

Gearhart pursues urban growth boundary change at Clatsop County work session

Seaside Signal

Gearhart addressed one of many steps in acquiring land north of the city for a new fire and police station. No matter the vote on May 17, the city will need county and state approvals for the project, budgeted at \$14.5 million.

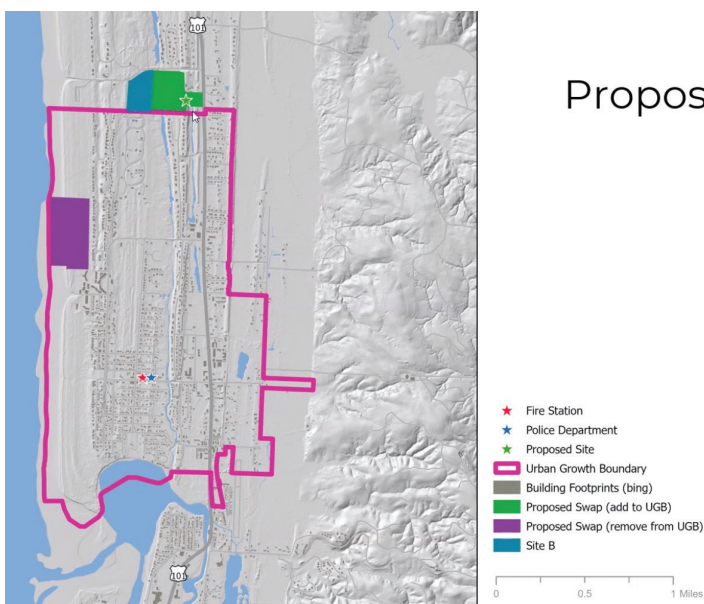
Scott Fregonese, a consultant with Fregonese Associates, told members of the county Planning Commission.

The expansion will allow developers for the 34-acre Cottages at Gearhart to build more residential lots than under Clatsop County's 2-acre zoning code.

The developers could get about 21 houses into the property now, City Administrator Chad Sweet said at the meeting. "If they come into the city of Gearhart, it would be a 10,000-square-foot lot, which is similar to the way that Gearhart was developed. It's less dense but still more dense in the county zoning that's on there now."

The city would receive 2.14 acres for police and fire and an additional 2.4-acre parcel would be designated a park.

In exchange, Gearhart would give 34 acres west of the city's no-build zone into



The green and blue areas represent land to be brought into the urban growth boundary. The purple area marks land to the west of Gearhart's no-build line that would be brought into the county in exchange.

the county, most of it unsuitable for development, Fregonese said.

A Gearhart resident, Jack Zimmerman, submitted correspondence objecting to the urban growth boundary expansion on zoning, environmental and wildlife concerns.

"The city will increase the planned subdivision density from the county density to Gearhart's current density of one dwelling per 10,000 square feet, and will further agree to supply water

to the new dwellings bringing a windfall profit event to the subdivision owners," he wrote.

Zimmerman said residential septic systems from the development will pollute the Clatsop Plains sand dune and aquifer, and that increasing water consumption violated statewide goals, particularly at a time of "historic levels of drought."

In the event the city is unable to bring the property into the urban growth boundary within one year from

the signing on Aug. 23, the agreement would terminate unless both parties agree to an extension.

Both the county and the city will have to amend the urban growth boundary and any comprehensive plan amendments, Fregonese said.

"The goal is to submit this to the state this month, so that we can start this process," he said. "If all goes well, then we will come back to you and to the city's planning commission, and hopefully work through this process."

Scott Fregonese

OBITUARIES

Wade Leigh Morgan

Jewell
Aug. 7, 1960 — April 23, 2022

Wade Leigh Morgan, 61, spent most of his life in Jewell. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Lighthouse Christian Church, 88786 Dellmoor Loop in Warrenton, with Daniel Baker, pastor, officiating.

Wade was born Aug. 7, 1960, in Astoria, the son of the late David Morgan, and surviving mother, Nellie Morgan, of Astoria.

He is also survived by his son, John Morgan, of Portland; stepson, Joel Hathaway, of Columbia, Missouri; sisters, Monica (Andrej) Raichl, of Astoria, and Brenda (Brian) Hancey, of Queen Creek, Arizona; aunts and uncles, Judy and Phil Layman, of Jewell, Shirley Morgan, of Caldwell, Washington, Ted Wilkins, of Seaside, Walt and Flo Berg, of Warren, and Ed Berg, of Eugene.

Wade worked with the fire department, and even was the chief of Elsie-Vinemale Rural Fire Protection District 11 for a while. He also worked for Medix.

Wade married Tana Lamont, and they eventually divorced. He then married Mary Romanaggi. Wade gained a stepson, age 2 1/2. They had another child together, John. They were married several years, then divorced. Wade was with his companion, Vicki, before his death.

Wade loved the outdoors, scuba diving, fishing and hunting. He loved to dig clams. He worked in construction and logging. He was a builder, a cook, a bartender and a dishwasher.

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NEWS NOTES

Former gas station receives cleanup grant

A \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will go toward cleaning up two potentially hazardous sites — one in Seaside, another in Astoria — that could be used for affordable housing.

In north Seaside, near the old Seaside High School, a former gas station and car repair shop still has harmful substances on site such as fuel tanks kept underground, the county said.

In east Astoria is a 20-acre parcel, once the site of the Blue Ridge apartments, situated next to a former military facility. Various materials — such as tanks, munitions and contaminants like lead and asbestos — may have been left behind, Clatsop County said in a statement.

The county and the cities, working with a consultant, identified the properties — which are privately owned — as needing to be cleaned up, Monica Steele, the assistant county manager, said.

In its application, the county identified mixed-use development, including workforce housing, as a goal.

The grant is part of the EPA's brownfield program that allows communities to rehabilitate once-developed properties that have fallen into disuse and may have turned toxic.

Of the program's \$254 million, Oregon communities will receive \$8.3 million, the federal agency said.

County gets state grant to fight addiction

A state grant of \$6.2 million will go toward fighting addiction in Clatsop County.

The Behavioral Health Resource Networks grant will address the need for housing, harm reduction, drug and alcohol treatment, overdose prevention, employment support and other services.

The county's Public Health Department, Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare, Clatsop Community Action, Helping Hands Reentry Outreach and Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation will receive funds. The organizations collaborated on the application, the county said.

Monica Steele, the assistant county manager, noted at a Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting this month that because grant

funding is frequently tied to population, rural communities don't often receive funding in amounts that can make a difference.

The grant, available this biennium because of Oregon's Measure 110, is "a good step forward," Steele said.

"This is really positive, to receive an amount of money that we can actually work with and do something with," she said.

County counsel steps down

Clatsop County is looking for a new county counsel.

Joanna Lyons-Antley, who has served in the position for more than two years, resigned in early March. She said she wanted more time to spend with her loved ones.

"It was an excruciatingly hard decision because I truly love my job and Clatsop County," she wrote in an email.

She said she has not been able to be fully present in her 5-year-old son's life. "After much discussion with my family, we have decided that it would be best for me to take a step back," she wrote.

Lyons-Antley said she would stay on until the county is able to hire a successor.

Mark Kujala, the chairman of the county Board of Commissioners, said the county will likely contract out the position until a permanent in-house counsel is found, a process that could take a year.

A former city attorney in Klamath Falls and assistant counsel in Coos County, Lyons-Antley was appointed to the Clatsop County position in March 2020, just as the coronavirus pandemic began. She replaced long-time county counsel Heather Reynolds.

As the county responded to the virus, Lyons-Antley attended Emergency Operations Center meetings and fielded legal questions.

"Joanna weathered a COVID storm, as most everyone on the county staff did. But it was very important to have that stability throughout, and I think she did a fantastic job," Kujala said.

Lyons-Antley assisted the county through the strategic planning process, and has guided the county through the ongoing issue of zoning and regulating vacation rentals in unincorporated areas. In addition, she has served as a county liaison on the child care work group.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



May 4

4:22 p.m., North Wahanna: Caller says tenant is damaging property at their residence and would like to know options.

5:01 p.m., The Cove: A disturbance is reported.

May 5

2:56 a.m., Convention Center parking: A person is told they cannot park in the lot overnight.

8:19 a.m., Rite Aid: A person is warned of unlawful lodging.

8:23 a.m., 400 block 16th Avenue: Caller requests welfare check on her ex-husband who she says is living in a residence without utilities. Officer made contact and reported their findings with the caller.

9:21 a.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: A caller says their car was illegally entered.

1:45 p.m., East end of Avenue B: Caller reports subject at a transient camp is "tearing things up" and behaving erratically. Subject had left the scene prior to police arrival.

2:02 p.m., Peter Iredale: Water rescue.

May 6

2:14 a.m., 300 block First Avenue: Subjects found sleeping on church property are advised they're on private property and are warned of trespass. They left.

3:21 a.m., Convention Center Parking: Subjects are warned of parking during prohibited periods.

3:36 a.m., 400 block First Avenue: Subjects are warned they're sleeping on private property. They left after being told they're trespassing.

11:18 a.m., Avenue A: Fire alarm.

11:26 a.m., 2000 block Spruce: EMS call.

11:45 a.m., 500 block S. Wahanna: EMS call.

1:03 p.m., 400 block S. Holladay: EMS call.

2:36 p.m., 2100 block Middlefork Rd: Fire investigation.

7:20 p.m., 200 block N. Downing: A vehicle is reported stolen.

May 7

12:43 p.m., Avenue G and Franklin: A man reported sleeping partially in the street is checked and says he is fine.

5:28 p.m., 600 block Broadway:

Property crimes are reported.

7:23 p.m., 2200 block N. Holladay: A large RV is reported camping in the area.

9:07 p.m., 3500 block U.S. Highway 101 northbound: Gearhart police are assisted.

9:30 p.m., Broadway and Turnaround: Police check on a woman reported intoxicated.

May 8

12:49 a.m., U.S. Highway 101/Ecola: Police assist Cannon Beach police.

5:39 a.m., 800 block S. Holladay: Police assist firefighters and Medix on a call.

9:03 a.m., Broadway Park: Animal abuse is reported.

10:29 a.m., Estuary Parking: Subjects are trespassed for overnight parking.

10:52 a.m., Shore Terrace: Caller reports an old school bus parked in the area she believes people are camping in. Police check the vehicle and tag it for tow.

11:28 a.m., Holladay and Village Terrace: Person is advised to move her derelict-looking vehicles off the public road.

8:19 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports female attempting to enter parked vehicles.

May 9

6:55 a.m., 2500 block S. Roosevelt: An EMS call turns into a report of a deceased person.

10:50 a.m., 900 block Avenue S: Caller reports a subject who used a slingshot to launch a boulder. The subject is arrested and transported to the Clatsop County jail.

12:25 p.m., 900 block Avenue S: A person is arrested on a warrant.

4:23 p.m., 2000 block Cedar Street: A deceased person is

reported.

11:31 p.m., 1100 block Broadway: A person located on library property after hours is trespassed.

May 10

10:05 a.m., 500 block S. Edgewood: A disturbance is reported.

1:16 p.m., 700 block First Avenue: Caller reports a damaged vehicle in the street; on arrival, police arrest the operator for driving while intoxicated.

4:32 p.m., 1800 block Broadway: Caller reports an unspecified wild animal in the area. Police are unable to locate any animal.

5:44 p.m., 400 block Third Avenue: EMS call.

8:50 p.m., 700 block 16th Avenue: Police put a person on mental hold.

May 11

4:58 a.m., 300 block N. Prom: EMS call.

6:31 a.m., 1300 block Second Avenue: EMS call.

8:35 a.m., Avenue G: A disturbance is reported.

11:47 a.m., 1100 block Avenue F: Sex crimes are reported.

1:04 p.m., Avenue G: Hotel management requests police assistance removing an occupant from a room.

4:36 p.m., 1000 block S. Holladay: A person is arrested on a warrant.

8:16 p.m., 1400 block Broadway: A person is arrested on a warrant.

9:35 p.m., Turnaround: Vehicles are reported racing in the area.

May 12

2:29 a.m., 300 block N. Prom:

EMS call.

1:31 p.m., 1200 block S. Holladay: Forgery/fraud is reported.

3:09 p.m., 3500 block Sunset Blvd: A person is arrested on a warrant.

8:07 p.m., First and Necanicum: Suspicious circumstances are reported.

8:50 p.m., Tenth and Necanicum: Police respond to a report of two women fighting; on arrival, no one was seen causing a disturbance. Police talked to other people in the area who did not see or hear anyone fighting.

10:38 p.m., 400 block S. Holladay: EMS call.



Dog bite incident at state park

A dog attack was reported April 28 at 4 p.m. at Arcadia State Park. The reporting party said she was on the beach when contact was made with two people with two dogs. The person holding the leash of a pit bull dropped it and the pit bull attacked the reporting party's young sheltie. When the reporting party tried to intervene, she was bitten on the hand by the pit bull. Her dog ran across the beach and got to the highway where it ran across the road but was grabbed by someone who returned it to the owner, a 71-year-old woman, who took the dog to the vet in Seaside. She said she did not need medical attention for her hand. The person with the pit bull did not stick around to share their information. The reporting party was told to reach out to Clatsop County Animal Control to report what happened.

DEATH NOTICE

Marlin Leisey May 17, 2022

LEISEY, Marlin, 80, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

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