

1 Depoe Bay City Council
2 Joint Meeting with Harbor Commission and the
3 Harbor Master Plan Advisory Committee
4 Monday, April 13, 2015 - 6:00 PM
5 Depoe Bay Community Hall
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8 PRESENT: City Council: Mayor A.J. Mattila, R. Gambino, J. Grant, S. Olsen, S. Sparks, and
9 K. Wyatt; Harbor Commission: Chair M. Metz, N. Achen, L. Goddard, E. Harmon,
10 M. McFarland, and D. Zimmerman; Harbor Master Plan Advisory Committee: Chair Mat
11 De Witt, R. Johnson, City Planner L. Lewis, and City Superintendent B. Weidner
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13 ABSENT: Councilor J. Fisher-Brown, Harbor Commissioner Roman Smolčić, Harbor Master Plan
14 Advisory Committee Member V. Thomas
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16 STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, Recording Secretary E. LuMaye, Harbormaster P. Shane,
17 Assistant Harbormaster/Maintenance Worker J. Robison
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19 Meeting facilitator Steve Sparks showed a brief PowerPoint presentation to start the meeting (copy of
20 presentation slides attached to original of these minutes).
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22 I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM – Councilor Steve Sparks

23 The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established at 6:07 PM. Those assembled recited the
24 Pledge of Allegiance.
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26 II. HARBOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING INITIATIVE (HIFI)

27 Councilor Sparks said “HIFI” is the jingle, and the goal is to provide for and develop funding
28 opportunities for harbor projects near term and long term. He called Mayor Mattila to the podium.
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30 III. INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

31 ● Introduction – Mayor A.J. Mattila

32 Mayor Mattila said we all know how important this is, and said if we don’t do something soon, not only
33 with the harbor, but also with the infrastructure of the city, then it isn’t going to get done. He specifically
34 thanked Fred Robison Sr., who spearheaded this in the 40s, for being present tonight. He said at this
35 point, we really need to rebuild our infrastructure. He referred to the engineering work on docks by
36 Coast & Harbor Engineering, and said in his conversations with Senators and Congress people in
37 Washington, that one of the most important things we can do is to nail down what we need to do cost-
38 wise, to facilitate bringing the harbor back up to the standards that we need to make it flourish.
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40 ● Overview – City Superintendent Brady Weidner

41 Brady Weidner said we’re going to be putting together a needs assessment to resolve some of the issues
42 in the harbor. He said the HIFI group wants to earn everyone’s trust. He said safety is the biggest issue.
43 He said there are short- and long-term economic issues.
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45 IV. STAKEHOLDERS STATEMENTS

46 ● Harbor Master Plan Advisory Committee (HMPAC) – Chair Mat De Witt

47 Mat De Witt said the HMPAC was formed by the Mayor and City Council in February. They have been
48 meeting monthly since then, evaluating projects and looking at what needs to be done. He thanked Dick

1 Johnson and the Urban Renewal Agency for their input. He said looking up and down the coast, it
2 generally takes 12-14 months to get a master plan done. He said the Mayor had identified a Federal
3 grant opportunity that sets aside money for small harbors, and if we don't jump on it, we'll leave any
4 potential for that funding on the table. With needs as critical as they are, that's unacceptable, so the
5 solution the HMPAC came up with was the HIFI initiative to jump on immediate needs with a potential
6 immediate funding source for critical items. Mr. De Witt said the list is not complete, nor static. There
7 are many more projects than this. He anticipated the next list will include projects for things that should
8 happen in the next 5-10 years. He said the HIFI list will give them greater control of the final outcome
9 of the master plan, and make sure that the master plan that's created meets the needs and values of the
10 City. Councilor Grant asked what the name of the funding opportunity was, what program it comes
11 through, and what application criteria there was; Mr. De Witt said it's a Federal grant for \$1.5B, with
12 10% set aside for small harbors, but he didn't know the name. Councilor Grant offered to research
13 this; Facilitator Sparks said all funding sources will be identified and asked if Grant was willing to assist
14 in that process; he was.

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16 ● Project List & Priorities – Urban Renewal Chair Dick Johnson

17 Urban Renewal Chair Johnson said while he is the Chair of the Urban Renewal Agency, the project list
18 is not Urban Renewal's list, it is from the HMPAC. He appreciated the list of priority projects the
19 committee put together. He noted the west side harbor walkway, moorage, and removal of the
20 dilapidated wharf had been dropped off the list and he thought it should be back on the list. He said
21 there's a modest amount of money in Urban Renewal that can go to the harbor. He said the HMPAC
22 Projects List has other low- and medium-priority projects that are very important in putting together an
23 overall plan for the future. He said the real objective is to have specific things defined, with cost
24 estimates.

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26 ● Harbor Commission – Commissioner Loren Goddard

27 Commissioner Goddard offered to lend his support to some of the issues appearing on the HIFI Priority
28 Project List. He reviewed his thoughts on each of the items on the list. Some of his observations
29 included: the importance of having an operating tide gate in the the sea wall; the quality of construction
30 of Docks 2, 3, & 4 when they were made 40 years ago, and aluminum docks can't take the pounding
31 from the surges we get in our harbor; he has concern over liability of the dilapidated dock; Pogo
32 Robison's personal quest to get the bell buoy repositioned to its original location; the waste oil station
33 should be relocated outside of the harbor; parking is needed everywhere in town, perhaps the City can
34 acquire additional property for parking; getting a tidal grid haul-out would be nice, but would be a huge
35 environmental problem to try to keep contaminants under control; and some of the debris on Trollers
36 Island is actually holding up a seriously compromised slope that's a landslide waiting to happen. He also
37 said he'd like to see two additional items on the list:

38 1) restoration of port leases, and 2) establishment of a port district funded by taxpayers.

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40 V. NEEDS ASSESSMENT – PUBLIC DISCUSSION

41 ● Project List & Priorities Review

42 Lewis talked about identifying goals and objectives. He said having a project manager who stays on task
43 with finding funding, finding a grant writer, or whatever else is necessary to the project, is an important
44 person to have on board; this is usually someone who is hired specifically for the task due to the time
45 and effort necessary to get through it.

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- 1 ● Working Groups
2 Facilitator Sparks worked his way around the table giving each person a chance to make a statement or
3 ask questions. There was discussion about many things. Projects were assigned leaders as follows:
4 ● Sea Wall Stabilization – Mayor Mattila
5 ● Docks 2, 3, & 4 Replacement – Mayor Mattila
6 ● Dilapidated Wharf, and West Side Walkway and Moorage – R. Johnson & B. Weidner
7 ● Reposition Bell Buoy – Pogo Robison
8 ● Waste Oil Station – Repair/Rehab/Relocate – D. Zimmerman & M. Metz
9 ● Parking Development – M. De Witt & L. Lewis
10 ● Tidal Grid Haul-Out – B. Weidner
11 ● Multi-Use Building – Restrooms/Harbormaster’s Office/Storage – M. De Witt
12 ● Trollers Island Clean-Up Risk Analysis/Assessment – City Staff

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14 Facilitator Sparks said that once we get to a point where we’re being considered for funding, the people
15 that write checks to us will come by and look at us, and if there’s anything cosmetic that we can do to
16 look better, it will make a difference. Mayor Mattila volunteered to help with any other projects that
17 need help.

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19 Other action items added to the whiteboard list:

- 20 ● Identify all Funding Opportunities – Councilor Grant
21 ● Pull all City Files on Port Leases and Establishing a Port District – City Staff
22 ● Pursue/Discuss a Consultant Contract -
23 ● Research Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund – City Staff
24 ● Technology Implications (what we need to do from a technology standpoint to be competitive)
25 – S. Sparks & City Staff

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27 VI. SUMMARIZATION – Mayor Mattila

28 Mayor Mattila said we’ve got a good start on what we’re trying to do, and if we keep going at this pace,
29 we’ll come back from Washington DC with some much-needed funds.

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31 Councilor Olsen said everybody’s got their email address on file with Murray, and let’s make sure that
32 we get whatever’s decided and discussed today, shout it out to everybody so you can see and agree, or
33 ask for edits at the next meeting.

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35 The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 18.

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37 XIII. ADJOURN

38 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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A.J. Mattila, Mayor

48 Emma LuMaye, Recording Secretary