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Out-of-town customers who use Astoria water face rate increases.

Water rates: City councilors were divided

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The city, meanwhile, must account for lack of water storage tanks and must do more to ensure water quality to outside customers, Support Engineer Cindy Moore said.

A representative from the Job Corps said the center is on a fixed contract for the next two years and higher water costs would impact the program. Tom Savage and Alex Raichl of the Olney-Walluski Water Association said the justification for increasing to 25 percent wasn't clear, arguing that the city spends little to maintain the out-of-town systems.

"If the rates are going to go up that high over the next three years, we only use 5 to 10 percent of your mass water production, so I don't feel that it's right to put that on outside city users," Raichl said.

After the meeting, Raichl said he was glad the increase for next year had been cut in half, but he wished city councilors had delayed their decision until they could investigate what other Clatsop County cities are doing for out-of-town water customers.

For Public Works staff, the proposed increase would have accomplished several goals. It aligned with a request from the City Council for departments to reexamine fees that hadn't been adjusted in years — in this case, since 1984.

A 25 percent charge would have also brought Astoria closer to industry standards of 24 percent to 50 percent, and closer to what other Clatsop County cities require. However, Moore added, all of the cities have different sources of water, manage it differently and serve different customers.

The increase was also

pitched as a way to slowly raise funds and share the cost for a new clearwater tank across Astoria's water customers. The tank, estimated to cost between \$1 million and \$2 million, will increase capacity at the city's water treatment plant and improve disinfection and operational flexibility. Since Astoria serves multiple out-of-town customers, city staff said a larger structure was necessary. Moore added that an increase to the fee out-of-town customers pay alone will not fund the new tank.

City councilors were divided.

Councilor Bruce Jones said the city has been looking at fees across departments, and, in many cases, raising them.

"For the last 33 years, our outside customers have been very fortunate to have a 10 percent surcharge compared to anywhere from a 25, 50 to 100 percent surcharge that all the other municipalities (in the county) charge," he said.

Councilor Zetty Nemlowill said rates for basic necessities like water should be viewed differently from other projects.

"It's something that everybody needs to live," Nemlowill said. "It's not like raising the rate on cemetery plots or aquatic center passes."

"I do not have clear evidence that we're losing money on these customers," she concluded.

Mayor Arline LaMear and councilors Tom Brownson, Nemlowill and Jones voted in favor of a resolution outlining a 2.5 percent increase next year. Councilor Cindy Price, who had suggested waiting for two years to impose any fee changes to give customers like Job Corps time to adjust, voted "no."

Cannon Beach: Forum's questions were submitted by members of the community

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groups. The other panel will be comprised of three other city managers and one special district manager.

While city councilors will ultimately make the decision, Interim City Manager Jason Schermerhorn said the public forum was one of the "toughest tests."

"I really think these questions tonight really let them know what they are coming into," Schermerhorn said.

Striking a balance

Before the forum, the city gathered about 25 questions submitted by the community, which were then consolidated by themes by the recruitment company Jensen Strategies.

Many of the questions probed into how the candidates would balance the necessity of a tourism economy with preserving a quality of life for locals. All three candidates have the unique experience of managing in towns driven by tourism.

Greenwood, who lives in Waldport and has 13 years of upper-level local government experience on the Oregon Coast, said creating more affordable housing and looking for ways to reinvest lodging tax revenue are key in striking that balance.

"When reinvesting in our infrastructure, let's ask can (locals) benefit from it as well?" Greenwood said.

Throughout the forum, Greenwood said his experience working on the coast and knowledge of Oregon land use law made him a qualified candidate.

He referenced his experience on the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority and finding creative ways to fund public art while at the Port of Newport. He highlighted his commitment to the Oregon Coast as to why he should be chosen.

"I've lived on the Oregon Coast since 1998. I learned to surf on Crescent Beach. I love to hike Angora Peak," Greenwood said. "This is a wonderful area, and I think by doing what I do I will ingratiate myself into the community when I find someone else who likes to surf, or hike Angora Peak. You make new friends,



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City manager candidates Bruce St. Denis, Kevin Greenwood and Peter Jankowski participate in a community forum.

have conversations, make connections that way."

St. Denis, a manager at a private development company in Tampa, previously served as the town manager for another coastal, tourism-driven city for 15 years, and said the tension between tourists and locals is a problem that takes consistent work to address.

"It doesn't just take one initiative. You must always constantly balance the downsides and the upsides for the residents," St. Denis said.

He mentioned managing Longboat Key after Hurricane Charley to show his experience with emergency management, which has increasingly become a priority for Cannon Beach. With 15 years on the job, one of his favorite aspects of working as a city manager was being an "honest broker" with people about projects that affect the community.

"Even though I'm 3,000 miles away, we're all beach people. We know this is where we want to be, and that's why I'm here," St. Denis said.

Jankowski worked more than 20 years in municipal government as a town manager in Massachusetts and Maine before serving as town manager of Cave Creek, Ari-

zona, which he described as a "Western-themed" tourist destination.

In Arizona, Jankowski said success came from working with local businesses.

"We had a lot of festivals and events. There's always pros and cons to large events, but we always worked to promote local business," Jankowski said.

Jankowski said if given the job, he would use his experience as a lawyer to help mediate community issues where people differ, and make an open door policy a "top priority."

"My goal is to assist the council in their goals. I've been in five or six communities, and each one is different. I want to learn from the council, the staff and the community to learn what those priorities are and make them happen," Jankowski said.

All three candidates said living in Cannon Beach is a priority — a value Cannon Beach residents voiced earlier this year when the search for city manager was announced.

What's next

Candidates will now be interviewed by panels of community members and government officials. Jensen Strate-

gies will then consolidate all of the feedback for city councilors to consider as they deliberate Wednesday morning.

Carolyn Propst is on the community panel as a representative of the community-at-large, and said while she was impressed with the caliber of experience each candidate had, she hopes to gain more specificity in their plans during panel interviews.

"I'm impressed with the amount of experience that can directly translate to Cannon Beach," Propst said. "But I'm hoping for some more details about things like emergency preparedness, and more ways they will involve themselves in Cannon Beach."

Schermerhorn said the successful candidate will have more than enough to do to keep busy. The City Council plans to tackle strategic planning again. And with three seats on the City Council up for re-election, he could have new faces to work with.

There are advantages to having so many changes at once, Schermerhorn said.

"This is the perfect time for a new person to mesh in," he said. "Just listen to the citizens, and address the council with their concerns."

OHA: Audit on Medicaid system is expected to be done by early December

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Part of the issue was that the patient eligibility data system that would track a patient's status changes didn't link up with a separate software system for payments.

The distinction between Medicaid and Medicare matters to state government because of who pays: states

and the federal government bear the costs of Medicaid, but Medicare, the program for the elderly, is paid for by the federal government only.

Cowie says that the front-end problems should be resolved by the state's new eligibility system, which is called ONE and links to the state's payment system.

It also contains more

accurate information about patients, Cowie said.

State Rep. Knute Buehler, a Bend Republican who wants to challenge the governor in 2018, called for an outside investigation of the overpayment issue Monday in a letter to Brown.

He plans to introduce legislation in the upcoming short session, which begins in Feb-

ruary, to require repayment of the remaining \$64 million from Medicaid providers.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of State's Office is conducting an audit of the state's Medicaid system that is expected to be complete by early December.

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TV SCHEDULE

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Evening listings TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										NOVEMBER 7	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Middle (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Black-ish (N)	The Mayor (N)	Saves the World "Rocky Road" (N)	KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Middle (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Black-ish (N)	The Mayor (N)	Saves the World "Rocky Road" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice "The Knockouts" (N)	This Is Us (N)	Law & Order (N)			KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Burden of Proof" (N)	Bull "No Good Deed" (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "The Accident" (N)			KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Burden of Proof" (N)	Bull "No Good Deed" (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "The Accident" (N)			KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Knockouts" (N)	This Is Us (N)	Law & Order (N)			KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "Girls Night Out" (N)	LegendTomor. "Return of the Mack" (N)	News at 10 (N)	[Mom]		Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Finding Your Roots "Black Like Me" (N)	The Vietnam War "The Veneer of Civilization (June 1968-May 1969)"				The Vietnam War: Oregon Remembers		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "Gold Rush" (N)	The Mick (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!		The Game	The Game	
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Gold Rush" (N)	The Mick (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Joker's Wild (N)	[Drop the Mic (N)]	Conan "Live From the Apollo in NYC" (N)		
22	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) Rawlings Gold Glove Awards (L)		30 for 30 "Nature Boy"		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) (4:30) NCAA Football (L)		SportsCenter (N)		Marty Smith	NFL Live		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	The Fantasy Show	30 for 30 "Nature Boy"		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	Stuck in Middle	Andi Mack	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	K.C. Undercover	Bunk'd	Jessie	
34	FAM	(34) *** Just Go With It (2011, Comedy)	Jennifer Aniston, Brooklyn Decker, Adam Sandler.				*** The Waterboy (1998, Comedy)	Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler, Adam Sandler.					The 700 Club
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Vow ('12) Rachel McAdams.	(5:55) *** The Vow ('12) Channing Tatum, Rachel McAdams.				(5:50) FXM Presents *** Jack and Jill ('11, Comedy)	Katie Holmes, Adam Sandler.	(5:50) FXM Presents		Jack and Jill ('11, Com)	Adam Sandler.	
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "Take the Lead"	Grey's Anatomy "What Is It About Men"			*** How Do You Know (2010, Comedy/Drama)	Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd,				Little W. Dallas "Baby Daddy Issues"		
39	ROOT	(39) Mark Faw (N)	DFL Soccer Hannover at RB Leipzig			Focused	Press Pass (N)	Mark Few		UEFA Soccer Champions League			
39	FS1	(39) UFC Unleashed "Pettis vs. Melendez"	UFC Top Ten	UFC Knockouts	Speak for Yourself		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				NASCAR Race Hub		
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Friends	Friends	Ink Master: Angels	Ink Master: Angels (N)		Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Night.	
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Friends	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0 (N)		Jim Jefferies (N)		The Daily Show (N) The Opposition (N)
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		(05) Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper	Enhanced episodes of 'Forged in Fire.'						
46	A&E	(46) Remini: Scientology "The Ranches"	L. Remini "The Greatest Good"			L. Remini "The Business of Religion"	Remini Scientology (N)			Remini: Scientology (N)	(05) Remini: Scientology		
47	TLC	(47) Little Couple "I Want To Be President"	Little Couple "Quack! Quack! Quack!"			The Little Couple "I Love Candy!"	The Little Couple "I'm Not a Baby!" (N)	(05) Hodges "Welcome, Babies!" (P) (N)			(10) The Little Couple "I'm Not a Baby!"		
48	DISC	(48) Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners	Moonshiners			Moonshiners			Moonshiners
49	NGEO	(49) Movie	*** Lone Survivor (2014, Action)	Taylor Kitsch, Emile Hirsch, Mark Wahlberg.			Long Road Home "Black Sunday" An American platoon is ambushed in Iraq. (P) (N)			Major Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 2" (N)	Major Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 2"		Law & Order "Mother's Day"
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Brain and the Bot"	Bones "The New Tricks in the Old Dogs"			Major Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 1"	M.Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 2" (N)			Major Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 2"			Law & Order "Mother's Day"
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** Invincible (2006, Drama)	Mark Wahlberg, Elizabeth Banks, Greg Kinnear.			*** Moneyball (2011, Biography)	Robin Wright, Jonah Hill, Brad Pitt.						Walking Tall
52	FOO	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Unorthodox"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Inconceivable"			WWE Super Smackdown				Damnation "Sam Riley's Body" (P) (N)			Law&Order: SVU "Psycho/ Therapist"
53	USA	(53) Chopped "Alton's Challenge: Part 3"	Chopped "Alton's Challenge: Part 4"			Chopped "Best Laid Plans"	Chopped "Clock Shock"			Chopped (N)	Chopped "Game Day Party"		Chopped "Game Day Party"
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	Fixer "Rustic Italian Dream Home"			House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) (4:00) The Equalizer Denzel Washington.	*** Kingsman: The Secret Service (2014, Action)	Colin Firth, Samuel L. Jackson, Taron Egerton.			Anderson Cooper 360			Cult "Charles (Manson) in Charge" (N)	Cult "Charles (Manson) in Charge"		Cult "Charles (Manson) in Charge"
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360			Anderson Cooper 360			CNN Tonight With Don Lemon
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity			Fox News Tonight			Tucker Carlson Tonight
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Adventure Capitalists "Snow"		Shark Tank	Shark Tank			Adventure Capitalists "Snow"			Paid Program
63	BRV	(63) Wives Dallas "Reunion Part 1" Pt. 1 of 2	The Real Housewives			Below Deck	Below Deck (N)			Housewives Atl. "50 Shades of Cynthia"	WatchWhat (N)		Below Deck
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) *** Objective, Burma! ('45) James Brown, Errol Flynn.	*** The Master Race ('44, War)	Nancy Gates, Lloyd Bridges.			(15) *** Woman of the Year (1942, Comedy/Drama)	Katharine Hepburn, Fay Bainter, Spencer Tracy.			Counter Attack		Counter Attack
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) Faster ('10, Act) Dwayne Johnson.	*** Mad Max: Fury Road (2015, Action)	Charlize Theron, Zoe Kravitz, Tom Hardy.			*** Mad Max: Fury Road (2015, Action)	Charlize Theron, Zoe Kravitz, Tom Hardy.					
66	RFD	(66) (5:30) Cattlemen	Women's Rodeo	Horsemanship "Water for Life"		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD		Cattlemen to Cattlemen	Women's Rodeo		Product Showcase