

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE
PORT COMMISSION, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY COUNCIL
May 20, 1958

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gordon Goetz.

Planning Commission members present: Messrs. Goetz, Gulley, Loring, McVay and Stanhurst.

Port Commission: Ben Davis, liaison for the port.

Chamber of Commerce: Ben Davis, Pete Basich

City Council: Mayor Campbell, Councilmen Breuer and Hein.

Others present: Elmer Bankus, Willard Spencer, M.A. Phetteplace, Florence Boon, and Connie Bordwell.

Minutes of the previous joint meeting of January 21, read and approved.

Mr. Goetz, representing the Planning Commission, stated that the commission had two petitions in progress of studying- one for re-zoning to accommodate a trailer park, the other for the re-zoning of the new school site and adjacent properties.

Mayor Campbell stated that the City Council was maintaining a neutral position in the controversary concerning the proposed installation of a permanent log scales on city property just off U.S. 101 and North of Pacific Ave. He broached the possibility of extending Pacific Avenue to intersect with U.S. 101 to create a site for a bus depot and information center. He added, however, that a strip of land belonging to Elmer Bankus was essential to this project. He added that the city would have to dig out the bank and later went on record to the effect that no official action had as yet been taken on this plan. He also stated that no complaints had been lodged against portable log scales with the exception of Ed. Ackley. He pointed out that the weighmaster could remove them to as much as five miles outside the city limits with extreme disadvantage to log haulers. He promised that scales would be moved if and when they become a traffic hazard. Mayor Campbell advised that while no regular building inspections were being ^{made}, building permits were being issued. He also advised that heavy street equipment had been purchased with funds especially earmarked for this purpose for the constant improvement of our streets. Mayor Campbell advised that the city is depending on Erickson of Coos Bay and Robert-Patterson-Fox and his wife to set up necessary grades and work out details of sewer and street assessment districts inasmuch as the budget does not allow the hiring of a regular city engineer. He also stated that if the Airport assessment district is set up, curbs and gutters could be installed at about \$6.50 a front foot. He added that strip paving would be the alternative and would not provide necessary drainage as curbs and gutters do. Also that the cost of curbs and gutters could be Bancrofted. Councilman Hein amplified the Mayor's statements on the cost of gutters.

Question by Mr. Gulley: Will the streets be cleaned, oiled and water for the celebration?" Answer in the affirmative by the Mayor.

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Question by Mr. Goetz: "What progress is being made on the cold oil application?" The Mayor replied that the plan had been overruled by paving authorities. Mr. Bruer added that most people polled favored permanent improvement rather than temporary crusting of existing high center streets.

The mayor called attention to the new lights on Easy Street and the intersection of U.S. 101 and the North bank road. He also reported that plans for the sewage treatment plant were being drawn up, but that the federal grant of \$48,000 would not be available until July 1.

Speaking for himself, the mayor recommended that a change be made in the city charter to permit the hiring of a full-time city manager. He also suggested serious thought be given for securing a city hall site, as the \$200 a month lease on the present building will expire within two years.

Ben Davis, representing the Chamber of Commerce, submitted a scale drawing of a plan for North and South bound bridges over the Chetco river with a clover-leaf underpass to the boat basin and a site for the controversial log scales on the Brookings side of the bridge (see attached). Emphasizing its safety factors, he turned it over to the planning commission for further consideration. Davis re-affirmed the mayor's position on the proposed bus depot and city center, which he said would eliminate an eye-sore and tie the South and North ends of the city together.

Maintaining that "the port must come first", Davis then related some of his activities on behalf of Archie McVay's small boat basin and the Port commission, which he serves in a liaison capacity. As a result of his efforts a survey of the river from the bridge to the mouth. the outcome of this survey to be disclosed or about June 2. Again as a result of his efforts, engineers were on the Chetco to o.k. a \$10,000 public boat launching ramp, and as soon as the site of this ramp is settled, game commission engineers are ready to go to work. Archie McVay advised that he had river frontage, not under negotiations with the port commission, that would undoubtedly meet the necessary requirements and suggested that Mr. Davis so advise the proper authorities at once. Mr. Davis further related that U.S. army engineers were installing temporary buoys and lights pending the permanent location of the channel, at which permanent installations will be made by the U.S. Coast Guard.

As director of the Oregon Coast Association, Mr. Davis report that signs advertising Oregon radio stations were being set up along U.S. 101 by the association. He also said that due to the cooperation of Foster-Kleister advertising agency, two Azalea festival signs, were erected on the outskirts of Eureka and in the heart of Los Angeles on May 17.

Emmett Gulley, chairman of the joint park committee, reported that action by Curry County court had been instrumental in changing the Loeb myrtlewood grove on the North bank of the Chetco from forest to park status. He added that park representatives had inspected the area with an eye to installing picnic facilities there. He said park authorities were aware of the conditions at Harris state trailer park, but with no funds available they are awaiting the completion of re-located U.S. 101 to determine final needs.

He then called on Elmer Bankus for a report on the status of our proposed Mill Beach park, who replied that there had never been any question about public access to the park, but that there was still questions as to how to take care of it. He advised that within 30 days

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he would disclose a plan for its development and financing.

A question and answer period followed. M.A. Phetteplace raised a question about the use of the \$27,000 of port commission funds. Mr. Davis answered that \$~~1200~~¹²⁰⁰ had been paid retired army engineer Hickson for a plan that proved to be a failure and outlined a new proposed 1700 foot jetty paralleling the river as part of the commissions port development plan.

Archie McVay indicated that he was still working out minor details with U.S. Army engineers. He also emphasized the immediate need for launching and unloading facilities and added that a fishing fleet "would come in tomorrow" if such facilities were available. He said that the Chetco is one of the most sheltered spots on the Oregon coast and provides a badly needed haven for commercial and sports boats alike.

Mr. Gulley proposed inviting the County Court to the next meeting of the "Big Four", scheduled for June 17, by Chairman Goetz.

Ben Davis said that Chamber of Commerce representatives would meet with members of the court at the county budget hearing May 23, to determine whether there were county funds available for local developments.

On Motion, meeting adjourned.

Gladys Kanick, Secy.
by Connie Bordwell, protom