

City Council Work Session & Regular Meeting

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SPEAKERS

Present: Catherine Whitten-Carey, Greg Scott, Barry Collins, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy, Mayor Berdie, Walter Orchard, Sara Heard, Tracy Altson, Jamie Dunphy, George Giroux, Jim Welch, Shelley Shrock, Joanne Kittel, Kimmie Jackson, Sandy Dunn

Announcements, Proclamations and Correspondence 0:58

Lincoln County Resource Parenting information in the packet.

Mayor Berdie read a proclamation regarding Joanne Kittel and her work for the betterment of the Yachats community. Discussion regarding Joanne's accomplishments and others she has worked with.

Public Comment

Sandy Dunn 11:03

I just have one comment. I read a couple of things lately, that you might be replacing the reader board, which is not a bad idea, but you might make sure you look at the code and make sure that you don't use digital signs because they're prohibited.

Jim Welch 11:37

Yeah, I think you can't use flashing signs, but we'll verify that.

Short conversation regarding safety and those denied a sign previously.

Consent Agenda 12:14

Questions on the consent agenda. We do not have the committee or commission summaries.

City Manager's Report included in packet

Public Works Reports included in packet

Financial Reports included in packet

Kimmie Jackson 12:25

Lorraine and I are getting close with summaries, she's working on them this week.

Kimmie Jackson 12:46

I was just going to mention that the financial reports are attached but have not been approved yet. So just for information purposes.

Mayor Berdie 12:58

I did have a question on something in the City Manager's Report. It was something about the north end of the roof and I think I've mentioned this before, we don't know how many years ago, less than five looking for an entire roof replacement. I was curious why that may have failed. And if there was any warranty for that work.

Rick Sant 13:19

The short answer is yes. There probably is going to be some warranty work done. So the costs will be low. It was mostly a design issue. It wasn't that the work wasn't done well. It just isn't running off the way it should. Continued discussion on items in the City Manager's Report: staff at City Hall, Civic Plus, Go Yachats... tagging is gone, mask signs coming down.

Mayor Berdie 15:30

Alright, before we do that, I do want to note that actually look at the financial reports and there's nothing to be concerned about. the amounts are not large. still, you know, September. we're not we don't get our revenue in till the end of September, but we are running slightly over budget, like for 4% to 6% sort of these little numbers. do I have a motion to approve the consent agenda?

Greg Scott 20:40

So move with the stipulation that the missing item is not included. Motion carried.

Sara Hurd 21:17

I'm Sarah Hurd. I'm an education specialist and our county's Tobacco Prevention and Education Program Coordinator coming county to the public health departments. Presentation on tobacco prevention efforts here in Lincoln County. Looking to pass a county Ordinance regarding tobacco retailers.

Jamie Dunphy, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network 33:18

An organization, a group of 65 statewide organizations, that have been trying to convince the state legislature to pass a bill to end the sale of all flavored tobacco products in Oregon. Continued presentation with statistics re: underage smoking and measures to lower those numbers.

Mayor Berdie 32:42

So I think we would be supportive of a resolution might suggest working with our city recorder and city manager to get something with some language on our agenda.

Jamie Dunphy 32:54

Thank you very much. Thank you guys.

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Thank you

Mayor Berdie 33:04

talented

Greg Scott 33:09

there we say good looking

Mayor Berdie 33:17

all right. The next item was the Library Commission vote but I see there was two items, sort of related items in the packet. So I wasn't quite sure what where we're at with this. The first item seems to be the sort of a one year anniversary of our administrator update that you lead with that and before we go to the vote of a new

Sandy Dunn 33:41

commissioner prefer to do it. Yeah, why don't you sit up here?

Mayor Berdie 33:47

Give us your name.

Tracy Altson 33:50

All right. I'm Tracy Olson. I've met most of you I am your library administrator. I've been doing this job for a year, as of last Friday. So Rick and I were talking we thought this would be a good time to give you a little bit of a library update. Talk a little bit about what I've done in the past year what the library has added or changed to share. I'm not going to challenge this because I think you know what our challenges or our upcoming challenges are going to be when they make the move and expansion. Moving everything basically four times are we here to comments, partner to warehouse and then back again. So we've got a big year, year and a half ahead of us. But I want to talk about a retrospective on the last four and I'm going to read you some information and I will answer any questions you might have. So my goal has been to keep all the shifts covered at the library we have we are open 26 hours a week, six days a week for approximately three to five hours. Keep the chips covered, bring on new people as needed, have productive meetings and keep the staff happy by ensuring their needs are met. I tried to go beyond their expectations with thank you thank you cards and gift cards and occasionally have food or treats or weed games. So I'm working with volunteers. I try to come from a place of gratitude because they are giving the gift of their time to keep our library going. I have my first or nearly have my first yearly state report under my belt. It's a Whopper with over 1000 different data points. Sure you're familiar with this report. It's huge categories range from financial script or digital library, which obviously is changing to volunteer hours to the size of circulations. Including eBooks and audiobooks. Speaking of volunteer hours, we have 3500 volunteer hours last fiscal year, which is really incredible for a library of our size and a population of our size as reference. 3500 hours is more than Albany Public Library had in the previous fiscal year, which is 21 to 22 while serving a population of over 57,000 Newberg or Newport, which serves 25,017 1000 people respectfully, we have more hours of volunteer time than those libraries. People like Sarah who supports Prince booksale Chuck who writes and rewrites our policies and procedures, Rebecca walk who does our ebook ordering and just trained everyone in our procedures for a new e reader. And Marian and Rose who have picked up lots of extra shifts when we have been short handed all of our standouts, but it takes a village. There are currently 30 volunteers who either have such shifts, or are solely substitutes, some are both new this year has been orderly guests the candy contests which I thought would be fun for the community. We brought

back summer reading of the summer reading program, we've added an e reader. thanks to the Friends of the Library and nine new volunteers. This morning. 11 of us had CPR training. We've increased our visibility on social media and we now have a mission statement. We've also had Narcan training, and we have Narcan in the library for use in the library. But we also will be becoming an official site for distribution of Narcan in ghats working with the harm reduction team and like accounting and these are nasal by the way they're not searched applications. Last but not least I lead a group of 17 people. Somerville library volunteers and others are community members. We walk on Thursday afternoons as part of a two year OHSU study. This strengthens community bonds and is brought in 5000 as yet another marked dollars the library participation. We've held meetings to discuss how we would handle our impending move to the commons. We have a good game plan and for where we move, what we move in terms of the commons versus the warehouse storage and how we handle it and our integrated library system. I'm sure there will be bumps in the road. My hope is that the messaging is timely to our patrons, and many of them because we've had this architectural drawings out for quite some time are already aware that it's coming, but everybody doesn't know the exact timing. So I want to make sure that I stuck with that messaging out. Sure there will be bumps in the road but I think we're on the right path. And that's really all I have aspirationally I'd like to see eventually we have our own website this library. We will need rules for the community rooms will have a new community room with expansions. And I will work with city manager on on that the rules and policies for that room. And then I'm still in the process of finalizing a Patreon policy which sets expectations for our patrons. There continues to be challenges on the largest in the library here in there. Well for the most part, it's it's going okay, but it's also been summer and it's in dryer, the libraries refuge for winter cold and wet days. So it's a balancing act. To make sure that everybody has free and free access but also the patrons that there's there's no we're hearing our patrons who are not on housed and trying to balance their needs and make sure that the library stays warm and welcoming for joining. So that's all good. I think it's good to get in front of you probably yearly. So maybe every September you want to have me on your agenda. We know we have things going going

Jim Welch 39:51

but Trish is a real rock star and you guys need to make sure the city mayor the new city manager takes care of her. You lose her and that's gonna hurt. The reason she's got 500 volunteers is because of the way she handles it. So

Mayor Berdie 40:11

any questions

Joann Kittel 40:12

from comments? City council. I think it's expanding even in terms of like the dark King versus just what I was like it's

Sandy Dunn 40:25

not. Yes, that's relatively new. Thank you.

Mary Eillen O'Shaughnessy 40:29

I've always thought that the good community has a good library that you need a good school system a new park, a good park system and a good library. So I think it is really important in this community in particular, and I came in 2002 My proudest day actually and I don't know if I supposed to get one I use my friend's address, but I gotta Yeah, had a car and went back and showed everybody. So I think libraries are so important to the health and welfare of the communities. And I think you've done some good things to our library has always been good. And I think I think you've moved. You've moved it for no other candy counting has me interested. South by anyway, so thank you so much. And thanks to all the volunteers, many of whom I know. They are fantastic and for dealing with our houseless people because I know there's challenges there but I know they appreciate having a place

Sandy Dunn 41:27

and like I said things are really shifting as the weather changes, hoping we'll have quite a few more probably in as we did last year. But when we move over here, the much smaller space so we'll see how that goes. But thank you

Mayor Berdie 41:41

and I have to see your library is you and the volunteers do such a wonderful job. You've done really great work, reinvigorating the volunteer base. You know, I read other small communities struggling with their libraries or losing their library. We have been so fortunate with tears in our leadership, bribery leadership, that it's not an issue at a strong wonderful, wonderful institution.

Jim Welch 42:11

Thank you. All right.

Mayor Berdie 42:15

There is a second order of business regarding liberty. Speaking of which, we have a application for a new commissioner. And so I wonder if st and could you step forward please? So I see on your application street that there's a lifelong user and your your appreciation also being a structural engineer. Not just a structural engineer, but a building, Denver building department. So could you kind of expand on how those two things tie together in terms of working on the structural side but also just as a general Library Commission.

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You know, my eyes a little blurps I've always been a very young age. I firmly believe it's a

Joann Kittel 43:29

great asset to the community and

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everything. It seems like works on a volunteer basis. And now that we live within the town of y'all heights, I'm eligible to volunteering to help in this position and I'm very interested in that.

Joann Kittel 43:51

Specifically, my background in structural engineering I for 30 plus years as a

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design professional as a consultant architects designing commercial, institutional and residential structures. And being that we have renovation and addition with the library. I thought possibly I could help with that. In addition, as you mentioned, I work for five plus years. The building department and as a planning review, engineer reviewing architectural and structural submittals for permits, I became very familiar with the building code, the Accessibility Code, the energy code specifically and I thought as we go into construction and renovation of library that maybe that knowledge would be helpful

Joann Kittel 44:52

to get us through that project.

Mayor Berdie 44:55

Yeah. Okay. Sounds like a great set of skills, a great skill set to bring to the position so appreciate that questions from any inconstant

Greg Scott 45:07

not a question but impressive resume, so I think you will be a real asset to the team. And as you know, your timing in terms of the building process is perfect. I don't know who recruited you made. The match well done.

Mayor Berdie 45:28

Yes. Okay. Do I have a motion to except St. Joe hot says the kind of look for the seat

Kimmie Jackson 45:40

number CP expiring 2023 The rest of this year. Okay.

Mayor Berdie 45:45

Do I have a motion? So moved. All those in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? The motion passes. Thank you know, we're gonna have another discussion later where I think structural engineering maybe kept that a secret guys just just just invite recycled next time there's no no written material. This is if you'll excuse me some extended action of mine. And that is that we are this item was brought to my attention by the our Yips, Arif Yachats, invasive plant here. We are having it we are starting to see significant amount of not Himalayan and Japanese knotweed. These plants are highly invasive. They are there's an area connector trail between King Streisand hill that was all BlackBerry five years ago. It is now two thirds, knotweed this plant outcompetes Himalayan Blackberry, it's anything right anything sends its roots down to meters in Oh, seven meters. So digging

Joann Kittel 47:23

Art Foundation. Yeah.

Mayor Berdie 47:26

It it's a it's a scourge. I will know that our community has done a wonderful job of managing gorse and

Greg Scott 47:39

I know actually driving is a big problem

Mayor Berdie 47:42

right now AV is a big problem. Awesome. Some of some weeds we've done a really good job on I'm concerned that if we don't get a jump on Himalayan on the knotweed that we're going to lose the battle very quickly and as a dry to the state. I see some cities where it's just endemic, it's everywhere in their cities. So the reason I want to put it on the table here is that there is only one known control mechanism for that is a sprain with herbicides, or injection or injection. Injection is challenging because you have to inject each plant. And so we have to come to the you know, from my perspective, it's the lesser of who we are. I will stand with anybody in terms of manually controlling weeds and a tremendous amount in my lifetime and I believe in it strongly, but there are some times that it's just not gonna work. Been we've been in communication with the Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District. They have very limited resources, but are willing to help us and I have asked of all the orchid to to I will be asking him to help coordinate with them in terms of prioritizing their primary water work primarily want to work on riparian areas. But we've got a lot of riparian areas that are upstream and that stuff just comes floating down. So while he did you have anything to add?

Walter Orchard 49:20

Um, yeah, I think you've pretty much covered it. I should say that. There's more than just two kinds of knotweed. There's there are other species and apparently, even in your hearts, there are one or two places where they are not weird hybrids. So it's, it's quite complex, but they're all bad and it's, it's, there's no no real advantage and distinguishing the different kinds from each other. The place I've really places I'm really concerned about are the the river river itself. Yes. And we're getting knotweed appear in yachts. On the riverbank, and it's all coming down river. It only needs a small fragment of a plant washing down in a storm to land on the bank to start a new a new infestation but north of the Dollar General Store that knotweed they're actually MLA and and Japanese knotweed there and they fighting each other for supremacy. But that has spread tremendously in the time I've been on ya hearts. There's a patch across 101 from Aqua Vista. It's just solid knotweed. And the fire department has serious Japanese knotweed. And the fire department knotweed is a interesting illustration. Of some years ago, they, they, I think they cut down a lot of it and put down weed mature weed cloth material. I don't know exactly what the treatment was. It knocked back the knotweed significantly. But as far as I can see, there's just no follow up. And that's, that's absolutely fatal with knotweed. Persistence is so important. You can't just treat it once and go away. It takes many years just to eradicate knotweed even from a small patch repeated treatments. Yeah, so I'm happy to contribute in any way I can. It's, it's much too big a job for the trails crew to check on any of those major knotweed outbreaks, although we do tackle small outbreaks that are manageable on a scale that doesn't need spraying. So we do what we can but we're not going to tackle any of those big outbreaks. Thank you care for.

Greg Scott 52:20

point of clarification, there have been a couple of references to knotweed flowing down the river. And that's because there's a patch of knotweed further up the river and the beavers. We do have beavers favorite for construction. So they're the ones that are chewing a bunch of it up and cause it flowing down the river. Those of us who live in quiet water Wally's was across the street from me monitor the

river edge in the riparian area. But it's some of the riparian areas hard to get to because of the city's origin. It's about not disturbing that areas. It's it's a bit of a challenge of its own. But it's the beavers that are causing that stuff to come down the

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river. Yeah, so I've just been reading about knotweed and rivers and King County in Washington. I've got a got some excellent information about how to deal with knotweed. But they make the point which is absolutely. You're going to argue with it if you're going to treat knotweed in a river. You'd need to start at the most upstream point and work your way down. Because otherwise, you're just gonna keep keep getting it, getting it feeding down to lower areas. Start at the at the very highest point in the river.

Greg Scott 53:46

You end up with a whack a mole problem here. Yeah.

Mayor Berdie 53:51

So we will coordinate with the Soil and Water Conservation District. At this point, it's just important for awareness that citizens understand it when one plan pops up. You can control it, you can identify it. Be careful, that's, that's where we're at.

Joann Kittel 54:12

I actually have someone on Third Street and it was told to me by Wally do not throw it in your compost bin. You must ask it and throw them in the garbage right volley. Yes,

Mary Eillen O'Shaughnessy 54:32

I'm just reading. I don't know anything about this. The chemical will be used but I am concerned about its impact. on animals. What's the research on that? I only say this because someone took care of my yard while I was gone here for six months and use something and my dog got poisoned in it. He obviously didn't do enough research so I'm a little sensitive to what it does to animals and he sprayed it on it and you know, dogs are out in the grass. So what is the I would like to know that no one else may really want to know it. But I would like to know Wally what is the research there? Does anyone

Joann Kittel 55:12

know? It's suddenly like sometimes it's not spraying but actually when you cut it down then like, inching on.

Mayor Berdie 55:23

Yeah, it's quite a feat. Right. When I was reading material, it actually has to be more diluted than you would get if you went to the store and bought a spray bottle on the research is that more dilution is more effective for some reason. And the most effective is to cut down nice plants get three four meters tall, but to cut it and then spray it immediately after. You know the my understanding. And I understand that it's controversial and some people argue otherwise, is that if you spray it appropriately once it hits the dirt, it essentially neutralizes it Yeah. That's why I'm raising this issue because there are concerns with way we have to treat it. But there's, you know, the alternatives are poor also uninteresting.

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Now it's about but I do. I do have that comes

Mayor Berdie 56:23

just reading and the Soil and Water Conservation District is very sensitive to that. And obviously are the work in riparian areas are working up the odds River Basin and so they'll do the best that they can in their training. best we can. I think early identification is important and really control if possible. So I believe that that's documented on our trails website, or USPS website. So that's good place to get started in their time and resources online. Okay, the next item Commons. I'm sorry, any other discussion? The next item is possible Commons surveys and community events. That's semantic. Did you ever say about that? You'd mentioned it earlier?

Jim Welch 57:18

No, I think we've got a group that's going to talk about

Mayor Berdie 57:21

Okay, so that's that's the broader okay.

Jim Welch 57:27

Maybe not getting into debating

Joann Kittel 57:41

here your dean was supposed to be here, but I know who this is. So don't shrug George Giroux. And we are on the advisory writing group for comments. He says watch the so Mary Ellen. That's Brian. And now Stephen Burrows is also on there and then also Neil crystal and recap, the inverse invest. And then just wanted to say that what how this kind of started is because I'm the last person commentating. It came about that you still have this huge list of things that need to be done in the columns that you need help. And so we we formed this mini

Shelley Shrock 58:58

meeting, and Rick brought up he said before you do anything you need to find out what is the philosophy of the common factor if people want. And so with that, we have very seriously this week, put together this way, which I think we're very close now and finalizing that we're hoping to get it out at the end of this week. But we are asking and we would really like to not just send us a newsletter. We'd like it to go out separate. We would like it to go to the whole 97498 the code because a lot of people are outside the city limits that use the comments. And a lot of our volunteers are outside the city that uses the province and we would like to do more to the area which would involve a little bit more than the hidden costs, of course, but we do see the comments as a community resource access to city resource. So we're looking for broader perspectives in that by sending it to everybody in the zip code. I guess just

Greg Scott 1:00:22

briefly.

Joann Kittel 1:00:25

Survey is broken up into five maybe six sections. A survey,

George Giroux 1:00:35

existing uses such as daily exercise and sport activities on Section recurring arts and entertainment events is the second section, private functions. Those be like weddings, memorials, celebrations, and some meetings, workshops and classes and then like that, and the sixth section is a little more open ended asking people to prioritize among these five what they see as the biggest value for them. And also, there's open ended questions pretty much every second asking people to chime in on what they'd like to see.

Joann Kittel 1:01:12

Going forward with the comments. So that's the general layout of the survey pumped out in the last few days and it hasn't even been spread out to the larger advisory group or maybe it did. I'm just looking for the final feedback and trying to get a final round and see if we're on mark with our questions. Yeah. I think until we really know what the community wants, and we can move ahead. I mean, what do they really want out of this building?

Greg Scott 1:01:54

Yes, it comes to Skype. So I'm interested in to what extent have you looked at the history there have been a number of studies done specifically about the comments, not the least of which was it's been included in at least a couple of updates of the comprehensive plan before we run out and start a new effort. Have you looked at the past tables of documents sort of touch this topic

Joann Kittel 1:02:27

though I'm going to one meeting a public meeting because this we first I think we've set with this how they did with the city. You know how Craig when you did the for the City Park is to do a survey like this and then have a public meeting. Once we can get all the information in but I remember going to public meeting before and at that time, it was more about what does the community need? And I remember it was they wanted medical they wanted a gas station and there was a bank or something. You know, it wasn't specific of just the comments that I remember. And I know just recently Heidi and a public meeting that everyone thought was that's what was going to happen and that was more about getting a grant or something. And so I think at that meeting a lot of things I could not attend that meeting so that count, but from what I heard from a lot of people that want to learn more about what to use the columns for.

Jim Welch 1:03:36

Yeah, I think the last survey is what you're referring to in particular probably was it was almost a little bit of a shotgun approach. And so we look at the data, it's hard to pinpoint anything in particular. It seems to be a little bit more than it was put together. What these guys have done here I think has been they've been able to narrow the focus into categories that is going to give us give us a better as to what, what it is people want. But to me the data that I've seen from the past it's just so all over the board, which is you know, maybe that's what went up again. You can't you can't identify a thing or theme that the common should have so and I will also would like to say that along with this, having this group, really disparate group from across the community, I think is going to help us sort through some of that. And

one thing that I think maybe we should not do is send it to the entire zip code because although you have people coming outside of the city, they're not paying for it. So you need to consider whether the citizens within your house should have more of a say than the people outside although I understand. We want to be inclusive If not, that's a tough

Sandy Dunn 1:05:08
one. Well, we do have

Joann Kittel 1:05:10
that last page. You haven't broken down where do you live? We have full time residents. Full time Yeah, Hutchinson SEO hubs, city limits, either local time resident or outside Yahad city limits local second home so I think it would kind of help us it would break it down as well if you know what if more people are outside than inside but I think we can bring it down to have if they're checking their full time yeah House resident then we're going to see what they're using. I think we're gonna get both are not eliminating them but we can still separate them.

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So when you do that analysis, you use that as one of your

Joann Kittel 1:06:00
points right they all fill that part out.

Mayor Berdie 1:06:05
That made sense putting them first. I would put it

Joann Kittel 1:06:09
first Yeah. But at first it's kinda like before you start answering this. I want to move on. We could do that. But that was my question. Like, you see what people were full time people want and see what people who are part time on and then Yeah.

Mayor Berdie 1:06:27
Your production you may want to think about is what are you willing to pay? So you know, I want a lot of things. But if somebody tells me you know, well, you know, I want to three pickleball courts with illuminated at night etc. In all by the way, that's a \$40,000 ask. I might answer differently than if you just say well, what would you like? But I think that there's the I would suggest some kind of quality items that I think would be especially true for people outside the city. To the point that, you know, we pay for this, and I will I've said this before where a five year period city put in over \$250,000 into this building. So it's very easy for me sitting outside the area where I don't have any tax implication or allocation away from other things that I would like to see. To say I want something without any implication and as a matter of fact, it might be a reasonable question to ask if you live outside of the district, city limits. Would you be willing to pay a tax that form a recreational district? So people that don't live in the city? Were asked would you pay \$300 or \$400 a year have a recreational this fan oh by the way, you get bored of the commons etc. They might answer your questions very differently. That's not to say that we

would improve automatically do that but I'm what I'm trying to do is put some qualifications on this so that it's not just oh yeah. I want that. I want that. I want that without understanding that every item costs.

Greg Scott 1:08:19

So I'm confused about the purpose of the survey. I'm hearing very different. From what divergent thinking about what this is, I thought it was about what kind of activities do residents want to see in the building or how the buildings actually used? Not so much project focused on what we need in terms of infrastructure. So what is the what is the purpose of this

Joann Kittel 1:08:50

survey is to find out what do people want of this building? How would you use it is use do people want more entertainment rather than

Greg Scott 1:09:00

community? Okay, that's kind of where my

Joann Kittel 1:09:02

thinking was. Okay. That's why dropping down. Each one is broken down. It's a good question, because we had conversations about that very subject and I think Rick pointed out that there's a very big list of things to work on in the building, which is different. Well, but it is in the sense that it's it's different. But how you prioritize that bonds may gain insight from this. And so that's kind of how we tease it out and say, Oh, I can see that.

Jim Welch 1:09:36

You could theoretically say we don't want to school here. Hit school out now. I'm not saying that, that I'm just this is just theoretical. If you did that, the way you repaired this building would be totally different. But you have to think about instead of just going on and on and on kind of patchworking things. What is this going to be in the future or does your hearts want to see this as and then if you have that knowledge, then it will help determine do we want this in here or should this be over in City Hall for example? So

Joann Kittel 1:10:13

I mean, I know how much we're put into the other circle. Do you have Yeah, you know, our program is to you know, segregate data. And so for you, or you're going to be overwhelmed with all this material coming back and it's like, oh, now how what do we you know, we don't have to probably be creating a spreadsheet and put it out because many of the questions are rated questions, so there's no point rating system. Some of the questions aren't yes and no, I just got started. You know,

Mayor Berdie 1:10:50

I think I will tell you from experience that data entry is very time consuming. The analysis is difficult. I hope somebody understands pivot tables, for example, to be able to do some of it when you do that, and so, to some extent, you you might want to think about you know, automatically read forms or see what costs for those things are Survey Monkey Survey Monkey exactly online versions of it. You know, that the analysis of even a few 100 is challenging.

Sara Heard 1:11:29

So, if thought had occurred to me that if the survey were online instead of paper, you might still want to send people a letter saying please, please, please go online and do this. But the benefit would be if we could use a data collection and an evaluation system a company that the it might be hard to get the the, the results, it might be hard to get the responses, but the processing would be infinitely better.

Mayor Berdie 1:12:16

The other thing that is can be a challenge is duplicates. I mean, you we saw the other one, it was like obviously, you know, before somebody filled out the form for time so I have no answers how to control that, but I lined mine up yes.

Joann Kittel 1:12:40

Right, right. Well, you can everybody who does do it that way and but you also have the option of doing a paper one, like

Mayor Berdie 1:12:48

so. So just the logistics of it are going to be very

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challenging. Yeah. My one concern is Yeah, I think it'll be answered but is it there is a science to how you ask a question. I learned a lot in the research I did because they always had much better ways to say it because I you just think you know how to say and I wish we had someone who they have their own knowledge that that can also end up probably people but how you say it? Yeah. I mean, I was I didn't who knew I mean, but the first big research project I did, boy were they helpful but never survey research

Joann Kittel 1:13:22

lab. Survey Monkey about was that probably

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they may I can't use them a long time. Have you?

Mayor Berdie 1:13:30

I haven't used it for a long time. I do have a book my cousin's actually wrote a book on our survey. There we go. But it was written in 1974. He says things like you send it out on green paper, you get better results. And

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that is one thing we could do is that if we're gonna send it

Joann Kittel 1:13:48

so just circling back to the incidence versus don't restrict usership to city residents. So we get people outside the city that is using it regularly. It seems like allowing them to chime in, especially if we're

going to start asking questions about us by always returning back people outside of the city. would be interesting to see the difference right? If you get in in you know, residence saying a lot more theater and you have outside people saying oh, we want more rec mean then you know, what was time for him to say? Hey, you know,

Mayor Berdie 1:14:34

it's, I think if you're asking the questions, you know, you can separate the results. I think that'd be good. But again, a lot of there's a survey technique, for example, where you say, Here's five uses and you have \$100 to spend on them. How do you How would you allocate that money? Trying to get to think about something instead of just Yeah, I want that. I want that. I think maybe you've got that in your one thing.

Joann Kittel 1:15:04

We're really one of the things we put at the end is categories, abuses have become until we have asked you to come on please prioritize and number one to five, which are most important to you. So that I think what we're really trying to find out, you know what, nobody wants building anymore. You know, I mean, it could go that far. I don't think it would, but no,

Sandy Dunn 1:15:32

but it's to see if people want more events rather than

Joann Kittel 1:15:36

more activities, you know. And adults, I mean, there's, there's some that would like to join the center from the center and not have any community

Jim Welch 1:15:51

input. One thing was for sure that meeting at Heidi seemed to kind of go sideways a little bit. There was intense interest, intense interest. And I don't think we were ever able to figure out what it was that most people want it. So there's a lot of passion out there and I don't know how you you get that lightning in a bottle. But I think they all felt and I agree with them that a survey is a good way to it certainly isn't going to be final solution that's going to tell us everything we want to know. And I think it's been all next year, this time trying to streamline and perfect the survey. I'm kind of inclined to try things and not overthink them personally. I think we should get out there and see what the community says and if they all say the same thing, then we know we're on to something.

Sara Heard 1:16:59

There's one other element we've been talking about. What do people want are the cons fine and it is a valid question like to see the answers. But one of the requirements to the city is a city is bringing people in. In other words the you might find just as an example, you might find that, you know 80% of the people want more pickleball activities, things like that. But that doesn't bring in visitors who use our restaurants in our in our hotels and whatnot. And that is an important part of our economy. So while I liked the idea of collecting the informations I don't want to lose sight of the value of the Commons is a as a tractor attractor, an attraction people to come into our town and spend money.

Joann Kittel 1:18:12

I think a lot of that has to do with the events that we do all those things that we have because my concern is you know, what are we Is this a community center? Is it an event center, right? What what is this?

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Why do we have to choose Why do we have to

Joann Kittel 1:18:39

choose I guess

Greg Scott 1:18:42

adding on to it counselor Collins is saying one of the things I'm not hearing directly is what I content providers who create the content that brings people in like Holly plum it's the events, the music events. We used to have lectures from people at OSU would come in and talk and the geology and atmospheric people. I mean, this community is hungry for that kind of content. So I'm not but I think it's sort of the if you provide it, they will come I like that kind of thinking. So I don't know that they're gonna articulate specifically, the content that interests them. I think they're just hungry for it. We just need to figure out a way to encourage it.

Jim Welch 1:19:29

But the question is, is how much is too much?

Greg Scott 1:19:31

I don't think we've ever hit too much.

Jim Welch 1:19:33

You know that the one thing that I heard at that meeting that Heidi had, I think we're probably going way off into the weeds here. But there was a whole bunch of people that had a great deal of anxieties that we were losing this to outside interests. So I think there is a great anxiety in the community now maybe it's just vocal people.

Greg Scott 1:19:53

I don't know. I think part of it was COVID driven. People felt a comment was inactive for two and a half years and people wanted to return to something that was normal. Yeah, I don't know. I mean, I was involved.

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In it. Yes. Back. So yes.

Joann Kittel 1:20:12

So what I decided to do that was fantastic.

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We just burned out its agenda. It's an intense, I mean, the people I talked to, it's intense, but I thought it was one of the best things. I mean, we have a lot of good things. But yeah, that's arts. And sciences Academy and the talks were amazing. We had a really good one on wave energy which was so high it's a lot of it's its committee that worked hard out because it's tough work even with so many but if we could find some people to start that that would be great.

Mayor Berdie 1:20:46

So, I'm going to suggest that you proceed with your survey. Give us some information. The cost is not exorbitant as long as you're differentiating between those who pay for the building and those who want to use it. The cost. We move forward, see what we get. Whether we do is terrific. You know, I won't argue with you as but somebody has to do it. That's not going to do that for us and last week. They will not survey will not book people. So um but let's go ahead and see where we're at. And good luck with the

Joann Kittel 1:21:34

excellent. We'll see her eight months later. All right. This has been great.

Mayor Berdie 1:21:40

Okay. I think that this falls this this workgroup falls under the city manager. Report to the city managers from the console has been involved in this by the way

Joann Kittel 1:21:54

just as a side piece. There is a presentation this Sunday, or wait a minute this is all says nevermind. Yeah, sorry. It just came on Brian. Maybe they put too

Mayor Berdie 1:22:18

much we need let's take a five minute break or six minutes. We'll be back at 25 minutes to for trade. Wrap it up. Got a couple fairly good sized items.

Joann Kittel 1:22:31

recording stopped. It's recording cat was just put it out right

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now what is its

Joann Kittel 1:22:40

wildlife conflict avoid wild bears and bears raccoons spawn through. It just smells boring, but she put this on. Well, that's. I took a picture of it yesterday. So it's like two days.

Mayor Berdie 1:23:01

This is not

Joann Kittel 1:23:03

for the sandwich. Of what? Oh, I was right. Okay. I was. Is this Sunday? Oh no. Not really advertised. mentioned to me putting something is so our invites. You have questions the thing about it is it is what I mean we have a working group

Mayor Berdie 1:23:46
only working in HBK have

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turned violations. Start was that sin code

Mayor Berdie 1:24:08
budget heavy and you're set having your meetings separately

Joann Kittel 1:24:12
rather than that.

Mayor Berdie 1:24:16
So I'll be addressing that. But it's on the agenda.

Joann Kittel 1:24:23
Agenda. Miss Kim, you said it was going to be next.

Mayor Berdie 1:24:29
We know there was a family survey we just did.

Sara Heard 1:24:33
Didn't you think we're gonna be right next?

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Oh, the city manager said that they can go on out there. Okay. Okay, that's it. Yeah. Because clearly down on the packet when it was originally intended. Okay, but she wanted under new business. Yeah, yeah. Okay.

Jim Welch 1:24:54
Let me ask you. What's the purpose of saying we're gonna

Mayor Berdie 1:24:58
get what you just said? Well, I think that the intent is good. But

Sandy Dunn 1:25:04
I think by

Joann Kittel 1:25:06
starting

Sara Heard 1:25:08

not to do it today, then I'd rather go and work it with them and get it right. I mean, the thing we want to beyond we really were hoping to collect your codification to secure the tradition of

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the city manager.

Joann Kittel 1:25:24

Yeah. That's the whole thing. But yeah, that's been such a kind of a huge because

Sara Heard 1:25:31

unless it's written then you can get it.

Mayor Berdie 1:25:33

You know, yeah, it's a fair point. But the also the other side is an independancy Manager. And if he does, he or she doesn't want to do something or doesn't like exactly what I did in this country is possible. Contradiction except if it's quantified. It says these are the words. See that city managers response rather than a you've

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got right. We're talking about hypothetical

Joann Kittel 1:26:10

future. You can be a record city manager by the city manager.

Mayor Berdie 1:26:21

You don't want to be questioned, but I think if it's written in if it's part of our ordinance, he does. Or she does not get it safe.

Joann Kittel 1:26:37

Yes, that's why do we have love years

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sponsored by Commissioner City Council empowered on a specific tasks of limited duration working with city staff. Actually, it's really working. Working your reporting reporting. You almost have to remove the commission and a commission or city

Sara Heard 1:27:03

sponsored by city count the city manager. It doesn't but

Joann Kittel 1:27:11

then she ends up sounding manager whether or not

Mayor Berdie 1:27:14

so maybe we need but just like we say you know, these are conditions that we should are also Commission's that are

Joann Kittel 1:27:28

managed by the cost. And

Mayor Berdie 1:27:32

I understand the whole thing that we're working under, you got to read the orange recipe. That's a sample so

Joann Kittel 1:27:43

cabling ahead of time. I say that I'd be happy not to see you guys. You were a couple days. We don't

Mayor Berdie 1:27:54

think we Yeah, I think the context was there and we wouldn't ask doodle doodling works

Joann Kittel 1:28:04

fine for these. Some are much worse than others. Nice handwriting. We want to thank you. I can write very nicely, but I can also write so poorly. This depends on my mood.

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I don't hold my pen right. Hold my pen like this. The nuns used to get specific like this. I'm like okay, do I have good handwriting? Handwriting they can hail their pen up Dr. Lance. Facts. Always want to know who came up with this is the only way you should hold your pen.

Sara Heard 1:28:46

No, as long as it's legible. When we were kids is

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how it was No, but it's interesting that someone thought that was important to make every one right the same way.

Joann Kittel 1:28:54

I think there's there's no overwhelming believer to the kids should learn to pursue this as they want and to be able to read it so much prettier. But also to be able to read it they'll find stuff later than looks like grief. To them. Oh, that's what you're

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less last week. It came across of letters, handwritten letters he wrote in 1955. And and just like him it

Greg Scott 1:29:27

was so perfect.

Sara Heard 1:29:29

And I thought you know, that's about the time. All right, can I sneak it's when I was in school. Probably learning cursive I certainly didn't keep this

Joann Kittel 1:29:48

son only cheats. Can I say what that was? Do that. Yeah. Yeah, wow. All right. Let's go. Go we got an event in progress. Right

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in this batch, and that's what I want. My sister's here.

Mayor Berdie 1:30:16

All right. So we will we're there's gonna be a change in the agenda. Posted by the city manager seems very reasonable. We're going to have a discussion.

Sara Heard 1:30:29

Or

Mayor Berdie 1:30:31

I don't see it in here at all, but it was added subsequent to the publishing concept work groups within the city structure. So we're gonna have, we have three people here. They're talking about their vision of what that would look like. And I have I noted to them I have some pretty serious concerns with the initial proposal, the DACA concepts. All right.

Sara Heard 1:31:02

And Sterling I live on Johnny's way, which drove them on crisis. As one of the smallest cities in the northwest, your past does not generate sufficient revenue to hire staff to take care of all the things that citizens typically expect from the city governments, things like police, Parks and Rec Department, library and many. Fortunately, there is a strong sense of community here and numerous people have been willing to volunteer over the years. Many of these people have skills and experience of America's all tiers have undertaken tasks that benefit the city and have accomplished things that would not have been feasible otherwise, even though not always acknowledged and recognized. The scene has in some cases created and in other cases, allowed for the formation of workgroups. We've talked about a couple of them during this meeting today, in many cases or groups has have successfully implemented projects while supporting facilities and people an ongoing basis. For example, the trails committee and the Library Commission. The use of work groups in this community has proven to be very effective. It has facilitated meaningful interactions between volunteers, city commissions and city staff to accomplish projects, some quite major. Most importantly, the work model has helped create a sense of place that is particular to the city of your eyes, to ensure a consistently high standard of volunteerism and transparency, along with the flexibility needed for diverse

Joann Kittel 1:32:37

projects.

Sara Heard 1:32:38

We propose finding over the barriers and I will just say that by just revising the status information that we received just moments ago, and our new definition is a group of volunteers sponsored by a commission or city council and empowered to undertake a specific task of limited duration. Working with city staff and reporting to the city manager in order to safeguard the tradition of volunteerism in your hearts while providing institutional guidance to ensure continuity from one city manager to the next. We propose that the council codify the concept of workbooks in Section 2.08. We welcome any questions federal accounts.

Mayor Berdie 1:33:29

I'm gonna read it off because I want to be abundantly clear. We need to work we are proposing is skirts Oregon Open Meeting Law. And so we need to be very cautious of Open Meeting Law says that any subgroup of a decision making body needs to follow open meeting laws meaning you have to have an agenda. Now, one's been at the meeting minutes of the meeting in some form or another. And that's unfortunate, but that's the way it is and so the Attorney General's writings on this law itself all say that you are working in any form with a body that has decision making responsibilities that you have to follow all meeting

Greg Scott 1:34:25

rules. Take the council out of the loop. Yeah. Goes what it needs to be. We've been down this road numerous times. If it's as long as the city manager is authorizing it and leading it, then it solves

Sara Heard 1:34:42

the problem. Would it be possible to lie to the extent that would allow there to be slugged and understanding when a new city manager comes on board? That this is a really useful practice of the city,

Jim Welch 1:34:55

you know,

Sara Heard 1:34:57

saying and all the guidelines that the state requires, but just so that it's it's in writing because I think there can be issues from one to another and it's almost unfair to new city managers coming into a city like your hearts were this spirit of volunteerism is almost unique. And so our hope is to allow there to be sort of a solidification of what has been reality. But by putting it in even a general sense. It just gives that city manager the confidence to move forward and say okay, this is good to go. They've done it. They're within state law and it has been somewhat of a tradition here so I want to keep

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other calm. How do the four groups form

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I mean, that's, that's open to discussion, but

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who then has a yes or no, because if I could give some examples of groups that might want to form that would be

Sara Heard 1:35:58

okay, if we weren't assuming it would just be some like an organic effort. Okay. That's what I need to know. It would be really challenging for the city manager now, but

Greg Scott 1:36:10

I have a different take on it. I think it needs to originate with the city manager. I think the Commission's is not the right vehicle for the reasons that the mayor has already stated. So just to cooperate. You were saying keep the council out of it.

Mayor Berdie 1:36:25

It's the Sandow Commission and the Commission's Commission's

Greg Scott 1:36:29

are coming that's true. They're basically will link to the council in terms of policy and decisions. So the whole problem gets really simple and I will say with respect to things that Dan was just saying, it will take the new city manager about 60 seconds to put a light bulb to go on when they begin to understand what our tax base is and what it costs to

Joann Kittel 1:36:52

have. But it didn't before and I think that's the concern.

Jim Welch 1:36:59

That is the worry. That's the reason we're

Joann Kittel 1:37:00

trying to do Yeah. The last city manager, all of the groups, as well as conditions wouldn't be squashed.

Greg Scott 1:37:11

I understand that. But I think though, I mean, I don't really care if if the city van and write something in an administrative policy and about the council bless it. And that's one way to do it. You could define it in administrative policies. I think what we're wanting is something that makes sense, but that's why things haven't worked well. And

Joann Kittel 1:37:36

it's kind of a mix place. So that the city manager does not want to reinvent the wheel so to speak. There's something that lets him or her know, and maybe accelerated from some level in 60 seconds to accept the following. So we need openness cameras, but it's the trails group currently in violation of Perkins Open Meeting Law, most likely, okay. And so I think we this is that city has allowed us we're trying to figure out a way to ease it into the city and a straight up link perhaps, but in a way that makes it evil and understood from from the city. government's perspective, it's understood workgroups here, I'm

going to say the manager comes in and it can be explained to them. We use our volunteers to get things by and this is our effort to do it.

Sara Heard 1:38:39

Because I wonder and just occurred to me so I thought through but if the mayor is concerned is that taking defining in our municipal code, or groups, gives them a some kind of existence that makes it more likely that the light of the light will be shown a spotlight of the Open Meetings Act. Can we accomplish what you want to accomplish in a different way? In other words, is this something that could be written into our city mission statement? You know, something like that, is there is there another vehicle other than the Municipal Code? I was thinking something similar to that even though I would love to see some strong kind of affirmation by the council, and one way might be I don't know how this plays but like a proclamation even I guess I'm worried that like if there is no when

Greg Scott 1:39:50

yours administrative policies are policy, they carry weight, and this is things you can do and can't do. It's a perfect place for this.

Sara Heard 1:40:00

I love that idea. My wondering would be how easy is it to change that

Greg Scott 1:40:05

like, council has to vote on it.

Mayor Berdie 1:40:07

Okay, but only once. Okay, yeah, maybe that is the plan. Yeah, I think I I think that comes from Scott is kind of honing in on something that's a good place to put it in order to

Joann Kittel 1:40:21

avoid open meeting. Constraint.

Mayor Berdie 1:40:24

Please read the open meeting laws. Yes. It's more a function of who would who the group is reporting to in terms of decision of City Manager works at the pleasure of the council so they can make in the budget their their budgetary authority, they can make decisions that's been delegated to, but to anything else, it starts to creep into the Open Meeting lines. So the trails committee is is officially working with the city manager. So there's a policy in place for how much they can spend and when they spend decisions about which projects to work on that starts to get a little bit vague or fake, right. But I don't think rises to the level of major concern for anybody. Somebody could say, where are you working in their yard? Not in my yard or next to their yard, not my yard. How did you make that decision? Well, this would be that's something that has bothered me. We're not really following that. You know, I'm obviously a huge supporter of the trails committee. But there is a gray area. I think officially when it reports to the city manager, the city manager delegates, these decisions. I think that that's acceptable.

Greg Scott 1:41:58

I have bought that some time ago before Heidi left. No, there was a general agreement that the trails committee was going to be known as the trails workgroup

Mayor Berdie 1:42:10
or the city manager

Greg Scott 1:42:11
for yes, it's kind of irrelevant. And while we, we have a lot of documents where there's inconsistencies we've got two documents that say different things, is that the same topic, that's an administrative problem yet yet to be identified and corrected. We know that they're there. I'm still

Joann Kittel 1:42:32
confused. Okay. You helped me I mean, are you saying that if something was formalized at the city manager level, to say that workgroups exist, that's basically the only way this kind of idea can happen? Is that

Greg Scott 1:42:53
what you're saying? But also the council approves? The policy. The council blesses the city manager drafts it, and the council blesses it. That's, and it's, by definition, administrative.

Joann Kittel 1:43:07
So bypass stance, like whoever

Greg Scott 1:43:11
the it's policy until the council changes it.

Sara Heard 1:43:14
The city manager can change it, only the council correct. And I think that sort of answers the question. Any

Greg Scott 1:43:22
one of you be really interested to work with us and together about that?

Sara Heard 1:43:30
Sounds like me. Yeah. Yeah. So if you'll have us

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we'd like to just spending

Joann Kittel 1:43:37
endless trouble. This is your first work.

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I have a question. I still I do have a question. So the city manager says we got some problems with water. I'm looking from CES for some citizens to work with me, blah. Blah, blah, blah. But we've had in the past people that just come together and say we want to do this. So that can happen too. But then they can go to the city manager and say we think this is what he can say. We don't have the time or the staff right now to do that. That to me is got to be the administrative decision that we don't have the bandwidth right now. But you're you're next up once because you said short term, these aren't long term group. I mean, the trails is but didn't you say there's a kind of this is our problem. We're gonna get in, we're gonna figure out like, what's happening right now with what's what are we gonna do with comments? There'll be an endpoint to

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that. Or, for example, to come Public Works was first commissioned by art to get a group together that would sort of survey and monitor the condition of road some steps

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that would then go through this city manager. Okay, I just wanted to understand

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how one thing that is, certainly is how they get formed. In the form of wanting to see manager wants to see it and it doesn't really solve the problem. Anything chocolate.

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Well, what if I decide? Three of us whoever want to look in to an adult who hangs them out, whatever, by them would pitch that I would think this is how the Jura city made her and saying you and I might have some data on the data. You know, and this is why we as citizens think that's important we're willing to work on that's kind of where it comes up. It is organic, and it comes from concerned citizens. That see a problem. They want to do something about it and they have a plan for that. They go to the city manager, the city manager says this is great. Go do what you need to do.

Greg Scott 1:45:31

I see it a little differently. I'm not disagreeing with the process. But I think the decision maker in many of these instances is going to be the council.

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In the then I'm confused. I'm confused too. So it's administrative.

Greg Scott 1:45:47

All I'm alone is if it's strictly administrative, I agree. But if it's a committee somebody a community says I want something. They want the city to do something.

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All they're saying is we're interested in this issue and we'd like to study it and we'd like to bring some recommendations. They're not that's recommendations. They're not saying

Mayor Berdie 1:46:09

like liquidations

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are That's it.

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That's okay. How do you How would you you'd have to find the JVM together and say, I want to study this and then it tells you

Mayor Berdie 1:46:20

if it comes to the city manager and the city manager then says we're going to I'm going to bring it to the council and the council will vote on it. Right that's that's a that's the

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process. Well, that's what I'm saying. Yeah, but

Mayor Berdie 1:46:33

it doesn't come they don't get together and make a decision and then come to the

Greg Scott 1:46:40

or even a recommendation

Mayor Berdie 1:46:41

or even a recommendation. I mean, the ordinance or the act is quite unclear. But what

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what I said is people come together they figure out cash this isn't working the streets and we've got you know how to do this. They then gather some data, which is a better way to get someone to say yes, if you can prove your point and they go to whoever the city manager is, and says, Here's what we want to do. And then it's up to the city manager to say we can do that now or we've got to wait a few months. It's a great idea. But yeah, that's how I envisioned that doesn't come to us.

Greg Scott 1:47:12

It's the what we want to do part that's that's the gray area in my head. What What do you mean? A lot depends on what the what is. So if there's a problem out there that people see and it's not administrative, it could be policy could the safety net that's a different okay, I'm just saying, defining both what is

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the critical piece of never gatekeeper the city manager he can

Greg Scott 1:47:37

say that the manager will know what's over here. Yes, get out of my office.

Joann Kittel 1:47:43

Really saying the same thing and it just happened with a survey. Yeah, there were a workgroup. They already went to Rick's and then Rick was the gatekeeper. And when they made a presentation, there a workgroup that was formed or the comments, okay, so that's, that's the example now the point that you made that's really important is the formation of a workgroup can come from it for many commissioners, but it goes to Greg or the city manager, you know, for approval. Gate keeps this stuff I used to go to a council, it's a more policy credo that that's that's that's the thing is that the workbook forms like the the survey group, but the column do they need to advertise it to the public? You know, that piece do they need to have a public forum have minutes and do all that? I think that's the bigger piece is the is the workgroup for the survey and for the covenants advertising.

Greg Scott 1:48:52

So the confusion there is wasn't clear to me what they were asking what they wanted from,

Joann Kittel 1:48:58

what I'm saying is that they need to comply with the law

Greg Scott 1:49:03

that says publishing. It all depends on who they're who if the city manager is directing them to answer is no. Oh, good. Good, guys.

Mayor Berdie 1:49:14

We have a workgroup. We have a water, okay, it's functioning under the functions under the city. Okay, guys got it. And when when when they reach a point that say there's a contract that needs to be signed or an agreement in principle, or whatever it happens to be, then City Manager brings it to the cops. Yeah, basically there

Greg Scott 1:49:34

so we've been hearing something a little bit different. These gentlemen are asking how it's codified to to ensure that we're the next city manager is doesn't have to go through a long learning

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process. Right, so that we just figured it out. Write it down, and

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I mentioned that someone has questions over here. You sorry. I do a

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lot of this started with

Joann Kittel 1:50:05

my involvement in parks and comments and we have special projects. We want to get done. This survey is a prime example. Well, we didn't start as a survey group. We started as an advisory group to help crystal get things done. So if they are

Sara Heard 1:50:21

born

Joann Kittel 1:50:23

from a desire of the commission or born from a desire from the council.

Mayor Berdie 1:50:32

What would be the process then to avoid the Open Meeting Law? And I think just as we've been describing it, there's no decision making being made. It's work that's been done. It's only until it's only it starts to require decision peeking. So and saying to do it, going to make a survey or do you know dig a ditch is not necessarily the decision is that once you say here's the survey, here's the data. Here's what we would recommend. It's that recommendation that has to come from the city manager at that point.

Greg Scott 1:51:11

And if you need budget for mailing, the city manager has a lot of discretion on

Joann Kittel 1:51:17

that area. You don't need to come to the council to the process. Or commission like to get this done and recommend to the city manager that he forms a workgroup, right. And then and you would have the quorum

Mayor Berdie 1:51:34

prohibition. So yes, it couldn't have more than two commissioners. For example, in that way, I think we have a little perspective.

Sara Heard 1:51:46

I think there's something can be done. By way of writing this in such a way that takes us out of the the Open Meeting issue for the for the workgroup, and the because the the the language is there's got to be a governing body. The Governing Body is consists of formal art sent with authority to make decisions or recommendations. And you if we define workgroup in the in the city, even in this port code, and say that they just say they don't have authority. Okay, that's the end. That's, it's pulling the plug in and one of the criteria

Mayor Berdie 1:52:45

we will need to run that through our legal ProStaff there is a lot of case law actually, around this term has to do with people trying to circumvent it by saying oh, they didn't. They they were working with independently but they were actually reporting to a decision making body. It gets great. And my understanding is that the courts are pretty rigorous about. So it was to think,

Jim Welch 1:53:20

well, the ironic thing about this is that what they're actually trying to do is make things more transparent and democratic and more open. So yeah,

Mayor Berdie 1:53:30

I think administrative process is the way to do it and will codify it. And, you know, I have, you know, obviously we could have a city manager that would say, I don't want to do that, particularly, I don't want to do anything. That would be a possibility. But I think if it's in like we have a process, there's a way for the feedback and the council provide, you know, we've got a process we obviously wanted to have this process. And this administrative procedure and you're not executing to the administrative procedures.

Joann Kittel 1:54:06

So we're wanting to get this put in writing. So

Greg Scott 1:54:11

it says an administrative policy. It gets a number.

Mayor Berdie 1:54:16

Yeah, I think that's the cleanest way to do

Joann Kittel 1:54:19

it. Who writes that right?

Greg Scott 1:54:21

Yes, where it starts and council blesses

Jim Welch 1:54:23

it. Well, maybe Barry, you can help me right. It absolutely. will

Joann Kittel 1:54:30

be in the room. Yeah.

Mayor Berdie 1:54:33

You're not making a decision. Your formula looks fine. Yeah.

Sara Heard 1:54:39

Okay, thank you very, very much. Your receptivity we really appreciate and the clarification. That's the open mindedness of everyone to work together to make it better.

Jim Welch 1:54:47

Yeah. So we're thrilled that you guys

Mayor Berdie 1:54:52

can we have the you have the accurate and that is it Brooks. We're gonna move forward. We have another I apologize. It's getting late in and we've been at this a long time, but we do have an important

decision to make. In the packet was a description of Homeless Services. And I will take full responsibility. I did not send the accompany request from missioner key Jacobson asking for Monday. That was in here. It's on the table. Yeah, I brought him Oh, nice. It was that it is been it is now in the packet. Right. Right. Right. Thank you. So the question before us is do we contribute to the county for their warming shelter? It doesn't yet. Not quite clear. If this is for an annual contribution. I think it's really more to get things up and running. But they're going to address this more fully. But they are asking the city via HUDs for approximately \$4,500. To helped and I will lead this discussion up which is not typically my preference, but I will say that see walport Who's been asked for \$10,000 just denied that money or a reason that as it was reported in the paper, the other meaning their money's my position on this is that it's an insurance policy for the city, as well as accessibility to services that are beyond this hockey have shelter people, but we do not have job placement services or job training services. We don't have licensed mental health services in our sheltering facilities, etc. Should we encounter somebody that would benefit from those things and be willing to take those kinds of services? If we are participating in this, we can include bus fare with 250 years or more, and asked that they get off in Newport. So the other use case would be we only have 10 beds. If we exceed 10 beds and somebody needs shelter? We would not. It would not be frowned upon us for saying no, you're gonna have to go up to

Greg Scott 1:57:30

Tinubu Does anybody think this is a bad idea? Do you need a motion?

Mayor Berdie 1:57:37

I need a motion.

Greg Scott 1:57:39

So in the form of a motion would be to approve the amount of \$4,473 to Lincoln County for our Board of County warming shelters. Discussion

Sara Heard 1:57:56

individual I suggest individual votes. So

Mayor Berdie 1:58:02

let's start with contract five. Aye, aye. Yes. And the mirror votes yes. It passes.

Greg Scott 1:58:14

On, which was it? There was 4473. And I agree with the mayor, I think in light of the fact that the county is giving us \$60,000 Or Correctional Services in this particular area to provide shower bathroom sink facilities at the Presbyterian Church for the 10 people that we can support. I think we need to this keeps us in good graces with the county

Sara Heard 1:58:46

it's a it's not a problem. It's a county problem. But it's our problem too. And sports spending

Mayor Berdie 1:58:55

money. Yes, I agree. People Okay, moving on. To the next item was Ocean View Dr. announcement in next steps. I want to thank all the people over all the years that have worked on this issue and recognize them. We have received our last signature for the interview Dr. Turnover from the county to the city. So that is a very mixed blessing but it's ours now. I will it will be the next steps at county will take between 30 to 60 days to complete all the paperwork registration of the deeds etc filing of the deeds and then the County County has to vote on it twice. So there's another 60 days to finalize the giving the ocean view drive to the city. So there is no I don't foresee any issues with this colony has been the one that initiated this. They're gonna want to move it forward as quickly as possible. If the road falls into the ocean, let's hope it happens soon. Because we're going to own that that road and good, good, good, good or not so I think that is obvious. positive thing for any kind of equity project the pocket parks are clearly ours to worry about now. So it is our road in or will be our road in probably the Christmas present. Yeah, there you go. That's about you did the math. Boating about Christmas maybe January. So okay, that's that water restriction phase one we are still in it. The water flow this week was slightly less. But hanging in there. We're still well above phase two. Is getting some rain. Got some rain last night. Hopefully by Friday we'll be getting some more rain. Yeah, and it looks to be a substantial amount. Understand that it takes a while for the rain. To work its way down through the forest. But things are looking up. Additionally, we are still working on as it was shown in the city manager's report. A water agreement that's not been signed. Let's be clear. It will be coming to the Council for signatory signature and maybe a mute point but we will have it it would certainly prevent us from going into phase two. And then we can the work team that reports to the city manager and continue its work on forming a long term relationship which I think is beneficial for everybody. Camping ordinance preliminary update the city manager discuss this with me very quickly. Can you just kind of share what your thinking is.

Jim Welch 2:02:10

Basically we're gonna take wild ports and change as little as possible in it. Identify an area where by the water plant where they can camp but to be honest with you, I've been up to my ears in other stuff. So I haven't done much other than read all ports.

Mayor Berdie 2:02:34

Deal. So yeah, it's, again speaking for myself. It seems like a reasonable approach.

Jim Welch 2:02:43

What changes every two months you know, you spend five days writing something and then you find out No, everything's changed. it's just not worth it to me.

Mayor Berdie 2:02:53

And we're having There were some issues with the lock church museum people park camping, destroying property using our city water etc so we need, we do need, I am a firm believer that we need to do something.

Jim Welch 2:03:19

Go to an appropriate

Mayor Berdie 2:03:20

place, but there is no appropriate place identified.

Jim Welch 2:03:23

And we don't have to identify it.

Mayor Berdie 2:03:27

Had to give them an option, right? We have to think you do. Well, we, in our ordinance, we just have to say where you can't camp. Now there are city properties

Jim Welch 2:03:37

here when they're scattered throughout and upon us. I'll be playing Whack a Mole. They'll go from there over to here and that's not good. No. Okay. Get out of there. And yeah,

Mayor Berdie 2:03:46

I'd rather just say go over there. That's it.

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Well, let's talk about that. Some Supreme Court

Mayor Berdie 2:03:54

decision that you had to have a place for them to go before you can tell them not to remember the ordinance only had this provide. The attorney advises that you need to you can you can specify where you can camp but you do not have to specify where you can camp. Whether there are areas for example, there's a water tank on the top of Horizon Hill, that would possibly not be included. So you don't have to say it's easy

Sara Heard 2:04:23

to get to or then it's desirable, right? There's difference between

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having a place and advertising. I'm not saying you have to advertise we have to have it you have to designate

Mayor Berdie 2:04:34

that if I ask where do I go? If I say where to not see any city property for example, what we could not say you cannot cut camp on any city property. We can say you cannot camp up it commons, green

Jim Welch 2:04:49

space,

Greg Scott 2:04:50

any facility

Mayor Berdie 2:04:52

either. Is there a decision here that we know there's no decision? So it was really just a report to see where we're at and I don't even see it on the agenda. It's camping ordinance preliminary community and commission participation. Let's see we didn't we also skipped one item and I apologize resiliency Council representation. So the resiliency grant is moving forward and they have a work team that is working on various attributes the it seems like this resiliency grant has become much closer, much more closely defined to forms of energy that will help the city should we be cut off from our power. So I was asked to be on the on the resiliency committee. I'm plenty busy. I wanted to see if there was a counselor that would like to participate in that in my standard. Yeah, I'm happy to do it. I got solar panels on my roof and I think it brings some insight

Jim Welch 2:06:08

that some people seem to think that it's magic

Mayor Berdie 2:06:11

somehow warn you it is a lot of work. Okay. Once I thought it was three or four

Jim Welch 2:06:17

times maybe three or four times on work in addition,

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it's it's intense.

Mayor Berdie 2:06:26

My hands are pretty full. So if there was somebody in writing agendas, working on several other projects, you may say again, what, what see managers a better handle.

Jim Welch 2:06:42

Dude, I just got an email today about it. It's basically a grant provided by odo to anyone else connected means for providing energy in case of a disaster of some type. So it's especially I think, valuable, potentially valuable because of where we're located. The one on one will get shut down we'll be on our own for who knows how long they're going to ignore us till the last minute because there'll be busy with everybody else. So it's looking at how to what to harden, how to harden it, where it goes, where the stuff goes. How much are we going to try to reproduce

Sara Heard 2:07:36

if it's the big one, basically priority number one sky mission, but what

Mayor Berdie 2:07:42

is what is our MIDI supposed to be doing? So here's the first letter from our since this grant will give you a chance to design hopefully eventually build a standalone renewable energy system within the area of the commons field in City Hall library wastewater, which be a source of safety and

Greg Scott 2:08:03

information for residents and visitors.

Mayor Berdie 2:08:08

But that assumes that the Commons is even it survives exactly, but that's a large part of the workgroup will be gathering information in the community about community needs case of power outage due to some sort of unforeseen event process of building a technical advisory group, which is what we're looking for the participating community data collection and input for the designers involvement and or representation from your commission or committee involvement or other aspects of the city would provide important information needed to design the best systems for keeping Yachats residents and visitors safe during an unexpected power outage. But I don't think that it's you know, this isn't going to help us in a cataclysmic event. Obviously, create a workforce.

Jim Welch 2:09:02

This is a workgroup working under the city manager.

Mayor Berdie 2:09:06

So we're looking for another member from the council. Okay.

Joann Kittel 2:09:09

Sorry, talking to neighbors.

Jim Welch 2:09:13

I was just wondering who else is the project manager is Katherine Tory Torrance, who ran for city council. Who is outstanding, so thank god she's on it because she's handling all the heavy lifting. You have Jacqueline Dantos from Planning Commission. You've got Mark from the planning commission. You've got me whenever I can get there. You've got a couple of consultants that you're dealing with. How often do they meet? Right now? It's at least once a week. I think goods but see she said

Mayor Berdie 2:10:04

number 27 is the first one I know we have something

Jim Welch 2:10:08

else that was camera. 2727 Bobby has a thing I think on either 27th or 28th

Sara Heard 2:10:16

this thing got moved up a day to the day before.

Mayor Berdie 2:10:22

He doesn't she doesn't really probably going to take the cake is the group will meet approximately four times over the next six months and would be requested you can

Jim Welch 2:10:32

the three community engagement meetings focus groups as well. It's going to be more than that.

Mayor Berdie 2:10:37

Don't count on that. Okay. So then that's the request is trying to figure out you know, do we need medical

Jim Welch 2:10:45

services do we need charging stations, how much how much power? What kind of batteries? Where do they go? You have put some up on the hill and some down here. It's

Joann Kittel 2:11:00

not something about that kind of stuff.

Jim Welch 2:11:02

Because that would be good for you.

Greg Scott 2:11:05

experience for you expand your knowledge. It interests me. I'm spending 25 to 30 hours a week right

Jim Welch 2:11:14

now. Working on the database.

Sara Heard 2:11:17

If no one wants to do it, it's okay. I just don't have the time. You look like you're on the verge this is I'm just getting into my busy season and with the with the Shiva. So if this guy was going to be in it, not going

Mayor Berdie 2:11:38

to start up in December or something and be right it's going now we have six months I think what about sharing is from the console. A follow up

Greg Scott 2:11:53

because I think I do understand it a little bit. In

Jim Welch 2:11:56

fact, you've got solar as like plus it's another way to do this. We can we can periodically sit

Mayor Berdie 2:12:04

down with you until you get some guidance. Okay. Yeah, if I can attend the meetings, okay. Okay. Do you have batteries? Yes, I have a very small battery. And it's important to understand, I mean, this is the kind of thing that you know, relate in the media. here but if you don't have a battery when you're

Greg Scott 2:12:22

in the grid power goes off. You do not get your solar energy.

Mayor Berdie 2:12:26

Well of course there's no way to deliver it. It's no storage. Yeah, so but even if you could, batteries aren't cheap battery. I have the smallest battery that I could buy in order to remain have some power. So I can like power my propane fireplace. So those are the kinds of considerations we do not we will not be able to run our water plant or even our heat pump. So my solar system when I'm off grid, it automatically shuts my heat pump off from my water heater off. Then I'm responsible for not running my dryer. heavy loads. Wow. So you know this idea that we're getting enough solar power to heat the building. We need a lot of power and need a huge amount of the this. Look it up we need about 50 amp hours

Greg Scott 2:13:23

to power up this heat pump over here.

Mayor Berdie 2:13:27

It's a lot that's a room full of batteries. It's a garage so that's the kind of thing that we can bring to the table here to see what what makes sense. And there's some other intriguing ideas

Joann Kittel 2:13:39

too, so Okay,

Mayor Berdie 2:13:40

I will I'll take that in I mean, I'd be able to attend out quick, I don't really have much to say but we're still working on the community and commission participation city manager search. Just be aware that the ninth the 10th I believe it's the 10th is when there will be the staker the ninth is community meeting greet of the candidates on the 10th. One of the events is one of the interviews is a panel comprised of stakeholders in the city that's not yet been defined. We are going to be working with FinCEN and associates to define that. Probably I would be advocating for commission chairs. Key people probably business people try to get as broad but you can only have so many people on the panel. So they have some guidance that they will

Greg Scott 2:14:40

be we'll talk through on Thursday when they know who the candidates are

Mayor Berdie 2:14:44

and the water agreement that was simply that it was in the city manager's report that we're pending signing from the southwest Lincoln water districts and we've agreed to it so once it's signed. There is a question whether the city manager alone can sign that or whether the council has to I looking for advice on what the mayor or the mayor happy to spend.

Greg Scott 2:15:19

It's a contract we the mayor signs other contracts

Sara Heard 2:15:21

so I think that's the logical route.

Mayor Berdie 2:15:24

Yeah. Okay. I'm comfortable with it. Okay, that's it.

Joann Kittel 2:15:32

Other business the mayor has no other business. Anything from the council? One item. I just wanted to back to what I kind of started talking about and then like these big stuffs apparently this Sunday, September 24 At three o'clock in the afternoon here at the commons there is a presentation with a odw presenting on while like kind of like avoiding the bears. Well, they're currently kind of was stimulated from concerns about the recent Cougar sightings. I think that was more nor less. But they're talking about all kinds of critters, and it just sounds interesting. So

Mayor Berdie 2:16:22

apparently it's now on the city website as well. It might be relevant for those people on the edge of town

Joann Kittel 2:16:28

who are putting their food waste

Mayor Berdie 2:16:30

their green. Yeah, the bears. Okay. Anything else? Yeah. Thank you, everybody for your patience. Appreciate and you got an hour to

Joann Kittel 2:16:42

recoup and then we started party recordings stopped by I can't believe I just