

MINUTES
SPECIAL WORKSHOP
CITY OF BROOKINGS/PORT OF BROOKINGS
May 31, 1983

Mayor Kerr opened the workshop at 7:10 p.m. and explained that the reason for calling the meeting was to discuss the planning work that needs to be done on the estuary and shoreland elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Port Commissioner Wilkinson acknowledged the work ahead, adding that the Port would like to develop a Master Plan as a part of this process. The importance of involving all interested parties and doing the work in a timely fashion was discussed. The City received notice that day of a 150-day extension to do the work, ending October 10, 1983. Mayor Kerr emphasized that as long as there is a sincere, diligent effort in completing the work, taking time to work out the problems should not cause any problems.

The status of other estuary plans was briefly discussed, and Commissioner Wilkinson described some of the unique features of the Chetco River, it being a man-made estuary. Commissioner Wilkinson stressed the need of the Port being self-supporting and functional.

The proposed map of the management units of the estuary was reviewed, and Mayor Kerr briefly explained the history and reasoning in identifying the units. Commissioner Wilkinson reported the Port's concern related to future maintenance dredging responsibilities and limitations. Discussion moved to mitigation, and Commissioner Wilkinson pointed out that port development in itself was mitigation having created important habitat.

Commissioner Wilkinson talked about the probable future increase in demand for gravel and the need to be able to dredge farther upstream. He expressed his reluctance to establish a natural area, such as the rock outcropping, that would be hydraulically affected by up-river activities.

Mayor Kerr explained the study-area concept and the uses that would be allowed such as the moorage project proposed by the Port. He also reported on pending legislation to revise some of the State landuse laws, including the coastal goals. The conversation then turned to identifying who will be doing the planning work.

It was agreed that it would be in our area's best interest for the City and Port officials and staff to do the work rather than hire an outside, professional planner. Councilman Nidiffer stressed the importance of "ironing out" any controversial matters and preparing a well thought-out plan locally.

Commissioner Wilkinson indicated that the Port's next step would be to hold a workshop or two with private landowners and potential developers. The City Manager highlighted the planning sessions that have been held to date, adding that City staff stands ready to assist in developing and "selling" the plan. The City Manager noted that it has been the City's approach to do "local planning within State guidelines."

Archie McVay questioned the existence of guidelines and asked if the City has received anything in writing from the State. The "in order to comply" statement was discussed and both the Mayor and Councilman Nidiffer commented that our first responsibility is to develop a plan that works for us and then deal with defending it at the State level. The timing of LCDC's involvement was discussed, and it was agreed that we need to develop our plan based on local needs and then review it with the State.

Rocky McVay shared some of the problems he has experienced in dealing with the State goals and Department staff. He talked about the revisions that have been made to the estuary plan in the past, including the reduction of the area designated for shallow draft development. Archie McVay talked about the difficulty in obtaining development permits, many of which require an Environmental Impact Statement. He wanted to know why the estuary plan had changed when the majority of people were agreeable to the initial plan. It was agreed that City staff would obtain copies of the minutes from these earlier meetings and distribute them to the Port.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

City Council Members Present: Mayor Bob Kerr, Councilman Batty, Nidiffer and Lovejoy.


Staff Members Present: City Manager Lynn Stuart, Administrative Assistant Georgia Shirilla.

Port Commission Members Present: Commissioner Wilkinson, Myers, Kellom and Mitchell. Commissioner Elect Whatley.

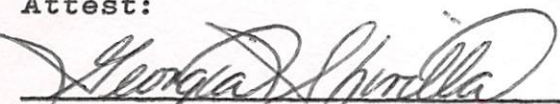
Staff Member Present : Port Manager Don Mann.

Media Present: Joe Heitz, Curry Coastal Pilot and Marge Barrett, KURY.

Attest:



Mayor Bob Kerr



Georgia Shirilla, Admin. Ass't.