

Date: October 18, 2021
To: Garibaldi City Council
From: Juliet Hyams, City Manager
Subject: October city manager's report

Tasks & Meetings

- Met with City of Bay City City Manager Liane Welch to discuss sharing resources, specifically a permit technician and code enforcement officer. They have since hired a part-time code enforcement officer; we could probably engage some of his time. However, Rockaway Beach did not want to share him, as we originally expected. I revised the fire training IGA to make Mayor Hall our signer, rather than me.
- Attended a board meeting for the Tillamook Coast Visitors' Association. Their approach to COVID and destination management is that it poses an opportunity for long-term planning. However, transient lodging taxes in Tillamook County have increased dramatically during the pandemic.
- Met weekly with Land Use Planner Scott Fregonese. We set up a separate email address for land use questions: garibaldi.landuse@gmail.com. Scott also attended the October planning commission meeting and addressed questions about the lots being sold in the Hillside Overlay zone (the city isn't involved until someone tries to build) and comp plan updates. Most of his work is leading comp plan updates; he provided an example scope of work from Redmond, Oregon for our reference.
- Met with Stricker Engineering, about the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad's plans to improve their rail crossings and add a depot. See your packet for details. I subsequently learned that ODOT Rail will fund some of their changes.
- Corresponded with Geri Godber, Director of the Tillamook County library system. They recently painted our library and want to add new carpet. She sent me our agreement with them, which doesn't address those upgrades. It does say, however, that we need to provide janitorial services. I recommend A-Affordable, who I've used before. Geri would like to attend our November meeting and address council.
- Spoke with our auditor and let them know that Lori Longfellow left the city and will be replaced. More on that next month.
- Attended a meeting about food innovation, organized by Visit Tillamook Coast. Did you know that [seaweed grown in Garibaldi](#) tastes like bacon when fried?
- Met several times with ODOT and others regarding the Highway 101 redesign, bus pullouts, crossings and outreach. Public Works Director Kelly West participated in several meetings.
- Spoke with several parties and did research about a possible Build Back Better Challenge grant application. In short, our projects are too small to qualify. We'll look for others.

- Conducted recruitment and interview processes for the assistant city manager and utility worker 1 positions. Thanks to Utility Billing Clerk Sue Buchhold for keeping us honest during the transition.
- Attended the 2021 International City Managers Association conference.
- Coordinated tourism strategy workshops with Visit Tillamook Coast Executive Director Nan Devlin. Her report will be forthcoming and a second workshop will be held in November.
- Interviewed an IT company, who might be able to solve our phone and computer problems.
- With Mayor Hall and Councilor Wandell, toured two buildings that the Coast Guard wants to divest to the city. See the below photos. I will talk with them more next week.



Purchases

- A slide projector (\$214.99), mostly for Zoom meetings with ODOT. COVID money will pay for it.

Ongoing Meetings and Projects

Highway 101 Redesign

They will update us at our October council meeting. I will call the Tillamook PUD to see if they would support us in undergrounding utilities. Senator Betsy Johnson wants to help and also suggested talking to Jennifer Purcell, of the Regional Solutions Team.

Regional Representation

Tillamook Coast Visitors Association

See the above.

Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District

The next meeting will be in November.

Upcoming Meetings

- Collaborative Governance class on October 30.
- Followup discussion with the Coast Guard on October 18.
- Col-Pac board meeting on November 4.
- Visit Tillamook Coast board meeting, November 17.
- I have to go to Portland on November 18 to renew my driver's license!