

Municipal Memo

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 6

Accepted a petition from rollerblade enthusiasts requesting that Council either allow rollerbladers to use the skate board ramp in City Park or consider development of a separate ramp for use by rollerbladers only. After the brief presentation by Adrian Anderson and Joey Childress, Council directed staff to examine the possibilities for shared usage of the skate board park and initiate a usage schedule to be evaluated at a later time. (A)

Held a public hearing on a request by Steve Martin for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to delete the provision which requires that a restaurant accommodation be located on the same contiguous owned property and that it not exceed one seat per tourist accommodation unit. Council tentatively approved the text amendment by a 4-1 vote, pending preparation of final findings of fact and an ordinance to be available at the October Council meeting.

Held a public hearing on a request by Ron Logan to bring a 24.3 acre parcel within the city's urban growth boundary and to grant a zone change to designate one acre of the parcel as RVL. Residential Very Low Density.

and the remaining 23.4 acres as OS, Open Space. The property is described as Parcel 1, Partition Plat 1993-032 and is located north and east of Haakell Lane on the east side of Highway 101. Council tentatively approved the request, pending final findings of fact and an ordinance to be available at the October Council meeting. (B)

Considered a petition by Ron Logan to begin the process of annexing the 24.3 acre parcel of land into the City of Cannon Beach. Councilors unanimously accepted the petition and directed staff to schedule a public hearing on the request. (B)

Continued consideration of the wetlands proposal to amend both the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan Background Report to include the wetlands and stream corridor mapping and standards, as developed by the Planning Commission and Wetlands sub-committee.

Authorized performance of a survey of the centerline of Hemlock Street along its entire length to provide clarification of street right-of-way and private property boundaries.

Accepted the recommendations of the Energy Committee regarding a lighting study and analysis performed by Jerome Arnold.

Discussed whether storm drainage pipe could legally be placed underground in the public walkway easement located immediately north of the Dallas McKernon home. David Holland had asked for Council authorization to place drainage pipe underground on the easement before a new set of stairs are constructed on the property. Council determined that use of the easement for storm drain pipe could be pursued by Holland if title insurance was provided to insure city ownership of the property and if Holland is willing to proceed entirely at his own expense with the understanding that this expenditure will have no impact on future consideration of any amended subdivision application that Holland may submit. (E)

Councilors decided to have a workshop at a future date to discuss duties and jurisdictions of all city committees.

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 30

Council held a special meeting at 5:00 pm on August 30 to visit several wetland sites as a group. After the site visits, Councilors returned to City Hall and convened a worksession at 7:15 pm. At the worksession, Councilors discussed options for regulating the use of certain materials, such as gravel, concrete and asphalt, in residential front yards. Council provided staff with direction on the proposed language of the Zoning Ordinance amendment and referred the matter to the Planning Commission for review.

Councilors also discussed the need for a survey to be performed to establish the location of the centerline of Hemlock Street along its entire length.

PLANNING COMMISSION AUGUST 25

Held a public hearing on a request by Steve Martin for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to delete the provision which requires that a restaurant operated in conjunction with a tourist accommodation be located on the same contiguous owned property and that it not exceed one seat per tourist accommodation unit. Planning Commission voted to recommend adoption of the proposed amendment to the City Council.

Held a public hearing and granted a setback reduction request by Herb and Renee Olier to permit a 5-foot setback along the Highway 101 right-of-way in conjunction with the construction of a single-family dwelling at 187 Amber Lane in an RL zone. (F)

Discussed grass paving system products such as "Grasscrete" and "Grass Rings" and determined that these systems should be considered as living landscaping materials for purposes of design review evaluation of commercial or multi-family housing structures. The Planning Commission referred the question of what percentage of a landscaped area should be allowed in grass paving systems to the Design Review Board.

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DESIGN REVIEW SEPTEMBER 15

Continued consideration of Cannon Beach Conference Center application for a new 32-unit motel located at 269 North Spruce. (G)

Held a public hearing on the Cannon Beach Conference Center application for the relocation and conversion of an existing single family dwelling to a mixed use of commercial and residential property located at 163 East Third Street. (G)

Held a public hearing on application by Leroy & Geraldine Pesch for the relocation of beach access stairs located at 1764 S. Hemlock. (E)

Held a public hearing on City of Cannon Beach application for the placement of the Frankie Kiehl Memorial, a spruce tree cross-section, at Les Shoney Park located at 167 Fifth Street. (H)

UPDATED ZONING ORDINANCE AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AVAILABLE

Both the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan have undergone significant amendments over the past year. Current copies of both documents are available at City Hall, please come by to purchase a copy or call (503) 436-1581 to arrange for a copy to be mailed to you. Comprehensive Plans are \$5 per copy, and Zoning Ordinances are \$10.

REMINDER

It is illegal to dump yard clippings on public property, beach accesses, etc. The burn pile is located at the treatment ponds on 2nd St. and is open SATURDAY MORNINGS 10:00 TO 12:00 and SATURDAY AFTERNOONS 4:00-4:45 P.M. Your cooperation is appreciated!

RECYCLE SCHEDULE OCTOBER, 1994

CURBSIDE
MON. collection 10th & 24th
TUES. collection 11th & 25th
WED. collection 12th & 26th
FRI. collection 14th & 28th
RECYCLE SATURDAY
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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EDITORIAL CONT. FROM PG. 1

Now for something not completely different. The politicians are beginning again to woo us. The Republicans (our favorites because they give us more for our entertainment dollars) have had their candidates all sign a "Contract With America". We suggest America read the fine print. Our personal choice for Congress in the First District, Elizabeth Furse, faxed us a little missive that explains when all is said and done the Republican contract gives a tax cut to folks making over \$120,000 a year and a tax increase for folks making under \$120,000 a year. Which is why you have so many rich Republicans signing up, like the half Witt who is running against Elizabeth. Do you realize that if the Republicans win the Senate this year the three "leaders" of "the world's most exclusive club", will be Bob Dole, Jesse Helms, and our own Bob Packwood. We urge everyone to register Republican and vote for people who care about something other than power and money. That ought to confuse them.

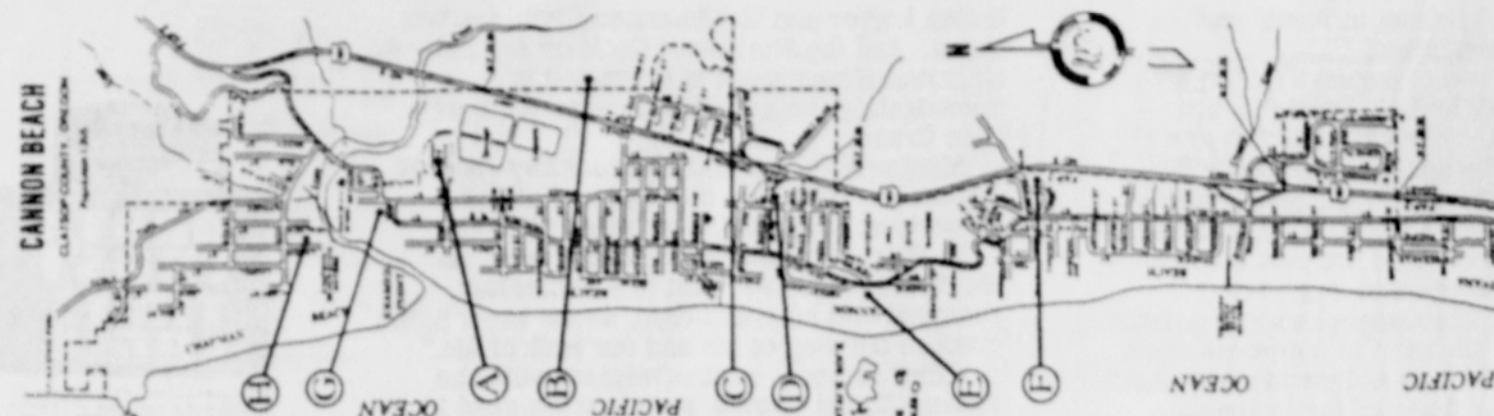
On a more local note, Helen Westbrook could use some help in her campaign for County Commissioner from the south county. Dave Ambrose is also running in a crowded Astoria race, which includes some serious money folks, so he's going to need warm bodies soon.

Ron Crowe seems to be spending a bunch on lawn signs, in his bid for Mayor of Cannon Beach. Does he know the job doesn't pay? But if you want Kirk Anderson signs, we guess you'll have to make your own! We interviewed both candidates for this issue and will make our surprise endorsement next month.

Speaking of endorsements, Dr. John

(Kitzhaber) has said he opposes Measure 16 (Death with Dignity). We are very disappointed, even though he said he will not campaign against it. This measure allows a basic human right to decide one's own time of dying. We are aware that many religions consider suicide a sin. But they consider using "the Lord's name in vain" a sin as well, and it is our right under the First Amendment to do it anyway. We believe the Catholic Church can certainly forbid its adherents from ending their lives, but find it abhorrent that they can cause suffering and bankruptcy for others who do not share their beliefs. If we can decide to start a new life without the help of the church or the state we can certainly decide when to end our current one, and of course people do it all the time. This measure would just allow them to do it with dignity and respect for those around them.

And finally, yet again the pathetic little-minded busybodies from the OCA (Oh, Christ! Again?) attempt to put the Book of Leviticus into the Oregon Constitution. Their Measure 13 is a mean spirited attempt to put "traditional values" before the law. Slavery was a "traditional value" in this country once. We think it appropriate to quote Bertrand Russell on the matters of Sexuality: "Sexual morality, freed from superstition, is a simple matter. Fraud, and deceit, assault, seduction of persons under age, are proper matters for the criminal law. Relations between adults who are free agents are a private matter, and should not be interfered with either by the law or by public opinion, because no outsider can know whether they are good or bad."



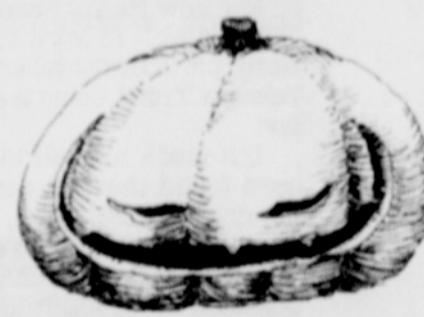
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