

CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 12, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER** City Manager Lars Gare called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. He advised Council members that according to the City Charter when the Mayor and Council President were absent the Council was to make a motion to select a presiding officer for the meeting. He stated he would entertain that motion. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Hayes, to appoint Terry Walhood as the presiding officer of the meeting; Doyle, Beeman, Walhood and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL** Present: Councilors: Jim Doyle, Terry Walhood, Jonathan Beeman and Kristine Hayes. Also present: City Manager Lars Gare, City Attorney John Putman, Public Works Director Luke Shepard, Fire Chief Barry Mammano, Police Chief Charlie Stewart and Parks & Recreation Director Melissa McCarthy. Absent: Mayor Joanne Aagaard, and Council President Sue Wilson.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** Gare noted that the minutes had not been done due to operational difficulties with the new recording software. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to approve the consent calendar and the June 2017 check register as presented; Doyle, Beeman, Walhood and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried.

**CITIZEN INPUT NON-AGENDA ITEMS** Greg Baumgart, 1405 Pansy Court, handed out 3 sheets to each Council member and said on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page was a photo of what used to be the train station in Rockaway Beach. He noted this photo went back to the time when it was called the daddy train. He stated it had some historic value and was not there anymore, but currently in the 300 block of N. Miller St. and was for sale. He explained the idea behind wanting to purchase the property and donate it to Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad (OCSR) and then have it moved to a different location. He stated there would be no cost to the City, it would only entail City support with no financial interest. He mentioned some advantages to the City with the purchase and move of the structure such as additional public restrooms and loading and off-loading of passengers on and off the train. Baumgart said he was asking the City to say yes or no to allow the building to be moved and placed in the railway easement as the opportunity to purchase the property was somewhat limited. He noted an offer could be written contingent on myriad of issues. There was discussion regarding the proposed new location. Gare asked Baumgart what he wanted from the City Council. Baumgart stated he wanted the Council's support to move forward with the idea. Walhood asked if it needed to be an agenda item. Gare replied at some point, but Baumgart just wanted support of the concept. Discussion continued regarding whether this needed to be an agenda item and ultimate ownership of the structure. Putman asked who Baumgart envisioned to be the ultimate owner of the train station. Baumgart stated

the railroad. Putman clarified that the purchaser would transfer ownership of the building to the railroad. Baumgart stated yes, and the purchaser would continue to own the property the building was currently on. Putman asked if Baumgart wanted the City to pledge money. Baumgart said no, the building needed some work but he was not asking for cash contributions. Putman asked if Baumgart was asking for a consensus for the project. Baumgart stated the City needed to be aware of an encroachment in the railroad right-of-way that existed. Putman noted that it sounded as though many of the issues would be discussed later. Walhood pointed out Baumgart was just asking for the Council's support and the other questions would come after. Beeman made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to support the project concept to allow Baumgart to move forward however he decided; Beeman, Doyle, Walhood and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Nan Devlin, Visit Tillamook Coast, reported that she was seeing a much younger demographic than she had in the past relative to the advertising of the City. She stated it had been baby boomers, but now it was the 35 to 44 year olds. She said the biggest activity on Facebook had been the Emily Reed ship wreck that had more than 16,000 engagements. She noted a #1 drive time radio personality, Jen Pirak, in the Seattle corridor area loved it in Rockaway Beach. Devlin played a radio advertisement done by Pirak for the City Council. She noted the ad had reached over 4 million viewers. She stated going forward the City now had a vault of photography so store owners could access them, download them and use them. She said Visit Tillamook had already stepped in for Grant's Getaways that was dropped by Travel Oregon and he had already talked to her about doing two stories on Rockaway Beach. Devlin added that a site had been created with a countdown clock for the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017 and asked that people please share it on their Facebook pages.

**STAFF REPORTS** Melissa McCarthy, Parks & Recreation Director, reported that she had raised over \$500.00 at the Pirate Festival. She stated she had 59 children enrolled in the program and 40 kids went swimming today. She reported that an anonymous donor had given scholarship money so all of the kids could go on fieldtrips. McCarthy thanked the City Council for increasing her budget because she had more kids and she needed more staff. She announced that the next big fundraiser was Carnival in the Park and if anyone wanted to donate or volunteer, please let her know.

Fire Chief Barry Mammano reported the Department had 170 man hours, 7 fire calls and 2 were false alarms at the condos, 28 medical calls, 1 water rescue and 1 MVA. He stated they had some medical classes, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was good. He noted there was a little conflict with the Lions Club Fun Day because the fireworks people needed to be down on the beach at noon. He expressed his concern with the new ODOT curb at S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. which he said needed to be taken into consideration because it was a hazard.

Police Chief Charlie Stewart thanked Luke Shepard and Public Works for the relief and the Fire Department for the use of the quads on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He reported that things were continuing at a similar increase seen over the last couple of years. He went over the arrest statistics as shown in his report. He went over the cases of note since the last City Council meeting. He noted the 4<sup>th</sup> of July had been pleasant compared to past years. He stated he was hoping to get some Automated External Defibrillator machines, help in fixing the building façade of the Police Department, getting grants, also put in for the cop's grant and this would help with substance abuse. He thanked his volunteers.

Public Works Director Luke Shepard reported the good news that ODOT had set up an expense account for the Washington Street crosswalk and would reimburse for expenses accrued to date and that they plan to submit the project for final approvals as soon as possible. He explained that meant that if the approval process goes quickly, the crosswalk could be done by fall. He stated he had applied for the Small Cities Allotment Grant and if it was awarded to the City it would be for next year. Shepard reported that all paving projects were done now, however he had heard from Pacific Street residents and he had to explain to them that the drainage needed to be fixed prior to paving. He stated he had talked to some about forming a Local Improvement District (LID) and they had been receptive. He reported the impoundment project that was put on hold over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July would start again tomorrow. He stated the Nature Preserve project was disappointing as the City had received one high bid of 1 million and one bid that was just out of reach, but there was a protest from the high bidder. He stated now the thinking was that it won't get done until January and they would throw out all of the bids and start over. He said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July went well and it looked like everyone had a good time. Beeman asked what could be done about the poor condition of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between the post office and Police Department. Shepard replied the Council could tell him to pave it or they could wait to see if the City gets the ODOT grant and do it then.

Gare said well done and kudos on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities to staff, Police Department, Fire Department, and volunteers; it was a successful event from all perspectives. He stated the Pirate Festival went well, congratulations to the Chamber. He noted the Lions Club hot dog wagon preceded all other events. He stated Parks & Recreation was in full swing and was going very well; McCarthy had made a good program even better. He stated next month the City would be starting the utility rate discussion, so if the Council had any questions they needed to ask staff, but it was something that needed to be done. Gare mentioned an issue that had been brought up about City Council's mail being opened. He stated that when mail comes in to City Hall for Councilors it was treated like all the mail that comes in and is opened and put in Council file folders to be picked up. He noted the only mail left unopened was the Police Department's because of confidentiality issues. He stated if Councilors don't want their mail coming here and being opened, then they should have it sent to their

personal mail box. Mammano asked if the City could put pressure on Tillamook County to take care of Breaker Avenue and Beach Drive because the condition made it difficult for fire trucks to respond. Gare said a letter could be sent.

**APPROVE  
CONTRACT W/  
EDC/VTC**

Gare explained this was to approve the contract with the Economic Development Council/Visit Tillamook Coast and Nan Devlin and he recommended approval. He noted with Council approval he would execute the contract. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to approve the contract for tourism marketing services with EDC/VTC; Beeman, Walhood, Doyle and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF  
ORD. NO. 17-428**

Walhood stated this was the second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 17-428, increasing the Transient Room Tax (TRT) in Rockaway Beach. Beeman made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to approve a second reading of Ordinance No. 17-428 by title only; Beeman, Doyle, Walhood and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried. Gare administered the second reading of Ordinance No. 17-428 by title only.

**ADOPTION AND  
APPROVAL OF  
ORD. NO. 17-428**

Walhood stated she now needed a motion to adopt the ordinance. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to adopt Ordinance No. 17-428 increasing the TRT in Rockaway Beach; roll call vote, Doyle – yes, Beeman – yes, Walhood – yes and Hayes – yes; motion carried.

**REQ. FOR USE OF  
THE WAYSIDE**

Walhood stated the Chamber wished to reserve the Rockaway Beach Wayside for the Arts and Crafts Fair for the period August 18 – August 22, 2017, their application was complete. She pointed out that the flyer provided said the event was August 18 – August 21, 2017. Doyle commented that the event was August 18 – August 20, 2017 so it was over by August 21. Hayes explained that they wanted the Wayside from August 17 – August 22. Doyle asked where the time of the event was indicated. Hayes said it actually would be over at 2:00 p.m. Monday adding that what that does for them was when people came and for the eclipse it kept people set and not on the road. Beeman asked if it had been taken into consideration that this was going to be a huge weekend and could generate extra trash. Beeman made a motion, seconded by Hayes, to approve the use of the Rockaway Beach Wayside for the period of August 18 – August 22, 2017 for the Arts and Crafts Fair; Beeman, Walhood, Doyle and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried.

**CC COMMENTS**

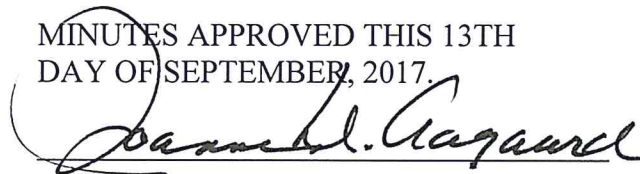
Hayes said she got a nasty email about the City not posting information and she wanted things posted on the website. Walhood commented that if she looked at the website, Hayes would see things were being posted. Hayes said she had a community cleanup day next Friday and had 26 volunteers to clean up at the caboose and paint the post office and would like the City to provide a dumpster for 1 or 2 days. Beeman said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July went really great, and the parade was great. He stated the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works and Parks & Recreation all

did an amazing job, and there weren't any parking issues, so he thought it went really well. Beeman stated he wanted to comment on Hayes's comment about transparency because if people were not paying attention he was not going to go hold their hand and lead them to the information. He stated he knew the City posted around town and people needed to be aware of the places and where the information could be found. He said the most obvious way to find out what's going on was to attend the City Council meetings. He added that people saying they didn't know was no excuse, they should learn about things and find out about things and maybe it would be more transparent. Doyle asked about the ridership and when the shuttle ran. Michel said ridership was minimal at this time and the shuttle ran Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 – 5:00 p.m. Doyle announced that the reason Councilor Wilson was absent tonight was because she was in a TAPA production that would be opening on Friday. Walhood thanked the City, Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works for all that was done on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the fireworks that were very, very good.

**ADJOURN**

Beeman made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to adjourn; Beeman, Doyle, Walhood and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried. Walhood adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 13TH  
DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.



Lars Gare, City Manager