

**CITIZEN TESTIMONY  
SUBMITTED FOR  
OCTOBER 11, 2023  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**From:** Jason Maxfield <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 11:09 AM  
**To:** City Planner <[cityplanner@corb.us](mailto:cityplanner@corb.us)>  
**Subject:** Comments on playground design

Hello,

My name is Jason and my family lives in Rockaway. My kids, 10 and 6, are enthusiastic park users and are excited about the Anchor Street project. When they were stuck home sick last week I asked them to write up comments on the proposals. I'm copying what they wrote below, but the original version was typed up by my daughter.

Thanks for your work on this,

-Jason Maxfield

Submitted comments on park:

Dear Mary Johnson and Rockaway City Planning Commission,

Hi, my name is Scarlet and I'm 10 years old. My little brother Oscar, who is 6 years old and I probably go to a Rockaway park 5 days a week especially in the summer. That's why we are pretty pumped that there will be a new park in town.

We looked at the pictures and this is what we came up with. Our favorite is Park c, the pirate themed one it looks super fun to play on, especially the warped wall which will be fun for older kids. So we like park c in these colors:

- HDPE plastic panels in olive/black or orange/black
- Powder coat paint in Navy or mint
- Platforms in blue
- Rotomold plastic in purple
- Aqua shade canopies

P.S. our second choice is park A in red white and blue.

Sincerely,

Scarlet and Oscar Maxfield

## Melissa Thompson

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**From:** Daniel Howlett <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 9, 2023 9:50 AM  
**To:** Melissa Thompson  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Oct 11th Council Meeting "Rockaway political history "

Hi Melissa,

Please include the attached Google Document created by Mary McGinnis along with all the corresponding links. Also, would you please confirm when this public testimony will be uploaded to the city website?

Cheers,

Daniel

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**From:** Mary McGinnis (via Google Docs) <[drive-shares-dm-noreply@google.com](mailto:drive-shares-dm-noreply@google.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 14, 2023 at 12:59 PM  
**Subject:** Document shared with you: "Rockaway political history "  
**To:** <[REDACTED]>

## Mary McGinnis shared a document



Mary McGinnis ([marymcginniscitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:marymcginniscitycouncil@gmail.com)) has invited you to **edit** the following document:

Attached is the Rockaway election history I have researched.

 Rockaway political hisotry

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# Rockaway Political History

From the current Charter:

Chapter III, Section 6. Council. The council consists of a mayor plus five voting councilors nominated and elected from the city at large.

Chapter VII, Section 26 (d): The council is the final judge of the election and qualifications of its members.

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## HISTORICAL ELECTION RESULTS

1. Charter revised by voters in 2008 November general election. The revision removed the city recorder and the city treasurer from appointed positions to positions hired and under the control of the manager.

**Section 6. Council. The council consists of a mayor plus five voting councilors nominated and elected from the city at large.**

<https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/sites/default/files/client/Elections/29-119rockaway11408.pdf>

<https://www2.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/clerk/Elections%202008/2008GeneralEleResults.htm>

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2. 2006 November general - **Council positions not listed on ballot, vote for top 3**, mayor no opposition, 4 candidates for 3 positions- Lisa Phipps elected mayor- Dave May, Ray McFarlane, and Luann Swanson won.

<https://www2.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/clerk/Elections%202006/2006GeneralResults.pdf>

[https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news/rockaway-mayor-unopposed-4-vie-for-city-council/article\\_e98dc246-0c1d-5097-8931-c8d2207b1b37.html](https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news/rockaway-mayor-unopposed-4-vie-for-city-council/article_e98dc246-0c1d-5097-8931-c8d2207b1b37.html)

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3. 2008 November general - **Council positions not listed on ballot, vote for top 2**- Rich Riley and Ruth Daughtery won in a field of 5, including Sue Wilson losing

<https://www2.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/clerk/Elections%202008/2008GeneralEleResults.htm>

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4. **Special Election Recall 8/9/2010 (August) of Dave May and Daughtery** - The Headlight Herald news from that time said the Rockaway Chamber initiated this recall.

<https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/sites/default/files/client/Elections/RBRecallEleResults.html>

<https://www2.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/clerk/Elections%202010/RBRecallEleResults.htm>

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5. 2010 November general - **Council positions not listed on ballot, vote for top 3** - Dennis Porter beats Terry Walhood for mayor, 7 council candidates- Jack McClave, Rodney Breazile, and Job Orloff win. Sue Wilson and Penny Cheek lost.

<https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/sites/default/files/client/Elections/2010GeneralEleResults.html>

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6. **Special Election Recall 9/6/2011 (September) of Porter and Breazile** - (Union and local news sources said the employees union and community members were behind this recall.)

<https://www2.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/clerk/Elections%202011/RBRecallEleResults.2011.htm>

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7. 2012 November general - **Council positions not listed on ballot, vote for top 4** - Danell Boggs (daughter of previous mayor) won mayor with no opposition -Sue Wilson, Tom Martine, Rich Riley, and Bonnie Sedgemore won council

[https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/clerk039s\\_office/page/69486/2012generaleleresults.pdf](https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/clerk039s_office/page/69486/2012generaleleresults.pdf)

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8. 2014 November general- Joanne Aagaard wins mayor, no opposition, (takes over for her daughter who was previous mayor) - **This is the first election position numbers appear on ballot with position # 1, 4, 5 - on ballot.** Mardi Wing, Terry Walhood, and Jim Doyle won with no opposition in any of the positions.

<https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/sites/default/files/client/Elections/2014GeneralEleResults.html>

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9. 2016- November general election - Joanne Asgaard wins mayor no opposition - **Council positions remain on ballot - # 1, 2, 3 5 on ballot.** Nathan Beeman won no opposition, Sue Wilson with opponent, Kristine Hayes won with 5 opposition candidates, including Penny Cheek, Jim Doyle won with opponent.

<https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/sites/default/files/client/Elections/2016GeneralEleResults.html>





# Rockaway POLITICAL NEWS ARTICLES-

## 2nd Recall Election — 2011 Recall of the 2010 Election

**1. Recall Rodney Brazille and Dennis Porter after the 2010 Election- Led by AFSME employees union and community members (Sue Wilson filed the recall petitions and Tom Martine was treasurer of the recall committee)**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/13yw\\_I13ZHoTxFUUIZtLD-5xNV4bb7HADxIHqEm378fM/e/dit?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13yw_I13ZHoTxFUUIZtLD-5xNV4bb7HADxIHqEm378fM/e/dit?pli=1)

Tillamook Headlight Herald

Recall Petition Filed in Rockaway Beach

By Samantha Swindler Jul 20, 2011 Updated Jul 20, 2011

ROCKAWAY BEACH - Six months from the day they were sworn into office, recall petitions were filed to remove Mayor Dennis Porter and Councilor Rodney Breazile from the Rockaway City Council.

**Both petitions were filed July 12 by Sue Wilson, herself a former councilor who lost her re-election bid in November.**

Porter and Breazile were both elected in November and sworn into office in January.

The petitions allege that the pair should be removed from office for "failure to uphold the overall goals of the Comprehensive Plan designed to govern city staff, failure to uphold the City Charter, more specifically, 'No council member may directly or indirectly attempt to coerce the manager... in the appointment or removal of any city employee...' (Section 33i); subverting citizen input at public meetings; creating a hostile work environment for both managers and represented employees; and campaign violations during the 2010 election."

Petitions with about 140 signatures each were turned in to the Tillamook County Clerk's office on July 19. According to County Clerk Tassi O'Neil, each petition must contain at least 99 signatures of registered city voters in order to be placed on the ballot. That figure represents 15 percent of city residents who voted in the last gubernatorial election.

O'Neil has 10 days to verify the petition signatures. If they contain at least 99 valid signatures, Breazile and Porter will then have five days to either resign or submit a "Statement of Justification" of up to 200 words.

If they do not resign after the five days, O'Neil has 35 days to hold an election. Voters will then determine whether Breazile and Porter will retain their elected positions.

**This is the second recall election in as many years in Rockaway Beach. In July 2010, voters recalled councilors Dave May and Ruth Daugherty.**

**The cost of the election is absorbed by the City of Rockaway Beach**, O-Neil said. Last year's recall cost taxpayers approximately \$2,900.

2. In 2010 the Chamber was behind a recall of two city councilors. This was the year ?? that the Comprehensive Plan was updated to say that the City will work with the Chamber on TRT taxes and tourism.

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## 2. Results of the recall election

Tillamook Headlight Herald

Recalls of Mayor Porter, Councilor Breazile appear to be successful

Sep 7, 2011 Updated Sep 7, 2011

ROCKAWAY BEACH – With 69.77 percent of registered voters casting a ballot, it appeared the Sept. 6 recalls of both Mayor Dennis Portland and Councilman Rodney Breazile would be successful. In the recall of Porter, so far, 295 votes were counted in favor of removing him from office; 273 against. In the recall of Breazile, 291 votes were counted in favor of removing him from office; 275 voted against.

Both Breazile and Porter were elected to office last November. A recall petition was filed six months to the day they were sworn into office.

## 3. 2011 City Manager resigns as a result of conflict with Chamber (After 2010 election when Rodney Breazille and Dennis Porter were elected)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/13yw\\_I13ZHoTxFUUIZtLD-5xNV4bb7HADxIHqEm378fM/e/dit?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13yw_I13ZHoTxFUUIZtLD-5xNV4bb7HADxIHqEm378fM/e/dit?pli=1)

Tillamook Headlight Herald

By Samantha Swindler May 31, 2011 Updated Dec 21, 2019

ROCKAWAY BEACH - Despite a unanimous vote of support from the city council and the support of a vocal majority of audience members, Rockaway Beach City Manager David Wiegand refused to withdraw his resignation or meet with a mediator to try to work out differences with the council.

When asked by an audience member at the May 31 special council meeting what it would take for.....

(Luke is in the this picture. He shared Wiegand's resignation letter with me after I was appointed to City Council in 2021)



Members of Concerned Citizens began soliciting signatures for Daugherty's and May's recall petitions in March 2010. The group gathered 189 signatures to remove May and 185 to remove Daugherty. They needed 110 signatures each.

**The group cited ethics issues among its reasons for the recall.**

**Daugherty and May have maintained they have not violated any ethics policies and that the true motivation for the recall vote was the city's decision to hand over transient room tax funds to an outside agency rather than the Rockaway Beach Chamber of Commerce, which they insist is behind the group.**

"Of course I am disappointed," Daugherty said July 30. "I'm very disappointed."

She opted not to attend the July 28 scheduled City Council meeting, one of the few she has missed in a decade in office. "It was strange to be home when everyone else was down there," she acknowledged.

Daugherty said she accepts the will of the voters. "Clearly, it was meant to be," she said.

May said he hadn't known what to expect before the recall votes were tallied. "I really couldn't get a feel for it," he said. "I think they (the Concerned Citizens) put more time and effort into it than we did."

May and Daugherty attended a potluck in their honor July 31 at the Rockaway Senior Center. "About 50 or 60 people were there," said May. "It was a nice feeling."

Now that he won't be involved in governing the city, May said, "I'm just going to sit back and see what happens.

"I have a feeling (the Concerned Citizens) have a bigger agenda than the recall. That concerns me greatly. I wish they'd just bury the hatchet, so we can get on with business, but I don't have a lot of confidence in that."

Recall proponent Taylor agreed that the last few months have been tense in Rockaway Beach. "It's such a small town," she said. "It's been very traumatic for those of us who were trying to facilitate change in local government.

"I know the City Council probably feels battered by it, but it's an opportunity to change."

Jensen emphasized that, "Ruth and Dave are still city councilors until election results are certified."

Once he receives word from Tillamook County Clerk Tassi O'Neil that the recall results have been certified, "I'll call (May and Daugherty) as a courtesy and send them a letter so that it's official," Jensen said.

O’Neil said she hopes to certify the recall election results by Aug. 6, but that by Oregon law she has 20 days following the election to do so.

May’s and Daugherty’s appointed replacements will serve through the end of this year, then may run for re-election in November, said O’Neil.

May’s position, which would have expired at the end of this year, will be for a four-year term, while Daugherty’s will be for a two-year-term, she added.

“The City Council and mayor are charged with selecting two replacements,” said Jensen. “If they had two people in mind they wanted to select right now, they could.”

During a City Council meeting July 28, Mayor Terry Walhood said the city would give those interested in the appointments to notify City Hall prior to the council’s scheduled meeting Aug. 25.

Council members Sue Wilson and Louann Swanson have said they do not plan to seek re-election when their terms expire in November.

Walhood has not announced her intentions concerning the mayor’s position, which will also be up for re-election in November.

Councilor Rich Riley may or may not run, depending on whether he is selected in his bid for the city’s municipal court judge position. (See related story.)

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## 2. Recall election successful

Rockaway Beach recall effort in full swing  
Apr 21, 2010

ROCKAWAY BEACH - Far from winding down, a furor over how the City has awarded funds for marketing the community to tourists is gaining momentum.

Evidence of that furor is a recent attempt to recall two members of the Rockaway Beach City Council.....

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## OTHER ROCKAWAY POLITICAL NEWS In Addition to Recalls

### 1. Sue Wilson appointed mayor in 2019

[https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news\\_paid/rockaway-s-newly-appointed-mayor-talks-future-plans-events-and-goals/article\\_cedbf1a0-b3b0-11e9-8883-6b75f406ec33.html](https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news_paid/rockaway-s-newly-appointed-mayor-talks-future-plans-events-and-goals/article_cedbf1a0-b3b0-11e9-8883-6b75f406ec33.html)

Hilary Dorsey

Jul 31, 2019 Updated Aug 13, 2019

**Mayor Sue Wilson was appointed mayor of Rockaway Beach at the May 8** city council meeting by a vote of the council. Mayor Wilson has plans for the small town, which include keeping the feel of a small town. Since she was appointed mayor, she has learned a lot and plans to do more as her time as mayor.

Wilson moved to Rockaway Beach in 2005. In 2007, she entered politics. She was elected to the council and ultimately ran for reelection four years later for the next term. She was subsequently voted president of the council, which is the person who steps up to lead the meeting when the mayor is absent. This helped Wilson step into the role of mayor.

“There is a learning curve,” said Wilson. “I’m learning more and more every day.”

There are always two sides to everyone’s story, says Wilson. She likes to look for the reasoning behind people’s opinions and decisions. If a council member abstains from voting, she always asks them why.

Wilson says that she acts as a referee at times. She can’t use her personal opinions to make decisions. She has to make decisions for the people. She has to remain neutral. The only time the mayor is allowed to vote is if there is a tie. Wilson hasn’t had to do a swing vote yet.

The mayor position will be up for reelection in November 2020. The prior mayor finished about half of her term before Wilson took over.

Wilson mentions some events coming up in the town. There will be the kite festival at Rockaway Beach Wayside in August. It is a chamber of commerce sponsored event and the city will be 100 percent behind it.

One of the city official’s major concerns is the Wayside’s parking. People park RV’s and trailers and think it is an appropriate place to park. Wilson says they are going to be dealing with this issue with signage in the near future.

There is a concern of children dashing out into the street and parking in general. Parking in Rockaway Beach is limited. The town has one parking lot which can’t be accessed by vehicles coming from the south. Wilson’s hope for the parking lot, is for people to be able to park for an hour or so, enjoy the beach, and leave so others can find a parking space. The city isn’t able to manufacture any more parking because the space for it isn’t available.

“We think we manage our resources well. There is always room for improvement no matter where you live or what you do,” said Wilson.

The council passed an ordinance in 2016, indicating that no one would be able to request usage of the Wayside three weekends of the year. These holidays are Labor Day, Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July.

