose to do, but he withdrew his motion.

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49 Murray asked if the Mayor wanted it on the next agenda; Mayor Mattila said he wanted Staff to
50 look into this hard and find out where we are as far as the money we're paying for electrical, and
51 just how premature this whole thing was to begin with. A Councilor requested detailed minutes of
52 tonight's discussion be presented when the subject is revisited; when asked if she wanted verbatim
53 minutes, she said "pretty darn close".

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55 B. Automated Water Meter Reading System

1 This item was discussed along with the next agenda item. (Copy of Rough Order of Magnitude
2 memo dated 5/1/13 attached to original of these minutes.)
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4 C. Proposed Land Acquisition – Response from Property Owners

5 Murray said at the last meeting the Council directed Staff to contact the owner of the property on
6 Shell Avenue just north of South 40 Lane to find out if there was any interest in selling. The owner
7 responded to the letter Murray sent (copy attached to original of these minutes), saying he might
8 be interested in selling. Murray explained the procedure includes having the property appraised to
9 determine its value. Murray said Mayor Mattila also pointed out the property on Hwy 101 planned
10 for development by Flying Dutchman Winery is also for sale. Murray asked the Council how they
11 wanted to proceed. Murray said the assessed market value of the Shell Avenue property is
12 \$503,000, and the assessed market value of the Hwy 101 parcel is \$324,000, and the City doesn't
13 have funding to purchase either parcel. She said the City Charter has a \$0 debt limit without voter
14 approval. She said Mayor Mattila was also looking at a water system upgrade and funding
15 mechanisms for that. Mayor Mattila added that because the City doesn't have the funding to
16 upgrade the entire water system at the same time, this question would also have to be put to the
17 voters. He also said both properties are prime and would be an asset to the City, along with an
18 automated water system. He referred to an email dated 5/17/13 from Senator Merkley (copy
19 attached to original of these minutes) regarding the Senate passing the Water Infrastructure
20 Financing Innovation Act (WIFIA), which if approved by the House of Representatives would allow
21 communities to upgrade older/unsafe water systems with low-cost loans from the federal
22 government. A Councilor asked if this is the same money the City didn't qualify for before because
23 our rates were too low; Murray responded that it had been grant money the City didn't qualify for,
24 and the State has a revolving loan fund which might compare to the WIFIA loan. Murray asked the
25 Council if they wanted to respond to the Shell Avenue property owner who is potentially interested
26 in selling his parcel to the City. A Councilor said recent advice received in a similar situation was to
27 wait two years before asking the public for voter-approved funding. She added that the City
28 doesn't even have a plan at this point. There was also brief discussion regarding grant funding to
29 develop parks. A Councilor wanted to send the property owner a letter explaining that the City is
30 exploring options at this point.

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32 Motion 9: Goddard moved to send a letter to the property owner informing him that the City is
33 exploring options at this time, and thanking him for his response to the City's inquiry. Hoitink
34 seconded the motion.
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36 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.
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38 Vote: Motion 9 passed.

39 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry
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41 IX. NEW BUSINESS

42 A. Contract Renewal – Auditor Services – Grimstad & Associates

43 Murray referred to Signe Grimstad's letter dated 5/17/13 (copy attached to original of these
44 minutes), saying the current agreement has expired, and she called Grimstad's office requesting a
45 new proposal. A Councilor said he'd been speaking with Murray for the past few weeks regarding
46 Murray possibly conducting a three-to-five-year performance study on the City's finances, with Ms.
47 Grimstad checking it. Another Councilor said it would be good for the Audit Review Committee to
48 speak with Ms. Grimstad, and the Committee could perform the check, and save the City some
49 money.
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51 Motion 10: Olsen moved to renew the three-year audit contract with Grimstad and Associates as
52 proposed. Gambino seconded the motion.
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54 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.
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1 Vote: Motion 10 passed.

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

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4 B. Request City Council Consideration to Declare Fish Plant Facility as Surplus and Offer for Lease
5 Murray referred to a letter from Jerome Grant and Geoff Molfino at Living Pacific LLC, and Murray's
6 email dated 5/16/13 with copy of Ord. #281, an ordinance addressing disposition of real property
7 attached (copies of all attached to original of these minutes). She directed the Council to Item 1.17
8 A. 2.: "Enter into negotiations for a lease agreement acceptable to both parties for any period not
9 exceeding 99 years to the highest qualifying proposal received where the lease has been advertised
10 in a newspaper of general circulation for not less than a two-week period prior to the closing date
11 of the offer for lease." as being applicable to the request from Living Pacific LLC. An unidentified
12 speaker from the audience asked the Council to start the process described above. Geoff Molfino of
13 Living Pacific said he and Mr. Grant had approached previous Councils and this [getting a fish plant
14 lease] was a continuing effort. He read their letter into the record. Mayor Mattila said he has a
15 problem with the viscera and would like some kind of fertilizing process, even if that means
16 grinding it up into blocks and freezing it. An unidentified speaker said there's a person in the valley
17 who picks up the carcasses and viscera (minimum 40,000 pounds) and hauls it away. Mr. Molfino
18 noted the decaying matter must be dealt with quickly to avoid drawing flies. Murray reviewed the
19 steps the Council would need to take in order to declare the fish plant surplus and offer it for lease:
20 1) The Council needs to determine if the facility is surplus to the City's needs; if yes, then declare it
21 surplus with the intent to offer it for lease. 2) Because it's been a long time since the fish plant was
22 leased, a market study would need to be conducted to find out what leases are today. 3) Once the
23 ad requesting proposals is prepared, it must run for at least two weeks. 4) Proposals would come
24 to the Council for review and acceptance. 5) There are typically negotiations before a lease
25 agreement is reached. Weidner noted the plumbing at the fish plant was damaged during the 2011
26 tsunami; a Councilor said repair would be an item for negotiation; a Councilor said the cost of the
27 repairs would need to be known before negotiations. When asked why the damage wasn't reported
28 to FEMA, Weidner responded that much of the damage was pre-existing or otherwise unreportable.
29 A Councilor asked if the City has "preferred contractors" who could be called in to evaluate the
30 cost of repairs; Murray replied that the City cannot have "preferred contractors", and Weidner
31 replied that possibly the County Building Inspector could assess the damage.

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33 Motion 11: Gambino moved to declare the fish plant facility as surplus and direct Staff to conduct
34 market and building assessments. Berry seconded the motion.

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36 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. Murray asked for
37 clarification of the motion, and there was brief discussion.

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39 Vote: Motion 11 passed.

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

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42 C. Economic Business Development Committee – Ord. #200, as Amended
43 Murray said Councilor Gambino had inquired about creating a City committee dealing with
44 economic issues. She told him about the Economic Business Development Committee (EBDC),
45 which has been disbanded for several years. Copies of Ord. #200 with notes (copy attached to
46 original of these minutes) were distributed prior to tonight's meeting. She outlined the constitution
47 of the committee: one member from the Planning Commission, two members from the Chamber of
48 Commerce, one member from the business community, two members who are City residents, and
49 one member from the Harbor Commission. She said Councilor Gambino drafted a new ordinance
50 (copy attached to original of these minutes) based on Ord. #200, and it also had been distributed
51 prior to tonight's meeting. Councilor Gambino addressed the Council regarding his desire to re-
52 establish an economic development committee. He pointed out that the committee was as yet
53 unnamed, and the membership would be shifting from the EBDC membership as follows: one
54 member from the City Council, one member from the Parks commission, one member from the
55 Harbor Commission, one member from the Chamber of Commerce, one City resident who is a

1 Depoe Bay hotel/motel owner, and one City resident that is not a business owner. He said he
2 envisions the committee as a "think tank" for ideas on how to improve the City, in concert with the
3 Chamber of Commerce and local businesses, especially hoteliers. An unidentified speaker from the
4 audience shared what went wrong with the previous EBDC group: it was hard to get them all
5 together at the same time, they had no budget, and they had no defining parameters (guidance).
6 Councilor Gambino said the committee he hopes to establish would make recommendations to the
7 Council. Another unidentified speaker from the audience also spoke about what went wrong with
8 the previous committee. There was brief discussion about recent Planning Commission activity on
9 the subject of advertising. Murray asked about proposed Item j.: "...Minutes of Committee
10 meetings shall be kept by means of electronic recording and transcribed by Staff, or taken by a
11 Committee member that the Chair may direct." She asked Councilor Gambino to revise the
12 statement to more closely match the original ordinance: "Minutes of the Committee meeting shall
13 be taken by ~~the secretary, or such other~~ person as the Chair may direct." She explained the reason
14 for making an electronic recording is to assist the person who does the minutes, and that once an
15 electronic recording is made, the City is bound to keep it. She said that while Commissions have
16 been directed to have a member take minutes, it's a struggling concept, and typically Staff will do
17 the minutes. She said the word "shall" is very strong, and becomes a requirement, so it might be
18 best not to require an electronic recording. A suggestion was made that "minutes shall be kept"
19 might be the best wording. A Councilor expressed his feeling that re-establishment of the EBDC is
20 timely. Murray explained the process whereby the original ordinance would be amended by a new
21 ordinance. There was discussion regarding what business people should be on the committee.

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23 Motion 12: Leff moved to direct Staff to draft an ordinance to re-enact the economic business
24 development committee, to be re-named at a later time. Goddard seconded the motion.

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

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28 Vote: Motion 12 passed.

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

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31 D. OLCC License Renewals

32 Murray explained this is an annual item for the Council's review, and described the action options
33 available to the Council. There was brief discussion. (Copy of renewal list attached to original of
34 these minutes.)

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36 Motion 13: Leff moved that after reviewing the OLCC renewal list, the Council takes no action.
37 Olsen seconded the motion.

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

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41 Vote: Motion 13 passed.

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

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44 E. Proposed Res. #428, a Resolution Extending Worker's Compensation Coverage to
45 Volunteers of the City of Depoe Bay for Policy Year 2013-14; Superseding Res. #419

46 Murray explained the City has provided Worker's Comp coverage for volunteers for the past several
47 years. (Copy of draft Resolution attached to original of these minutes.)

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49 Motion 14: Leff moved to adopt Res. #428, Extending Worker's Compensation Coverage to
50 Volunteers of the City of Depoe Bay for Policy Year 2013-14; Superseding Res. #419. Gambino
51 seconded the motion.

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

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55 Vote: Motion 14 passed.

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

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3 X. CORRESPONDENCE

4 There were three items of correspondence (copies attached to original of these minutes): 1) A
5 letter from Jeurgan Turner, already read into the record, 2) An email from Jenny Demaris
6 congratulating Lincoln County cities, including Depoe Bay, who achieved Tsunami/Storm Ready
7 Community recognition. Final applications will be filed by Ms. Demaris, who will also forward official
8 notification from the National Weather Service. There will be a public recognition ceremony before
9 mid-June. A media release was encouraged. There will be a community recognition sign at the
10 entrance to the City. A Councilor said Staff deserves huge congratulations for this achievement. 2)
11 A thank you letter from Sheriff Dotson thanking the City for the \$600 donation toward Command
12 College.

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14 XI. CITY STAFF REPORT

15 Weidner reviewed Owings' written report (copy attached to original of these minutes), providing
16 updates on the City Park bridge project, Dock #1, water operator position advertisement, the
17 annual water quality report, the recent system flushing, and Fleet of Flowers readiness.

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19 Murray had no report.

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21 XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

22 Berry asked the Council's permission to set up a camera and experiment with filming Council
23 meetings to see how it would all work. He said it was like C-SPAN in that nobody would watch it,
24 but every other town has been doing it since the 90s, and it would provide a lot more
25 transparency. A Councilor asked what legal requirements there were for video recording the
26 meetings. Staff was directed to ask the City Attorney to answer that question.

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28 Motion 15: Leff moved that once having heard from the City Attorney that it is not a problem, to
29 authorize Councilor Berry to experiment with video recording Council meetings. Olsen seconded the
30 motion.

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

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34 Vote: Motion 15 passed.

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

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37 XIII. ADJOURN

38 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM.

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44 A.J. Mattila, Mayor

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47 Emma LuMaye, Recording Secretary