

Work Session

Following up on Council goals, we will discuss steps to take to further our goals. For example: How do we wish to go about appointing the housing taskforce? What steps do we wish to take soon to gather citizen input? What is our approach to addressing the Finance Committee. How should we direct our commissions to help with our goals? Councilors are asked to review all of the goals and each come with suggestions of constructive next steps. Due to the length of the agenda for the regular meeting, we will need to keep our Work Session somewhat short.

Council's 2021 Goals

Improve timeliness, relevance, quality and effectiveness of city service delivery

1. Recruit, evaluate, and hire city manager.
2. Survey residents to identify their experience with and expectations of the City services.
3. Evaluate the responsibilities of the City Manager, as well as those of staff members, to ensure that they meet the needs of the Yachats Community.
4. Improve effectiveness of code enforcement.
5. Bring Accounting Services in-house.
6. Finalize Water Master Plan and work on priority items, taking care to keep water plant running smoothly.

Prioritize and demonstrate environmental responsibility in all actions and decisions

1. Identify priorities relative to water sustainability.
2. Review all city plans and Capital Projects with the objective of preserving and protecting the area's natural resources.
3. Effectively partner with local organizations committed to our community environment.
4. Encourage staff and commissions to act on opportunities that positively impact our planet.

Strengthen relationships with Community

1. Communicate with citizens by providing written minutes, website content, and monthly newsletter, using updated contact information.
2. Develop collaborative relationships with business owners and the Chamber.
3. Organize public forums and surveys to gather citizen input and guidance on city projects and initiatives.
4. Sponsor low-cost events and activities that contribute to the well-being of the community.

Provide a safe environment

1. Monitor and complete Ocean View Drive Project. (Boardwalk Project will not be completed in 2021.)
2. Manage the city's response to the Pandemic using guidance from OHA, CDC and citizens' input.
3. Ensure that intersections and streets have appropriate signage and other modifications to protect citizens and visitors.
4. Prioritize maintaining adequate water flows for fire safety and user needs.

Demonstrate Financial Responsibility

1. Practice long-term planning, making choices that allow the city to build up reserves.
2. Reevaluate the Finance Committee in terms of expertise needed on the committee and the role of the committee.
3. Seek a plan to address and prioritize city projects and apply for grants when available and useful to suggested projects.

Housing

1. Appoint a taskforce to seek and identify avenues to address the lack of affordable housing for moderate to low-income citizens.