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so that, when you have your budget discussions, you will have more information upon which to base your decisions," Kirsch said. "Eco-Generation will be offering three Take Back events in Florence in 2021 and these events are scheduled for May 2, Aug. 1 and Oct. 3 — all on Sundays. This is a sponsorship request to EMAC and the City of Florence for \$400 to assist with the operational costs associated with conducting these events."

Kirsch indicated the city's work plan, which includes a goal of supporting EMAC's work to enhance efforts towards recycling and waste reduction. She also said 150 households participated in Eco-Genera-

tion's November event.

The introduction of new members was next on the agenda and all new appointed members spoke briefly, with the exception of Cavarno, who had audio difficulties and participated using "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" to signify his position.

Additionally, a new voice was added from Florence City Councilor Sally Wantz, who introduced herself.

"I am very pleased to be a part of the committee and the new ex-officio for the city council," Wantz said. "What I learn here at these meetings I will take back to the city council and what the city council wishes for this committee to do I will bring back to you. I am hoping it will be something that

will spark your imagination and move us in the right direction to keep our city healthy, vibrant and environmentally sound."

The first action item of the evening was the nomination and approval of committee leadership. After a brief discussion, Titmus was elevated to chairperson and Ronelle Kuert was voted vice chair.

EMAC's members are now: Daniel Berry, Cavarno, Green, Josh Haring, Sherry Harvey, Ronelle Kuert, Oshel, Vicki Philben, Ray Sherrill, Michael Titmus and Walter-Sedlacek. The ex-officio members are Wantz, Brian Enochian from County Transfer & Recycling and David Twombly from Central Coast Disposal.

Next, Florence Planning Di-

rector Wendy FarleyCampbell reviewed the agenda and discussed in detail staff's recommendation on a rate review for waste haulers.

This process, according to FarleyCampbell, will take some time as there are many moving parts to the decision, which includes the submission of financial information from Central Coast Disposal and County Transfer and Recycling, as well as public hearings on the subject.

EMAC Member Vicki Philben also revisited the plan to increase the collection of yard waste, and the stated desire of the committee to focus on this area as one part of an overall increase in debris collection from homeowners.

Two of the last items intro-

duced for discussion were the work being done by the city's Tree Board, which is preparing to apply for a continuation of its designation as a Tree City USA through the Arbor Day Foundation.

There was also a short discussion on Earth Day and how to move forward this year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee member Sherry Harvey also asked when the request from Kirsch would be considered.

Titmus was supportive of including that expense this year.

The discussion will continue at a later date.

The next EMAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 24.

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To conclude the Feb. 10 meeting, the school board held an executive session to review the superintendent evaluation process. The superintendent eval-

uation process must be complete by March 10.

The directors will hold a special meeting to finalize the superintendent evaluation summary on Thursday, Feb. 25. The meeting will primarily be held in executive session.

Siuslaw School Board also met Feb. 17 for a special meeting to discuss "Policy JFCIA and JFCIA-AR - Student Drug Testing." All board members were present, including Sneddon.

Resolution 021721-3.1, read by Mann-Heintz and

seconded by Barnett, "resolved that the Siuslaw School District Board of Directors suspend the preseason drug screening for all activity participants, and direct that the superintendent conduct a program of reduced random screening in-season

testing at the high school with a staff member that has clinical training in specimen collection and processing."

Grzeskowiak has direction now on how to conduct random testing of the approximately 60 students participating in

football and cross country.

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outreach, the Florence Urban Renewal Agency (FURA), code enforcement, land use planning, transportation and the Florence Events Center (FEC).

One of the new initiatives mentioned during the meeting was the initiation of a survey designed to elicit responses from citizens on what they feel are important subjects or issues to be addressed by the city council.

Staff also reviewed the impact initiatives and restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has curtailed most public meetings, celebrations and large-scale events.

The city is also working on its Coast Guard City designation renewal, which is needed this year, and the renewal of Florence's designation as a Tree City.

There were also many water-related items presented by Miller, which included updates on stormwater, wastewater, sewer expansion and the development of a facilities plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The review of the Florence Work Plan was completed with no official actions taken.

The next meeting of the Florence City Council will be this Monday, Feb. 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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