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Because the board is officially made up of five members, all three current commissioners, Duman, Bill Meyer and Mike Buckwald, had to agree unanimously on the first position. Buckwald nominated Brandt, who was quickly seconded by Meyer. "I've been around Craig for a lot of years and appreciate the volunteer efforts that he makes," Meyer said. "I also know him to be a person with considerable social skills, though he won't admit to that. That comes in real handy when you're sitting on a board with contentious issues. So, I'm glad he applied." Buckwald added, "Craig, I don't know you at all, but I appreciate the time that you've spent in the STEP program. I liked some of the things you said and how you said them." "I appreciate the nomination," Brandt said. "I live here and I love the port. We have to get to-

gether and get this going in the right direction. It's really come around in the last year and a half, and I think it's going in the right direction." Ultimately, Duman voted in favor as well, and Brandt was installed in his position. At that point, Duman asked Brandt if he would feel qualified to vote on the next commissioner position, as he had been officially sworn in. Brandt, who had sat in on the public interviews, said he would. Meyer then nominated Jay Cable, who owns and operates the Bridgeport Market located next to the port. Cable also had experience with the port, sitting on the commission years earlier. "Just like Craig, I've known Jay for a lot of years," Meyer said. "I've dealt with him financially, and watched his business operation and his people skills and dealing with the public. I appreciated his vision, and I think we need to not just maintain the status quo, but we need to move this

port forward." At that point, Brandt seconded the nomination and he and Meyer voted "yea." Buckwald voted "nay," and after contemplation, Duman also voted "nea" and Cable's nomination failed. Duman then nominated Zolezzi, who Buckwald seconded. "I've been in the community for years part time," Zolezzi said. "In the last few years, I became a full time resident here. I'm a fisherman and involved in the community and to see the port thrive is exciting to me. I heard there were positions opening up, and I thought I would submit an application and get involved." Brandt voted "yea," but Meyer voted against Zolezzi. However, Zolezzi received the majority vote and was sworn in. "I would just like to say I'm honored to be a commissioner, and I look forward to work with everyone, and the future here," Zolezzi said. Brandt said his work with

STEP was the reason he came to the Port of Siuslaw. "I do a lot of volunteerism for them," he said. "I'm down [at the port] all the time for STEP, so I thought I would get involved a little bit more." Brandt referenced remarks made by a woman during public comments at the beginning of the meeting, who spoke about how much progress she's seen with the port in the past year. A long time seasonal occupant of the ports campground, she stated that the port is better or-

ganized and cleaner, and that the staff and commissioners were making the port better. "They are making it better right now," Brandt said. "And I would like to help them make it better. It has come up a long way, and it's doing really good."

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And the residents themselves may not be from Florence. "I do think you're going to see an influx of people from California and other cities," McGlade said. "It should be no surprise. I would bet that some of the residents would be local, but others would be moving into the area." Florence could continue to see a population growth without the additional needed housing. The city has been moving quickly on this front. The most ambitious plan is actually a code change that went into effect this week. The city now allows Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). In this case, property owners who have an existing primary

detached single-family dwelling can create an additional unit on their property. These homes can be either built from the ground up, or prefab homes shipped in from out of town. The regulations have been loosened on these homes to encourage and expedite construction. These homes could be used as rentals, or they could be used for family members who want to live closer with their loved ones. "That should create the opportunity for additional housing," FarleyCampbell said. "As long as people make an investment in their property, I think there's an opportunity. I don't think it will fulfill all the needs that we have, but it would free up other housing in the areas for other family types." So while the immediate fu-

ture may cause some turbulence, the end of the tunnel may be in sight. Projects like Cannery Station and the downtown revitalization may bring about worries of more residents, more traffic and more noise, the "City in Motion" is showing signs of traction. "Development creates more development," FarleyCampbell said. "One type of business will bring in another type of business for a lot of these different firms when they come in." Hopefully it will create opportunities that have been lagging up north to develop out and create a stronger economic system for Florence and more stability in jobs and economically. "It's better for Florence in a lot of ways," FarleyCampbell said.

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