

Shilo Inn: City to sign agreement for taxes

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The 63-room hotel has a history of failing to turn over the tax money, according to the city. It fell behind in 2016, but the account eventually was brought current. The company also has a history of failing to pay water, sewer and trash bills and is behind on those currently.

The agreement, which will be signed by the mayor in the

next few days, was proposed by Shilo Inn's corporate attorney.

There was no discussion outside of the executive session. Warrenton's City Commission has held at least four closed-door sessions with legal counsel this year on the missing tax payments.

The city is not alone in its difficult dealings with the hotel chain.

Seaside filed suit against the company in 2016 for back taxes and Portland filed suit earlier this year seeking \$314,000 in unpaid taxes.

Trails: County has new cycling destination

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Trail Alliance cycling organization – had been trying unsuccessfully to find suitable trail sites on public land before forging the partnership with the private timber company.

Kloutchy Creek County Park is the trailhead for the riding network.

Anything that brings increased visitation to the small park on the banks of the Necanicum River is a good thing, said Steve Meshke, the county's natural resource manager. Visitor numbers have dwindled since the park's landmark Sitka spruce heritage tree was toppled by the 2007 storm. Parking was expanded in anticipation of the new trails, and further improvements, including restrooms, are planned.

Use of the trails is free, but is subject to fire closures and other restrictions. Riders must also obtain a free recreational permit, available on Greenwood Resources' website, permits.greenwoodresources.com/PermitHome.aspx.



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