

Cannon Beach narrows down finalists for city manager position

Panels will evaluate the contenders

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CANNON BEACH — The search for Cannon Beach's new city manager is now down to three finalists.

The candidates, announced at a special meeting Tuesday, were chosen by city councilors in executive session last week from a pool of six semifinalists. They come from as close as Nehalem and as far as Arizona and Florida.

The process to find a new city manager started four months ago after Brant Kucera left the position for a job in Sisters. Thirty-three people applied for the post, 14 from Oregon.

"The level of management experience the applicants had was impressive," Mayor Sam Steidel said.

One of the candidates, Bruce St. Denis of Longboat Key, Florida, was also in the running with Kucera to be the city manager of Sisters. St. Denis is



Kevin Greenwood **Peter M. Jankowski** **Bruce St. Denis**

a manager at the Development Planning & Financing Group, a private development company in Tampa. He previously served as the town manager for Longboat Key for 15 years, and holds a master's degree in management from the University of South Florida.

The other out-of-state finalist, Peter M. Jankowski, served as town manager of Cave Creek, Arizona, for three years. He holds a juris doctorate from the Franklin Pierce Law Center and has worked more than 20 years in municipal government as a town manager in Massachusetts and Maine. He also served as a state representative in New Hampshire.

Jankowski left Cave Creek because the City Council decided not to renew his con-

tract for another year, according to a city press release.

Kevin Greenwood, the one local candidate, lives in Nehalem and has 13 years of upper-level local government experience on the Oregon Coast. He holds a master's degree in public administration from Portland State University and has worked as the city manager of Garibaldi and general manager of the Port of Garibaldi for five years each.

Greenwood served as general manager of the Port of Newport for the past three years until this summer. He resigned as general manager in July because recently elected port commissioners wanted a change in leadership, according to a press release from the port.

Steidel said Tuesday he feels confident in the abilities of all three candidates.

City staff and Jensen Strategies will work on forming community and local government administrator panels to evaluate finalists. Representatives will be chosen from the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, the hospitality industry, arts community, environmental groups and other locals to offer input, interim City Manager Jason Schermerhorn said.

The other panel will be made up of three other city managers and one special district manager. None have been chosen yet.

Those interested in meeting the finalists are invited to a community forum at 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Surfside Resort. Citizens are encouraged to submit their questions ahead of time to City Recorder Colleen Riggs, either in person or by email by the end of the day Oct. 31. The City Council plans to choose a preferred candidate by Nov. 8.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the different types of questions the community will ask," Steidel said.

Bonamici discusses health care, climate change

Town hall held in Cannon Beach

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CANNON BEACH — When Gearhart resident Arden Bryce heard Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici tell the story of her and her daughter, Selah, on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives back in May, she couldn't help but feel emotional.

Bryce emailed Bonamici earlier in the year when House Republicans first started proposing plans to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Bryce, whose daughter has been diagnosed with autism and a host of other medical issues, said she worries about how she would be able to afford the medication her daughter requires.

Bonamici told Bryce's story on the House floor after voting against legislation that proposed eliminating coverage for pre-existing conditions and preventive care.

"How am I supposed to meet her needs without coverage?" Bryce said. "I hope the more personal connections we make, the more seriously Congress will take their jobs. I know (Bonamici) cared about health care before, but if she can carry this story in her heart it will keep making it personal."

Bryce was one of the many people who came to ask Bonamici, D-Oregon, questions about health care, climate change, tax reform and other topics at Tuesday night's town hall meeting.

Many in the audience expressed concerns about cuts to Medicare and other changes



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U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici speaks at a town hall meeting Tuesday.

to health coverage proposed by the Trump administration, including Selah herself. Bonamici said there are bipartisan efforts to address the Affordable Care Act, and that any proposal would have to benefit people who use it.

"I'd be concerned about any health care proposal that undermines Medicare," Bonamici said. "This is the United States of America. There is no reason why anyone should go without health care. I'll be fighting for you on that."

Bonamici also discussed her work as the co-chair of the bipartisan Oceans Caucus. Bonamici and her colleagues managed to include amendments that address harmful algal blooms and ocean acidification in the House bill to set funding levels for next fiscal year.

Her amendments increase funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Ocean Service to do coastal monitoring and assessment of harmful algal blooms — which can lead to toxins that shut down shellfish harvests — as well as help coastal communities respond to changing ocean conditions and how they affect fisheries and ocean health.

"Oregon's economic vitality is dependent on the health of our oceans and coastal communities," Bonamici said. "Climate change affects our economy."

While on the topic of climate change, some asked how Bonamici would improve the role of the federal government in battling the numerous fires that torched Oregon's forests this year.

"As we see more extreme weather events, we know climate change can exacerbate these events," Bonamici said.

Bonamici was one of

many Western lawmakers who requested more emergency funding from Trump administration to fight wildfires throughout Oregon. She supports efforts to reform how wildland firefighting is funded.

In large events, the U.S. Forest Service often exhausts all its funding for wildfire suppression quickly, Bonamici said, which forces the agency to borrow money from other accounts that would otherwise go toward fire prevention and forest management.

While there were no active fires on the North Coast this summer, more than 50 firefighters throughout Clatsop County were sent out to help fight fires in other regions of the state.

"When we have fires of this scope, it doesn't make sense to borrow from these other accounts to fight them," she said. "Let's have funding to manage these forests better."

Oregon cuts 3,800 jobs as hospitality hit hard

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Oregon shed jobs for the second month in the row, though its unemployment rate remained essentially unchanged, the state Employment Department said Tuesday.

Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment dropped by 3,800 jobs in September, following a revised loss of 7,000 jobs in August, according to the monthly jobs report. The late-summer slowdown came after six months of robust hiring, when employ-

ers added 42,600 jobs.

The jobless rate for September stood at 4.2 percent, up from 4.1 percent in August.

The leisure-and-hospitality industry cut 3,700 jobs in September, its second consecutive month of weak hiring after a spike in June and July. State employment economist Nick Beleiciks said employers probably got the workers they needed in early summer and didn't need as many as the season wore on.

Oregon's construction industry, consistently strong

over the past year, added 2,900 jobs. No other industry added half that many.

Beleiciks said the forest fires that charred the state in September did not impact the jobs report.

"Although some people were out of work because of the forest fires, I don't think enough people were out of work long enough," he said. "So, basically, if someone was out of work early in September because of the fires — but they ended up going back to work in September — they'd still be

counted as having a job in these figures."

A total of 2.05 million Oregonians were employed in September, an increase of more than 68,000 workers from this time last year, when the jobless rate was 4.9 percent.

Another unemployment measure, known as U-6, was at 8.2 percent in September — up slightly from August. The figure includes discouraged workers who stopped looking and part-time workers who want but can't get full-time jobs.

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Q: Is it too late to plant garlic in the garden?

A: No, we can plant garlic now, up to the beginning of December in our mild northwest climate. We offer elephant garlic, which is a larger clove with a very mild flavor. Elephant garlic is easy to plant. Choose a sunny, well-drained site that is cleared of weeds. The soil should have some organic matter so amend as needed. The ph should be between 6-7. Add lime to achieve this. Plant the pointed side up about 4-6" deep and 8 to 10" apart. A fall cover crop is an excellent option to add nitrogen to the soil and keep weeds down in the garlic patch. When the plant forms a bud stalk in the summer, cut it off to aid in the maturation process. Garlic bulbs will be ready to harvest the following year when the leaves turn yellow. Save the biggest ones to replant! Soft neck garlic also grows well here and is grown similarly, adjust the spacing and depth for smaller bulbs.

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A: Cannabidiol (CBD) is one of the most prevalent chemical compounds in the cannabis plant. Unlike the more famous molecule, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), CBD is completely nonpsychoactive. Don't expect to get "high" off of this organic chemical, however. CBD is all relaxation without intoxication. While CBD still has an effect on your body, consuming CBD by itself isn't going to send you on the cerebral adventure associated with THC. Preclinical trials over the past four decades have found that the cannabinoid shows promise as an:

- anti-inflammatory
- antioxidant
- neuroprotectant
- anxiolytic
- antidepressant
- analgesic
- anti-tumoral agent
- anti-psychotic

CBD is often used by patients in the form of an oil. Patients with more chronic conditions such as cancer and epilepsy often use medical cannabis oil extracted from high-CBD varieties of cannabis.

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