

1. 2:00 P.M. Agenda

Documents:

[2022-03-16 Agenda.pdf](#)

2. 2:00 P.M. Meeting Materials

Documents:

[Proposed Budget Schedule For FYE 23 \(Working Draft1\).Pdf](#)

[Email Chain Dawn Keller.pdf](#)

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**CITY OF YACHATS  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Yachats OR  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 2:00pm  
To Be Held Via Zoom**

**AGENDA**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Regular Council Meeting**

- I. Announcements, Correspondence, Proclamation
  
- II. Public Comment: Topics not listed on the agenda
  1. 5-minute limitation per person

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III. New Business

- A. Budget Committee Appointments
- B. Proposed Budget Schedule
- C. System and Processes

IV. Old Business

- A. Fourth of July

V. Reports

- A. Financial
- B. Council
- C. City Manager

VI. Other Business

- A. From Mayor
- B. From Council
- C. From Staff

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**City of Yachats Proposed Budget Schedule for FYE 23 (working draft 1)**

Wednesday, March 16: Appointments to Budget Committee seats B and C

Wednesday, March 16: Amend or approve budget schedule

Thursday, April 6: Council consideration of CIP plan

Wednesday, April 19: Council approval of CIP plan

Monday, April 25: Submit completed budget to staff for printing. Distribute electronically to Budget Committee members with printed copy to follow.

????: Publish Notices of Budget Committee hearings, as well as state revenue sharing to website and to News Times as paper of record. Waldport mentions publishing a “financial summary” as well. (Check requirements, but quite likely the first notice must be purchased no earlier than 30 days in advance, the 2<sup>nd</sup> notice at least 5 days after the first and at least 5 days before meeting. A previous worksheet indicated an affidavit is required. Unclear whether multiple meetings can all be noticed at one time, or whether each requires a separate notice.)

????: Packet for Budget Committee meeting 1 posted on or prior to this date

Monday, May 9: Budget Committee Meeting 1  
Urban Renewal Agency Budget for FY 22-23 including public hearing  
City Budget for FY 22-23: Public Hearing – Possible Uses for State Revenue Sharing, Debt service, Public Works Operating and Capital Funds

????: Packet for Budget Committee meeting 2 posted on or prior to this date

Monday, May 16: Budget Committee Meeting 2  
City Budget for FY 22-23 including public hearing: Continuation of discussion of Debt service, Public Works Operating and Capital Funds as needed, General Operating and Capital budgets

????: Packet for Budget Committee meeting 3 (if necessary) posted on or prior to this date

Monday, May 23: Budget Committee Meeting 3 (if necessary) City Budget for FY 22-23 ( including public hearing?)

Thursday, May 26: Publish financial summary, notice of Budget Hearing and notice of state revenue sharing in News Times (Min 14 days before the hearing. Also publish recommended budget to the City website.

Wednesday, June 15: City Council Hold budget hearing and deliberations. Adopt budget, approve tax rate, and elect to receive state revenue sharing.

Before June 30: File documents with ASSESSORS OFFICE AND COUNTY CLERK

Before June 30: Send letter certifying State Revenue Sharing hearings held AND send Resolution electing to receive State Revenue Sharing to Executive Department

## Re: Budget Committee

Leslie Vaaler <Leslie@YachatsMail.org>

Thu 2/10/2022 4:35 PM

To: Dawn Keller <dawnkeller@gmail.com>

Dear Dawn,

It is terrific to hear from you and good to learn that you would be willing to continue to fill seat C on the Budget Committee. You are not required to be present when Council considers appointments to the two seats, but I will let you know when we decide which meeting Council will be considering the matter.

Experience is certainly helpful, but there are also benefits from fresh perspectives. I would guess that is among the reasons why Oregon budget law requires the terms of the non-Council seats to have staggered ending dates.

Be well,  
Leslie

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**From:** Dawn Keller <dawnkeller@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 10, 2022 2:49 PM

**To:** Leslie Vaaler <Leslie@YachatsMail.org>

**Subject:** Re: Budget Committee

Hi Leslie,

Thank you for the notification. I would be very pleased to continue to fill seat C on the Budget Committee, and I think experience definitely matters in this instance! Dawn Keller

On Fri, Feb 4, 2022 at 1:49 PM Leslie Vaaler <[Leslie@yachatsmail.org](mailto:Leslie@yachatsmail.org)> wrote:

Dear Dawn and Don,

The terms of your appointments to the Budget Committee expired at the end of 2021. I want to thank you for all your work on the Budget Committee. I know it is a time-consuming task, but I hope you felt it was worthwhile!

I hope you will let me know if you wish to be considered for reappointment. Council may consider filling seats B and C as early as March 3, or we may wait until one of our April meetings. (Don, you held seat B and Dawn, you filled seat C.) I did note the vacancies in the February newsletter, and we may have some new volunteers to consider as well.

With appreciation,  
Leslie

## Re: Budget Committee Seats

Leslie Vaaler <Leslie@YachatsMail.org>

Fri 2/4/2022 3:46 PM

To: dongroth123@gmail.com <dongroth123@gmail.com>

Dear Don,

I'm glad to learn you are willing to be reappointed. Since this is a reappointment, your email is sufficient.

Best,  
Leslie

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**From:** dongroth123@gmail.com <dongroth123@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 3:38 PM

**To:** Leslie Vaaler <Leslie@YachatsMail.org>

**Subject:** RE: Budget Committee Seats

Dear Leslie,

Actually, Kimmie had said my term continued, but maybe she was unclear.

I would like to volunteer to be reconsidered to fill Seat B at a council meeting where the candidates are considered. I sent the email below before I saw you email just earlier. Let me know if I need me to complete any form to be submitted requesting that I be reconsidered for Seat B.

Thanks,

Don Groth

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**From:** Leslie Vaaler <Leslie@YachatsMail.org>

**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 1:58 PM

**To:** dongroth123@gmail.com

**Subject:** Re: Budget Committee Seats

Dear Don,

Today's to-do list including sending an email to you and Dawn Keller, and that just went out. You and Dawn held the two seats whose terms expired (seats B and C). Beyond what I said to both of you, I want to recognize the tremendous role you have played for many years in budget preparations and in reviewing financial statements, as well as with your active participation on the Finance Committee and on the Public Works and Streets Commission. Personally, I hope you are in good health and will continue to want to volunteer your expertise to the city for years to come!

Best regards,  
Leslie

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**From:** [dongroth123@gmail.com](mailto:dongroth123@gmail.com) <[dongroth123@gmail.com](mailto:dongroth123@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 1:01 PM

**To:** Leslie Vaaler <[Leslie@YachatsMail.org](mailto:Leslie@YachatsMail.org)>

**Subject:** Budget Committee Seats

Hello Mayor Leslie,

I notice in the February newsletter that two seats on the Budget Committee are open. Which seats are Open and who was in the seats for last committee meeting?

Thanks,  
Don Groth



# CITY OF YACHATS

PO Box 345 (501 N. Highway 101), Yachats OR 97498

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Relay Oregon 800-735-2900 (TDD)

City Manager's City Council Report

3-16-22

Elected officials	<p>Provided weekly reports to council members.          Worked on a Commission Project form and process.          Started planning future council meetings and needed materials for agenda</p>
City Hall Operations	<p>Continued processing backlog of permits, licenses, taxes and utility billing          March Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 am to 4 pm (please use the drive through)          April Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 am to 4 pm          Otherwise by appointment.          Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Noon to 1 pm for Lunch</p>
City Facilities	<p>Had birds (humanely) removed from the attic of City Hall.          Met with Lincoln County LEADS (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) to work with our houseless population that are sleeping outside our facilities.          City Hall March Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 am to 4 pm          April Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 am to 4 pm          (Please use the drive through)          Otherwise by appointment.          Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Noon to 1 pm for Lunch</p>
Staff and Volunteers	<p>Met with Staff, Volunteers and contractors          Interviewed for positions needed at City Hall          Worked on Workflow Chart, job descriptions and personnel policy and procedures.</p>
Water/Waste Water Operations	<p>Maintained facilities operations, ordered and received materials and supplies.          Attended meetings with commissions, contractors and coordinated professional services          Reviewed, managed and reported on grants</p>
Public Works and Streets Commission	<p>Met with County over finalizing the city's incorporation Ocean view drive          East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street: Review, discussion and planning around engineer's drawings          Cleared city drains from debris; repaired and maintained city equipment</p>
Planning Commission	<p>Housing Needs Assessment (grant) committee held first meeting          Received and reviewing Parking Assessment (grant)</p>
Library Commission	<p>Added the requested a part time Librarian to be staffed by the city to the personnel worksheet for the 22/23 budget.</p>
Friends of the Library	<p>Selected an Architect from RFQ and is requesting a proposal</p>
Parks and Commons Commission	<p>COMMONS: Interior Painting project continues in the Commons          GREEN SPACE: Reviewed RFQ responses and selected 4 Architects for RFP request</p>
Friends of the Little Log Church	<p>Civil West is providing scope of work for the Structural Engineering Assessment          Neighbors report of houseless community camping in garden</p>
Finance committee	<p>Reviewed current status of finances          Prepared for annual audit          Met twice for CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) current status review and future budgets.</p>



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Budget Committee	Reviewed current status 22/23 Budget Schedule proposed Accepting volunteer applications for Budget Committee
Trails Committee	AMANDA TRAIL: Suspension bridge project completed and will be dedicated (and celebrated) May 21,22 BOARDWALK: scope of work being produced by engineers 804: SHPO and archeologist consulted about pocket parks
Emergency Preparedness Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>●Met with Jenny Damaris and was orientated on trainings and certificates required (and provided) for myself, elected officials, staff and volunteers</li><li>● Commission discussed placement of Conex for emergency supplies</li></ul>

## NOTES:

Mayor Vaaler and I have been planning and preparing for future council meetings.

Future agenda contents for Council Packets:

Approval of Council minutes

Provide Commission and Committee minutes to council

Proclamations

Public comment

Commission Project Updates

Policy, Code and Ordinances changes

Finance Report

City Manager's Report

Councilor's comments

Upcoming Events



# City of Yachats Volunteer Agreement

City of Yachats  
441 Highway 101 N  
PO Box 345  
Yachats, OR 97498

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Phone: 541-547-3565  
Fax: 541-547-3063

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Thank you for your interest in volunteering for City of Yachats. We look forward to partnerships with volunteers to enable us to effectively serve the citizens of our community. In order to ensure the safety of our volunteers and protect the interests of City of Yachats, we require potential volunteers to complete this questionnaire form and participate in a background check. Thank you for volunteering.

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First Name                      W John

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Last Name                      Moore

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Address                         P.O. Box 595

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City                                Yachats

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State                              OR

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Zip Code                        97498

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Daytime Phone                541-547-4945

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Evening Phone                541-547-4945

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Email                             [wjm1008@yahoo.com](mailto:wjm1008@yahoo.com)

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Volunteer Activity

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Please describe the type of volunteer work you are interested in performing or activity/event you wish to volunteer for.

Budget Committee

Please list the date(s) or range of dates for which you would like to volunteer

*Field not completed.*

Statement of Interest or Related Experience for Commissions & Committees

Budget Committee 2017-2020 (Chair 2018-20); Finance Committee 2016 to date; Parks & Commons Commission 2016-2018 (Chair 2017-18); Public Works & Streets Commission Chair 2017-2018

Upload document, if needed

*Field not completed.*

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#### References

*Please list two references that are **not related to you** and that have knowledge of your relevant experience for the type of volunteer activity you are interested in.*

#### Reference 1

First Name

Dave

Last Name

Buckwald

Address

P.O. Box 345

City

Yachats

State

OR

Zip Code

97498

Phone Number 541-547-3565

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Relationship Associate

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Years Known 6

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Reference 2

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First Name Rick

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Last Name McClung

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Address P.O. Box 345

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City Yachats

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State OR

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Zip Code 97498

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Phone Number 541-547-3565

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Relationship Associate

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Years Known 6

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Emergency Information

*Name and contact information for the person(s) to reach in the event of an emergency.*

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Name Sara L.Moore

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Phone Number 541-547-4945

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Relationship Spouse

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Name *Field not completed.*

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Phone Number *Field not completed.*

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Relationship *Field not completed.*

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I understand and agree to the following:

- I will keep all issues pertaining to city business confidential
- I may be subject to background and motor vehicle record checks.
- I will adhere by Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA) safety standards and training I am provided.
- I have read and understand the Volunteer Policy.

I hereby certify that the facts set forth in this volunteer registration are true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if the information given in my registration, resume, or any other materials, or during any interview, is found to be false in any way, it shall be considered sufficient cause for denial of volunteer status.

I understand that City of Yachats is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position and that nothing contained in the volunteer registration form is intended to create a contract between City of Yachats and me. In addition to the above items, I agree to comply with the policies, rules, regulations, and procedures of City of Yachats, which I understand may change at any time and I understand that my volunteer status can be terminated with or without cause or notice, at any time, at the option of either me or City of Yachats.

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Signature W. John Moore

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Date 2/14/2022

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Required for all Minors: Parent or Guardian's Authorization for Medical Care & Consent to Agreement

*I PARENT/GUARDIAN as parent or legal guardian, hereby grant permission for MINOR to do volunteer work for City of Yachats. In the event of an emergency, accident, or illness, I authorize City of Yachats and its employees to administer emergency medical care to my child and/or, if deemed necessary, to secure emergency medical services and incur expenses for which I will be responsible for payment. My signature in the following hereby represents that I have read, understand, and to this agreement.*

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Parent/Guardian *Field not completed.*

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Minor *Field not completed.*

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Signature *Field not completed.*

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Date *Field not completed.*

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**City of Yachats**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**  
**March 3, 2022**

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**Present:** Mary Ellen O’Shaughnessey, Anthony Muirhead, Greg Scott, Council President, Ann Stott, Mayor, Leslie Vaaler, City Manager, Heide Lambert, Carl Miller, Karl Christensen, George Mazeika, Fran Morse

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Work Session called to order at 9:30 am

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**Little Log Church and Museum**

(1:00) Lambert indicated in an effort to learn more about this situation and has been spending the last two weeks putting together information and history. She invited anyone to share information with her. Indicated she showed the Letter of Intent to the City Attorney and she was advised not to send it. Attorney advised the letter was not showing the “big picture” and a finalized idea. The question to the Council is: Are we trying to preserve, trying to repair or thinking about what the LLCM should be in the end. She indicated that this is a time to imagine what we want Yachats to look like when it is done.

(4:31) O’Shaughnessey concurred with Lambert and felt the LLCM are very important to Yachats She is against spending \$250K - \$500K just to repair what is there. She wants a vision of we want it to be. If Visitor Amenities is used there should be a museum for our history but also look towards the future. Perhaps make it interactive and sponsor events there.

(6:48) Vaaler reviewed some of the history of the Council’s process on this issue she asked the question: what can be done that will align with Council goals? She also brought up what Councilors ran on when running for Council. Councilor Scott spoke about values; Council President Stott spoke about transparency, She (Vaaler) spoke of community involvement and being careful with discretionary spending. She read a paragraph from the Voter Guide. She feels that the Council needs to look at a long-term big picture project. She brought up doing a survey.

(11:19) Stott felt that the Little Log Church and Museum (LLCM) has been transparent, the Board had an issue, they found a solution and approached Council and Council voted. She did not agree with the attorney’s interpretation of the Letter of Intent. She is frustrated and feels the mistakes of the past are being repeated many times decisions have been made in government, Yachats government and then nothing occurs. She further indicated that this should not be put into the “lap of the City Manager”. Indicated that the City Manager has done her due diligence and is trying to make a positive out of the negative dealt by the attorney. Very frustrated that a vote is taken and then there is no follow through.

(14:58) Muirhead indicated that the attorney was very clear and that “we’re playing politics” with \$500K. The longer it is talked about, the longer the difficult decision is put off. We’re kicking the can down the road when a decision clearly needs to be made.

(16:16) Vaaler interjected about the \$500K and referred to the August 18, 2021, Parks and Commons packet with figures form McClain Construction. She indicated that with the 20% cost increase that Larry Thornton indicated, the church part would be

1 approximate \$525K and then the next year for the museum part another \$130K - \$140K  
2 plus the 20%. Now the total is up to \$681K+. She just wanted to make clear that if the  
3 Council is thinking \$500K, “we’re fooling ourselves”.

4 (17:30) Stott indicated that she is certain no Council member has the expectation that  
5 the figure McClain gave in August is going to hold. She referred to the January 6, 2022,  
6 Council meeting where they discussed committing that first half million which is the  
7 purpose of the Letter of Intent.

8 (18:22) the remainder of the Council disagreed and Muirhead indicated the number was  
9 never discussed.

10 (18:40) O’Shaughnessey indicated she specifically asked what the vote was for as she  
11 did not want to vote on the entire sum of money because she had not yet made up her  
12 mind if she wanted to spend that much. She referred to using Visitor Amenities and  
13 making sure anything done will appeal and attract visitors.

14 (19:50) Vaaler indicated that there is a “short list” of usage that Visitor Amenity money  
15 can be used for and we need to use caution.

16 (20:30) Vaaler asked Scott if he had any input. He indicated that the Community,  
17 Council and City are facing challenges not visible to the public. He would like to rely of  
18 the Commissions and other sources on this project. He wants to be able to trust others  
19 to be truthful about what we are doing. He indicated that as the longest serving Council  
20 member this building has come before the Council several times; he has concerns of  
21 the viability of the existing structure and is struggling; he would like someone else to  
22 make the decision.

23 (22:16) Vaaler spoke to the building viability in terms of long range planning; what kind  
24 of maintenance budget would be needed, what would be insurance costs, etc. Felt that  
25 the Council needed to advise the community of the long terms costs as well as the on  
26 time cost at this time.

27 (23:07) O’Shaughnessey indicated one way or another a decision has to be made. Felt  
28 the Council has to make the hard decision. She is not against spending the money; she  
29 just wants to do it carefully. She advised that people have stopped her on the street and  
30 she knows that LLCM is important to many people and she is hopeful that something  
31 can be done.

32 (24:59) Vaaler advised she would like to see this project in terms of “other asks” Council  
33 has. She indicated that at the last Parks and Commons Commission they talked about  
34 the City buying the old Landmark property., there are almost weekly asks that are  
35 discretionary spending for the City and we have to look at the bigger picture. She went  
36 on to read portions of the information forwarded by Fresh Air. She went on to say she  
37 spoke to Carl Miller, Karl Fredrickson (Christensen) and James Kerti and asked them to  
38 indicate what is the essence of the building, what are we preserving? She doesn’t want  
39 to spend \$750K on a building that people aren’t happy with because it is missing that  
40 essence. She indicated until she has that information and input of how the community  
41 feels she cannot support the project at this time.

42 (28:35) Lambert expressed thanks for the input and reiterated that she feels the  
43 museum is part of the big picture for the City and that it is a “money maker” in that it is  
44 viable for grants. She felt the museum should be phase I to appeal to tourists, etc. and  
45 that would be more potential for grants and other funding sources. Her opinion is “if

1 we're going to do it, do it right and do it the big way, the dream way"; don't just throw  
2 band aids on.

3 (31:21) Based on what Lambert just said, Vaaler indicated on May 21<sup>st</sup> there is the  
4 dedication of the Amanda Bridge coming up. There will be a sizeable group of native  
5 people coming and she wondered as part of the museum if we could tap into their  
6 history and perhaps get some financial assistance.

7 (33:25) Lambert responded that she had looked up Yachats Wikipedia and learned that  
8 one of the oldest pit houses was here and was carbon dated to 500 AD. She thought it  
9 would be cool to build a replica pit house next to LLCM so children could see the  
10 different living structures and ways people lived here. An example of how we could  
11 present different histories applicable to people traveling up and down the coast.

12 (34:18) Stott redirected the conversation to whether there will be a building for the  
13 LLCM. She indicated she felt the urgency was no longer in saving the building and  
14 referred to the engineer's report indicating the twisting of the building.

15 (36:03) Scott indicated his concern about a survey is that we have a Commission and  
16 that the Council needs to listen to the Commission for advice. He acknowledged that  
17 this was a Council Work Session, but knew that George Mazeika had something to say  
18 and he'd (Scott) like to hear what he has to say.

19 (36:31) Vaaler indicated she did not want this to become an open session but said if  
20 Scott wanted to yield his time to Mazeika she would allow it in this one instance. She  
21 then told Mazeika he could speak as chair of the commission or individual, whichever.

22 (37:02) Mazeika indicated he is unhappy with the conversation. "All of the topics  
23 discussed here have been discussed by the LLCM Board and Parks and Commons  
24 Commission and either the Council has not paying attention to our recommendations or  
25 didn't understand them, or just wants to micromanage." As chair of the Commission he  
26 would not want to spend any more time discussing this. All these points have been  
27 discussed and the focus is saving the structure which has always been a museum. His  
28 understanding was the Letter of Intent was going to the City Attorney to get  
29 recommendations of how the language should be phrased. The Letter of Intent was not  
30 committing the City to \$500K or whatever. The Letter of Intent was committing the City  
31 to do the project and move to the next phase which was to find out exactly what it would  
32 cost and then determine if it was feasible to continue. None of these discussions  
33 included the possibility of fund raising or grant raising so it still a question as to how  
34 much it would cost the City out of pocket. Mazeika indicated he is not sure where to go  
35 with this. All of these discussions have been had and Council has been informed and  
36 part of the focus of saving the structure and then moving on to how it would become a  
37 wider part of the community. He thanked Scott for the opportunity to speak.

38 (39:26) Vaaler asked Lambert is she wanted to add anything.in response to  
39 Commission Chair, Mazeika. She addressed the feedback from the attorney:  
40 The first questions being: was the situation an emergency? The response was it was  
41 not an emergency so bids would need to be obtained. She continued explaining her  
42 discussion with Attorney Williamson. He told her that the number is known and that  
43 should go before the Council. She felt such a vote would not pass and so has been  
44 trying to imagine the bigger picture and make it happen. She had concerns of repairing  
45 the building where it no longer looked like the original structure.



- 1 (42:07) O'Shaughnessey asked Mazeika what has been discussed regarding the vision  
2 for the Future of the Museum because she missed it.
- 3 (42:32) Mazeika indicated those discussions have been held by the LLCM Board, Parks  
4 and Commons Commission. All along the Council has been informed that structurally  
5 we have an emergency there have been many discussions on how to make the  
6 materials in the museum available to a wide public. He said the Commissions have  
7 been asked to take on a lot and they are capable of doing it but the council does not  
8 accept the Commission's recommendations. It is a given that the Museum is not going  
9 to be a log church museum; the focus is on it being a museum irrespective of how it  
10 works. That all has come out of LCCM Board meetings. He is extremely frustrated that  
11 we are going back to have discussions that have already been had. Either you trust the  
12 Commissions and rely on them to supply accurate information and move of that  
13 information or you get rid of the Commissions and do everything yourselves.
- 14 (44:20) Lambert indicated she felt the third option is the Plan. The discussions have  
15 been held and now we need the Plan and the first step could be the urgent repairs. She  
16 felt an actual plan was needed and did not intend that as disrespect to the Commission  
17 and the work they have done. All of that can be integrated into the Plan. If a specific  
18 plan was provided it would be easier for the Council to invest in it.
- 19 (45:12) Muirhead discussed not being able to count on fund raising. Hoen, while she  
20 was here, attempted to raise money for this is project and those efforts were not fruitful.  
21 He also indicated that before the pandemic the business community was approached  
22 and that was not met with a lot of support. Spending a half million dollars of the Visitor  
23 Amenity Fund was not supported by the business community.
- 24 (46:40) Stott discussed the that purpose of the Letter of Intent was to get the structural  
25 engineering survey done so then prices of materials, etc. could be obtained and a cost  
26 would be calculated. Without the survey, we'll never know what the cost.
- 27 (48:50) Lambert referred to the Field Investigation Report done by Fresh Air Group and  
28 that is where the \$437,638 came from. She felt that no one wants to kick this issue  
29 down the road but also no one wants to see this end. She indicated there needs to be  
30 more choices than one or the other; have a survey done or have the Commissions  
31 come up with a plan.
- 32 (50:17) Stott indicated the Field Assessment was very minimal and nowhere near what  
33 a structural engineer would do so that needs to be done to get a clear picture of cost.
- 34 (51:18) O'Shaughnessey asked for clarification on the \$437,638; that's just for the Little  
35 Log Church, not the museum.
- 36 (52:11) Vaaler interjected what the amount for the museum might be and then reiterated  
37 all the different monies that would need to be spent on this project. She also addressed  
38 Mazeika indicating that the Parks and Commons Commission was appreciated.  
39 She continued by referring to when council voted on the weatherization that a survey be  
40 done of the community before further work be attempted.
- 41 (54:08) O'Shaughnessey continued with her questions. Since the building is twisted  
42 does that mean the building will be taken down and rebuilt?
- 43 (54:33) Stott answered saying the roof will be raised and put a foundation under the  
44 building, do repairs and then lower the roof.
- 45 (55:31) Vaaler questioned where to go from here.

1 (56:15) Stott indicated if structural engineering designs were not going to be obtained,  
 2 nothing will get done on the building and that leaves two options: (1) decide to spend  
 3 whatever, between \$10K - \$14K for the structural engineering study; or (2) agree to kill  
 4 the project as it now exists with the understanding the building may not exist by the time  
 5 we get a decision.

6 (59:40) Lambert agreed that the structural engineering did supply the plan but at this  
 7 time it only refers to the repairs of the church and not the whole picture.

8 (1:00:23) Stott agreed that the big picture is important but right now we either plan to fix  
 9 the existing structure or start making plans for demolition.

10 (1:00:56) Scott indicated this conversation has been helpful and agrees with Council  
 11 President Stott. There is no downside to obtaining the structural engineering. He  
 12 indicated he is in favor of going forward in obtaining the structural engineering study and  
 13 report.

14 (1:01:45) Muirhead indicated Council has already unanimously voted to get the  
 15 assessment. The issue is they wanted the Letter of Intent which the attorney told us we  
 16 should not send unless we were committed to spending \$437,638.

17 (1:02:55) Vaaler questioned Scott's comment regarding the engineering report as  
 18 opposed to his vote regarding the engineering report for La De Da Lane. She indicated  
 19 that he was in the minority on that issue, the money was spent and then the project was  
 20 not done. She thought perhaps something could be learned from that.

21 (1:03:40) Scott corrected Vaaler's interpretation of his vote indicating he just not see the  
 22 need for the road; causing traffic concerns for the church and it seemed like an  
 23 unnecessary project being done because someone got a grant.

24 (1:04:31) O'Shaughnessey agreed about the vote for the structural engineering and  
 25 discussed more about bids and the money being spent. More discussion was held.

26 (1:0:09) Muirhead asked Lambert if we could ask the lawyer if there is a way to word the  
 27 letter to say we are not making a commitment to spending any money we just need an  
 28 updated assessment of the costs. Lambert described various avenues the Council could  
 29 take.

30 (1:10:53) Vaaler closed the work session and granted a two minute break.

31 Meeting called to order by Mayor Vaaler at 10:54 am

32 **I. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PROCLAMATIONS**

33 **II.** (1:17:02) Vaaler advised that she and other Councilors have another meeting  
 34 at 1:30 so this meeting will have to close at 12:30 pm, possibly cutting some  
 35 agenda items.

36 (1:17:47) Dahl's recycling was going to end on March 1. Through testimony  
 37 and written letters for a House Bill, an agreement was made by DEQ to  
 38 accept another 1M pounds of recycling as well as keeping the two units at  
 39 Dahl open for the calendar year.

40 (1:18:53) a meeting was scheduled with the County for March 16, but the  
 41 County advised they wanted to cancel the meeting until they hired a County  
 42 Administrator.

43 **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

44 None.

1 **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

2 **A. Discussion of How to Convey Council's Requests to Commissions**  
3 **and How to Follow-up**

4 (1:20:11) Vaaler gave a brief background on the issue.

5 (1:21:15) O'Shaughnessey advised that on the drafted form there be  
6 specific questions from the Council. Verbal communication is good but  
7 having a written history is even better. If we expect the Commission to  
8 communicate to Council then the Council also needs to communicate  
9 clearly to the Commission.

10 (1:24:26) Stott felt there were a few things involved: (1) when a request is  
11 made for action a date or timeline needs to be set. (2) keep the form  
12 general; and (3) key points discussed by Council. Discussion was held  
13 regarding the form and the best way to communicate. O'Shaughnessey  
14 and Stott agreed to work on a draft.

15 (1:29:43) Scott advised he is not speaking as a Councilor but as a project  
16 manager working with the City Manager. He has been working to come  
17 up with a system that documents, internally, with the City and with the  
18 public.

19 (1:32:16) Vaaler asked if Scott had any problem with O'Shaughnessey  
20 and Stott proceeding and he said he did not it was content versus  
21 structure.

22 **B. Keeping a Record: What We Have Lost During the Pandemic (agenda**  
23 **item suggested by Anthony Muirhead at Council's Goal Session)**

24 (1:33:24) Vaaler reviewed the purpose of this, maintaining good  
25 institutional memory and how we might recapture some of these things.

26 (1:34:08) Muirhead continued to discuss the importance of being cautious  
27 but also getting back to where we were. He specified that a big part of our  
28 identity is hosting the various events that we do.

29 (1:36:32) Stott advised that Parks and Commons has been discussing this  
30 topic and reaching out to groups who have booked in the past.

31 (1:32:34) Muirhead continued by saying we need to get back to normal  
32 functioning and not always at emergency mode.

33 (1:39:06) Stott brought Council's attention to a chat comment from  
34 Quentin Smith regarding Fourth of July. She said events like this are  
35 definitely things that can be addressed.

36 (1:40:27) Vaaler asked each councilor to think about what is missing from  
37 our community that we had prior to the pandemic. She gave some  
38 examples of things that come to mind for her.

39 (1:42:42) Mazeika advised reopening the Commons for the last six months  
40 he mentioned different events and festivals and discussed how to  
41 proceed.

42 (1:44:17) O'Shaughnessey o discussed the festivals and that the Agate  
43 Festival was planned in January during the slow season for businesses.

1 She indicated that although this was discontinued before the pandemic  
2 she misses the Yachats Arts and Sciences Academy.

3 (1:44:27) Vaaler asked if there is any step the Council wants to take

4 (1:45:54) O'Shaughnessey indicated a big topic is when is the Council  
5 going to meet in person again. She has "mixed feelings" because more  
6 people seem to participate via Zoom. She realizes that meeting in person  
7 changes the dynamics of the meeting.

8 (1:47:28) Stott felt the sooner in person meetings can happen, the better  
9 but that the City is also responsible for providing remote access. She  
10 thinks a date needs to be set to resume. Perhaps just Council first and  
11 Commission still meet via Zoom.

12 (1:49:26) Scott brought up a technical item. Wi-Fi in the Commons has  
13 been disassembled he would be happy to assist with that.

### 14 C. City Hall Hours

15 (1:51:29) Lambert addressed the hours of City Hall and didn't want to  
16 minimize people's ability to reach City Hall, but as an example, when she  
17 came in the morning there were 100 messages on the voice mail—it takes  
18 a lot of time going through those. She mentioned that the staff at City Hall  
19 wasn't here a year ago whereas Kimmie was here for ten years. She  
20 expressed gratitude for the citizen's patience and advised that there are  
21 staff members doing jobs they weren't hired to do. Between illness and  
22 family there was never more than three people in City Hall at a time. She  
23 changed the hours so that he staff didn't get sick and allow staff to focus  
24 on tasks. She is diligently trying to get more staff. Current hours are:  
25 closed to the public on Mondays and Fridays unless by appointment;  
26 Tuesday through Thursday 9-4 the drive through is open. She has been  
27 meeting with people via zoom, but advised this past week she has spent a  
28 lot of time with the Finance Committee because she needs to get a handle  
29 on what the finances are before she can advise Council to make  
30 decisions. She spoke of how the City Hall Structure was six people and  
31 they currently have three. She thanked everyone for their patience and  
32 support and asked for a little more because "we're not out of the woods  
33 yet".

## 34 V. OLD BUSINESS

### 35 A. Next Steps for 2022 Goals

36 (1:59:54) Vaaler advised Goal 1 was accomplished by hiring a City  
37 Manager and good progress has been made with a Finance Committee.  
38 She went on to say several of the goals had to do with water and asked if  
39 there should be a meeting about the water topics.

40 (2L01:42) Stott spoke to the water issues, indicating that she felt a special  
41 council meeting dealing with only water projects was necessary and soon.

42 (2:02:59) Vaaler asked if a regular April meeting would be sufficient. Stott  
43 questioned using a regular meeting just for water issues.

1 (2:03:53) O'Shaughnessey felt the Council needed a session to "take a  
2 deep dive" into water and that it be well advertised so the community is  
3 aware.

4 (2:04:33) Scott reminded the Council that their responsibility is policy and  
5 the big picture. Felt it premature to talk about specific topics and that  
6 Council needs to come to a consensus about the broader issues. He also  
7 felt the Chair of Public Works be present and a full participant in the  
8 discussions.

9 (2:05:46) Lambert suggested a Town Hall structure, where different  
10 people can come and make presentations Discussion was held regarding  
11 how the meeting should be structured.

12 (2:08:25) Vaaler also brought up the comprehensive community survey  
13 and who is doing it and what steps need to be taken to get it going.

14 (2:09:46) Scott indicated he felt strongly that this was a task that should be  
15 handled by the Planning Commission and discussed why. He also  
16 indicated that a Comprehensive Survey was done in 2004 and when a  
17 new one was done it should at least contain the same questions so a  
18 baseline can be determined. He was on that Commission at the time. He  
19 went on to say it was an extensive year-long process.

20 (2:12:28) Vaaler spoke about the process and she is not sure if this  
21 belongs to the Planning Commission or a Community Involvement  
22 Committee.

## 23 VI. REPORTS

### 24 A. City Manager

25 (2:14:14) Lambert reported that she did not get to put together a report for  
26 this meeting. Vaaler did say that Lambert has been sticking to sending  
27 Council a weekly summary of what she has accomplished.

## 28 VII. OTHER BUSINESS

29 (2:15:23) Vaaler asked how does the Council want to proceed with what was  
30 discussed in the work session? Calling a special meeting, does someone  
31 want to make a motion?

### 32 A. From Mayor

33 (2:16:05) the mayor indicated she signed an IGA from the Forest Service  
34 regarding the north side of Gerdemann Gardens.

35 (2:16:43) O'Shaughnessey interjected that something needs to be done  
36 about LLCM even if it goes on the next agenda; a decision has to be  
37 made. It is a hard decision and she felt that Council owed the people who  
38 put so much time into this issue need to have an answer.

39 (2:17:54) Muirhead indicated he thought there was interest in obtaining the  
40 engineering report without sending a Letter of Intent.

41 (2:18:40) Lambert requested a qualifying question: If the building needs to  
42 be repaired, is getting an engineering report going to hold the building until

1 the repairs are made? Discussion was held regarding timing, repairs, bids,  
2 etc.

3 (2:28:31) Stott moved **to instruct our very swamped City Manager to**  
4 **seek out Structural Engineering plans for the Little Log Church**  
5 **ASAP.**

6 (2:29:23) Scott wanted to make clear that the structural part is the  
7 foundation and the ability of the structure to stand up and hold.

8 (2:31:37) Vaaler questioned if this is a motion to do that no matter what it  
9 costs or if the City Manager thinks the price is reasonable. Lambert  
10 explained what she thought the motion meant and that was to find  
11 engineering firms to come and do a plan, how much it would cost and how  
12 long it would take.

13 (2:32:26) Stott modified the motion: **to instruct the City Manager to seek**  
14 **out Structural Engineering plans for the Little Log Church ASAP and**  
15 **engaging the engineer as long as it under \$20K.**

16 (2:33:03) Lambert advised that when she gets the estimates back she will  
17 give that information to Council in her weekly reports and not make a  
18 decision without Council approval. Stott struck her amended motion and  
19 referred back to the original motion.

20 **to instruct our very swamped City Manager to seek out Structural**  
21 **Engineering plans for the Little Log Church ASAP.**

22 **Vote:** O'Shaughnessey, yes; Scott, yes; Muirhead, no; Stott, yes; Vaaler,  
23 no. **Motion carried. 3 yes, 2 no.**

#### 24 **B. From Council**

25 (2:34:44) Stott indicated two items, one of which she asked to be on the  
26 agenda. The Parks and Commons Commission voted unanimously to  
27 encourage the Council to purchase now for sale Landmark property for a  
28 park and a great anchor to the 804 trail. She is requesting this be on the  
29 agenda for the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion was held. Mazeika  
30 indicated he emailed Lambert with information. He further indicated that  
31 since the article in the Yachats News he was contacted by a well know  
32 resident of Yachats who pledged \$100K towards the purchase of the  
33 property and would be willing to contribute more. They asked to remain  
34 anonymous until they were sure the Council was serious about going  
35 forward with it. Current asking price is \$525K, he felt it could be acquired  
36 for less.

37 (2:39:15) The second item she wanted to get on record and get on the  
38 agenda. She would like a discussion on public restrooms.

#### 39 **C. From Staff**

40 Nothing.

41 **Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.**

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