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plus the development of partnerships in the education sector and with federal partners "to support local workforce training/apprenticeship/internship opportunities, particularly in the construction trades, health and human safety, culinary arts, hospitality, boutique retail sales, arts and culture, renewable energy and software development profes-

In Chapter 10, language was adjusted to ensure the city continued to follow state, federal and county law in regard to housing and fair practices. Two new objectives were also added: to maintain and upgrade housing supply through enforcement and encourage rehabilitation of substandard housing to reduce costs of housing and conserve housing stock.

FarleyCampbell said the changes were supported by the city's Buildable Lands Inventory and the recent Housing Needs Analysis.

In addition, the Planning Commission recommended amendments to the policy language to ensure enough land is zoned for residential purposes.

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of housing that we have avail- to come," he said in an email. able to construct in Florence without going through vari- Comprehensive Plan's Chapter ance procedures or jumping 7: Development Hazards and through huge hoops," FarleyC- Constraints; Chapter 11: Utilampbell said. "Overall, they've ities, Facilities and Services; elected to just increase the Chapter 12: Transportation; housing stock within Florence and Chapter 14: Urbanization, and increase various types of

"This is the kick-off to get those code amendments changed, setting the course for that. By adding these policies, you support a lot of actions that you as the council have indicated you would like to tackle through the work plan."

Other changes included local and regional coordination with organizations, developers and governments to provide affordable housing, workforce housing, social services and more, as well as pursuing housing programs for the city's workforce, elderly, low-income and special needs families.

According to Florence Mayor Joe Henry, the first applications have begun rolling in for accessory dwelling units, now approved in Lane County as of

"Affordable housing is start-

Ordinance 11 amended the to address Tsunami threats and development patterns within areas subject to these natural

According to the staff report, "the proposed local comprehensive plans and development codes were designed to significantly reduce risk and enhance community resilience to a Cascadia Subduction Zone tsunami."

"In our current hazard chapter of the comp plan, ... there are no policies related to the tsunami," FarleyCambell said, referring to the possible "Big One" — a subduction zone earthquake and tsunami expected to strike the Cascadia region sometime in the next 50

"They didn't actually have the technology that is available, such as Lidar, a different kind of mapping technology that uses a combination of con-

Aurora J. Miller, author of

from 10 to 11 a.m.

tremely restricted in the types slowly. It's the shadow of things to see what's really happening on the ground. That technology is available now, but it was not available when this chapter was created in 2000. This is an opportunity to incorporate that new technology and make some accurate policies related to that."

The proposed changes for

those chapters include the development of tsunami evacuation routes to include signage and walking paths; discouraging high density and lodging development within the tsunami zone; requiring, where feasible, tsunami resilient construction methods in infrastructure development; and adding the 2013 Tsunami Inundation Maps to the appendices of the Comprehensive Plan. City Councilor Susy Lacer said, "In reading through our packet tonight, these new Comprehensive Plan chapters ... are amazing, amazing

documents. They are a reflection of so many hundreds and thousands of hours of work on new policies, procedures and behalf of our staff and so many community volunteers. It's deliver results for housing and been a long process, and this for jobs on the ground and in has been a really amazing ef- our community that we can see

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"Our current code is ex- ing to move forward, albeit tour maps and photo imagery I'm super proud of our city for putting that sort of guiding document in place."

The five members of the Florence City Council voted to approve both ordinances and staff's recommended changes with only a few clarifying ques-

Mayor Joe Henry said, "I would like to compliment the staff, first Wendy and her group, and everybody who worked on this. This was no small task. The changes to the Comprehensive Plan have been going on for a year. It has taken up a lot of time and a lot of hard work, and it doesn't sound very exciting, but it gets us a long way down the road."

City Manager Erin Reynolds thanked the mayor and council

"The really nice thing is you now have a good, solid foundation that represents current community goals, and your goals, for housing and economic development," she said. "Now we can create code and programs that can hopefully fort and huge accomplishment. in the years ahead."



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