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For this reason, the city's workplan is updated regularly every two years — a biennium — with some items being completed, some continued and others removed or updated.

That process is currently underway with the Florence City Council scheduled to hear numerous committee and commission presentations and suggestions to be considered for inclusion in the

coming April 19 city council meeting.

An additional and important component of the workplan formulation is the work done by the numerous committees comprised of volunteers. These committee members discuss and decide which topics related to their particular committee should be identified and forwarded to the city council.

At Tuesday's meeting of next workplan, which will the Environmental Man- Wendy FarleyCampbell,



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be discussed at the up- agement Advisory Com- Haring or Daniel Berry mittee (EMAC), part of that process was short circuited when a special session was unable to be held due to the lack of a quorum — the minimum number of members necessary to conduct the business of that group.

> Usually, a quorum is made up of a simple majority of the committee. In the case of EMAC, six members are needed for a quorum.

When City Planner ex-officio representative al years, there has been from city staff, greeted members, those who were virtually present included Laurie Green, Lisa Walter-Sedlacek, Eric Oshel, Vickie Philbin, Ray Sherrill and non-voting member Councilor Sally Wantz, ex-officio representative from the Florence City Council.

As FarleyCampbell explained to those present, without an additional voting member participating — among them, Michael Titmus, Ronelle

there would be a limit of 15 minutes for a quorum to gather or the meeting could not be held.

The main subject of the special session was to discuss a recommendation to the council to form a "climate change" subcommittee. Tuesday's special session was scheduled as a response to the dozens of comments submitted to the council and city staff requesting official action regarding the subject.

For the past severgrowing support among a segment of the community pushing for an official recognition in the form of a proclamation, and a related action plan, which recognizes and acts on climate-related issues.

During recent meetings, some EMAC members have vocalized their opposition to establishing an official climate policy. Coincidentally, members absent from this week's special session to discuss the subject were among Kuert, Sherry Harvey, Josh those who have expressed

opposition to the idea. EMAC meeting due to the climate change. ... Among lack of a quorum means that any additional discussion or recommendations will not take place prior to the April 19 council meeting, effectively assuring that any climate-related recommendation will not reach the council for discussion or inclusion.

There were a number of speaker cards filled out for the special session. Among them was from area resident Michael Allen, who said he believes ticed in our small city of the absence of those who Florence," Allen said. are on record as opposing a climate change initiative time of 15 minutes for was a parliamentary tactic a quorum to form had designed to prevent the passed, discussion.

had a travesty at the Special Session for the City's Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)," he wrote in an email to Siuslaw News. "As you know, the purpose mendations of the session was to consider a recommendation committees. to the city council for the formation of a subcom- visit ci.florence.or.us.

mittee to consider work-The inability to hold the plan items that address those not present was the committee's chairperson [Titmus] it's vice-chair [Kuert] and Josh Haring, who exclaimed at a previous meeting that he would boycott the special session."

> Allen added that the move was a similar tactic used by Republicans at the state capitol when the legislature was on the verge of passing climate legislation.

"Now it is being prac-

After the mandated FarleyCampbell announced the meeting "On Tuesday, Florence would not be held due to a lack of a quorum.

The next EMAC meeting is scheduled to be held April 20, the day after the Florence City Council will discuss workplan recomsubmitted by EMAC and other city

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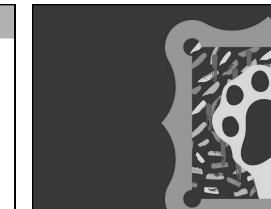
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