

Municipal Memo

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 7, 1995

Held a public hearing and tentatively adopted proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Background Report and Comprehensive Plan regarding Open Space, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Natural Resources. Final findings of fact and an ordinance will be considered at Council's December meeting.

Opened and continued a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the city's Subdivision Ordinance, Chapter 16 of the Municipal Code. Council will discuss the proposal at a worksession scheduled for November 21 and will continue the hearing at Council's December meeting.

Held a public hearing and tentatively approved amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Plan Background Report and the Municipal Code regarding Estuarine Resources. Councilors offered several revisions to the proposal which will be considered in ordinance form at Council's December 5th meeting.

Councilors heard an appeal for relief from a water billing for June 1995 by Mr. Byron Thompson. After lengthy discussion, Councilors concluded that the water meter at Thompson's residence should be replaced and his June billing should be adjusted to his average monthly billing for the past year. Councilors could find no explanation, other than a possibly faulty water meter, for what appeared to be the flow of an addition 11,000 cu. ft. of water through Thompson's water meter, followed by zero water flow recorded in a more recent month. (A)

PLANNING COMMISSION NOVEMBER 16, 1995

Held a public hearing and approved a variance request by Community Presbyterian Church to permit a building height of 28.5 feet in conjunction with the expansion of the existing Presbyterian Church at the corner of Washington and Homick Streets. The maximum building height permitted by Municipal Code is 28 feet. The variance was requested to permit the correction of a structural design deficiency which requires extending the present roof eleven feet to the east; the height of the present roof ridge is 28.5 feet (B)

Held a public hearing on a conditional use request by Glen and Marcia Sweet to permit an accessory dwelling in conjunction with their single family residence at 2601 S Hemlock in an R1 zone. The Planning Commission approved the request (C)

Accepted public comment and considered the 1996 Parking and Traffic Management Plan updates which were drafted by the Planning Commissioners through a series of earlier worksessions on the topic. The Commission will hold another work session on the plan, Tuesday, November 21st. City Council will hold another hearing on the matter at a future date.

Held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Municipal Code regarding land survey requirements. The amendments specify that prior to the issuance of a building permit, a land survey that is more than five years old will require validation by the licensed surveyor who performed the original survey. The Planning Commission referred the amendment back to staff for additional work.

Held a public hearing and consideration on a request by the City of Cannon Beach to amend the Municipal Code chapter regarding public deliberations and hearings to bring this chapter into conformance with legislation recently adopted by the State. The amendments affect the language of public hearing notices and other documents related to land use matters. The Planning Commission voted to recommend to the City Council that the amendments be adopted.

Adopted Ordinances 95-16 and 95-17, changing the zoning of Chapman Point from Open Space Recreation (OSR) to Open Space (OS) and amending the text of the Municipal Code to prohibit trails on Chapman Point.

Appointed Stephen Carpenter as Municipal Judge Pro Tem to fill in for Judge Lemery when necessary.

Received petitions from Jim Hall with an additional 165 signatures of persons requesting that the north exit from Cannon Beach be closed immediately. City Manager John Williams reported that the firm performing a study of the north entrance for the city has completed collection of raw data and will be meeting with city and ODOT representatives next week to discuss strategy for assessing the impacts of north exit closure on other areas of town. Williams stated that as part of the study, the north exit will probably be closed for three days during the first weekend in December.

Council set a worksession on December 11 at 7:00 pm to discuss storm drainage with Brad Moore of KCM, the city's engineering firm.

INTERNET DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

An introduction and demonstration of the Internet is scheduled for Thursday, November 30 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce Community Hall. Facilitator, Link Shadley, Technical Project coordinator for the Oregon Advanced Technology Consortium, has been coordinating the effort to bring the Information Super Highway to the north Oregon coast for the benefit of all organizations and residents. Link will give an overview of the Net, show how to get on, off and around the Net and demonstrate what to look for and how to find it. The public is invited to attend. Bring a lunch and a donation for the use of the room. This event is sponsored by Clatsop Community College. For additional information, call South County Center (503) 738-3346.

NORTH ENTRANCE TO BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED AS PART OF TRAFFIC STUDY

In response to an August fatality at the north entrance into Cannon Beach from Highway 101, a petition with over 700 signatures has been submitted to City Council requesting that the north entrance be closed to exiting traffic. The City has hired a traffic engineering firm, Keech and Associates, to study traffic patterns and recommend alternatives to the current situation. As part of the study, there will be a temporary closure of the north entrance to exiting traffic on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 1, 2, and 3. The exact details of the closure for out-bound traffic have not yet been established. Traffic will be directed by police personnel.

DECEMBER 1995 PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 5 CITY COUNCIL, 7 P.M.
- 14 PUBLIC WORKS CMTE., 4:30 P.M.
- 14 DESIGN REVIEW, 8:30 P.M.
- 20 ENERGY CMTE., 8:30 A.M.
- 21 PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES, 9 A.M.
- 28 PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 P.M.

Article composed by:
"Recycle Rex"

RECYCLE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER, 1995	
CURBSIDE	
MON. Collection	11th
TUES. Collection	12th & 26th
WED. Collection	13th & 27th
FRI. Collection	8th & 22nd
RECYCLE SATURDAY	
9 a.m. - Noon EVERY SATURDAY	



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Sitting in the Australian sunshine it's hard to believe that it will be the holiday season in just a few short weeks! Imagine having a beach party for Christmas dinner and wearing cut-offs. Having spent the last month in the South Pacific, I am returning to Cannon Beach in a few days to winter and all the holiday season hyperbole. After investigating foreign cultures, meeting new people and seeing the spectacular beauty of places sometimes unimaginable, it is an odd transition. Listening to different birds in the morning, watching the sun rise over the ocean and identifying new stars amazes me. It also makes me appreciate the beauty, familiarity and simplicity of Oregon.

We hear a lot of talk about the good deeds done in December for unknown others, the big charity parties or generous corporate contributions to groups and individuals, but it is always the smaller, more personal gestures that have the most meaning for me. The person who makes a toy to donate to a child, takes an older neighbor shopping, cuts and delivers a tree or bakes Christmas dinner for someone unable.


The great thing is that these simple acts happen all year long. Cannon Beach is filled with residents who spread the Christmas Spirit daily. If a neighbor is in need of help our community rallies. We have a library operated by volunteers, an active PTO that helps generate programs and opportunities for our children often unheard of in small towns; churches that help anyone, not just members; and dozens of volunteers groups offering services and education. These year-round gestures truly humble me and make me feel grateful to live in this community. To live in an area of magnificent beauty and a community centered around the common good is indeed the good life.

So to all my neighbors, friends and loved ones, I wish you the simple blessings of this festive season. Remember to be environmentally friendly too!

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