

Harbor Vista from 1A

Miller also stated that the the property owners are to pay for sewer main extension, manholes, construction, connection fees, engineering fees, street opening permits and any other fees necessary for the connection to the public sewer system for the project.

Water service to the campground will continue to be provided by Heceta Water People's Utility District, and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue will continue to provide fire services.

FarleyCampbell said, "The county is maintaining the maintenance jurisdiction of those roads, while jurisdictionally they are transferring within city boundaries. The city will not be maintaining North Jetty Road, South Harbor Vista Drive or Harbor Vista Road."

The staff report added, "The transfer of the maintenance jurisdiction of the roadways will not be sought due to the rural construction standard of the roadways and exclusive

campground use in the case of Harbor Vista Road."

Councilor Joshua Greene clarified, "In reference to the county being responsible for maintenance for North Jetty Road and the park itself — they own the property; they're just annexing in to get services."

In addition, Florence Police Department will take over public safety for the property.

"We provide 24 hours a day, 365 days a year full police coverage for the community of Florence," wrote Florence Police Chief Tom Turner in his testimony. "Incorporating this new area would not be extending our services or capacity as we already respond to many of the surrounding properties, both in and out of the City of Florence, as a normal course of our business."

Turner added that his department has a mutual aid agreement with Lane County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police already in place to respond to the surrounding areas that are outside the city's jurisdiction.

The second ordinance approved by the city council had to do with new zoning assignments for the campground and roads.

"When you come into the city, we need to assign some zoning to the lands to change them from their current county zoning to city zoning," FarleyCampbell said.

She said the Florence 2025 Comprehensive Plan Map indicated that the campground and portions of the rights of way would be changed from the county designation of "public" to "open space." The other zone used is for North Jetty Road, east of the park, to be single family residential. Some of the land will also have a Natural Resource Conservation Management Unit Overlay.

"The campground is right up along the estuary on the meander line of the Pacific Ocean and the north boundary of the Siuslaw River," Farley Campbell said. "All the different properties along the estuary and the river within a certain number of feet of that

water body are assigned a shoreland management unit."

During the public comment period, the city received comments from annexation proponent Michael Allen and opponent Leah Patten. Both had previously offered testimony to the Planning Commission.

Allen, self-proclaimed "friend of Harbor Vista," said he lives near the park and has been able to watch the development.

He previously requested that ADA-accessible campsites also be included in the first phase of the sewer services project, with which city staff and Lane County Public Works Interim Director Dan Hurley agreed.

"I periodically get out to the park and document the work. It's really proceeding very well," he added.

Patten said she felt that the various documents she had seen depicted different boundary lines for the annexation and were unclear. She also said she worried about "the overall annexation plan of the city."

"When I first bought my property on (North Jetty Road), I was more than two miles outside the city limits. Now, in order to go to my mailbox, the city wants me to walk on city property. It really is part of a plan for annexation," Patten said.

Florence Mayor Joe Henry replied to Patten's concerns.

"I've been involved in city government for six years, and the policy at that time was 'no forced annexation.' To the best of my knowledge, that still is the policy," he said. "We have not annexed one property that did not request it, and those requests are becoming greater all the time — especially from the north end of the town. There will continue to be more of those requests, and we will not deny them unless it's not practical."

Before the council voted, Hurley got a chance to speak.

"I just want to thank the council for considering this proposal. The connection to the sewer is definitely needed. It will protect the aquifer and provide better service to the

users (of the grounds)," he said.

Once the public hearing closed, four out of five city councilors voted to approve the ordinances. Councilor Woody Woodbury was absent.

Henry then thanked the city and county staff for their work on the annexation process.

"That was a lot of work, and I think it's a great thing for the park and for the community," he said.

This was the city's first public meeting requiring the new "speaker's card" before community members could make public comment. The cards are available at ci.florence.or.us/council/request-address-city-council-speakers-card and will be available at future meetings.

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