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Garibaldi City Council Workshop Minutes Monday, August 10, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

A. CONVENING OF MEETING

The Garibaldi City Council Work Session was called to order by Mayor Linda Bade at 4:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Linda Bade; Council President Cheryl Gierga, Councilor Tom Porter, Councilor Connye Corey(zoom). Staff in attendance were City Manager Pro Tem/Finance Officer Becca Harth and City Recorder Amy Cram.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Wayfinding Update

Nan Devlin, appearing as a volunteer and former Executive Director of the Garibaldi Coast Visitors Association, presented an update on the City's wayfinding plan. She explained that the plan had been delayed at ODOT's request pending completion of a highway project, and that Garibaldi was the final community for which she was guiding the wayfinding process prior to her departure from GCVA.

Devlin reported that design, fabrication, and installation costs had already been secured through prior funding arrangements, and that the City's primary remaining financial obligation would be for permits and fabrication and installation of any revised or additional signage elements. She advised the Council to approach Tillamook County for funding through the county's Transient Lodging Tax, which has historically funded wayfinding projects countywide, and recommended doing so no later than February 2027 to align with the county's budget cycle ahead of committee meetings in April and May.

The discussion covered a range of plan elements, including: directional signage on Highway 101 for restrooms and the fish cleaning station; an interpretive marker for the Whitney Mill chimney (the large smokestack); clarification of Garibaldi's status as a US Coast Guard-designated city for inclusion in signage language; a proposed three-sided kiosk near the boathouse to replace deteriorated existing signage; the Bay Trailhead interpretive element, the status of which was unclear and which Mayor Bade agreed to follow up on with the Port; and a potential LED electronic message sign. The Council reached consensus that one LED sign rather than the two originally contemplated would be preferable, given that the two proposed locations were in close proximity and dual signs could be visually redundant.

The question of QR code usage on interpretive signage was discussed. Council President Cheryl Gierga expressed concern that not all visitors use QR codes and suggested that brief written text on a plaque accompany any QR code placement. Ms. Devlin noted that Rockaway Beach saw usage jump into the thousands after placing QR code stickers in storefront windows and hotel rooms, suggesting placement context matters significantly.

A question arose regarding a possible lease or contractual claim by the railroad (represented by Trevor) on a portion of the city-owned parking lot at Third Street and Highway 101, where one LED sign had been proposed. Mayor Bade indicated the City was unaware of any such contract and directed that it be located and reviewed.

The Council also briefly discussed the City's logo and branding. No decision was made; Mayor Bade noted the Council had not yet been formally presented with design proposals from the Garibaldi Business Association and that visual decisions would come at a later stage. Ms. Devlin confirmed that the design firm Partners in Design would incorporate community feedback from the August 5th public meeting, revise the plan, and submit it to the City for formal approval. Following City approval, fabrication and installation estimates would be obtained and presented to the county for funding.

2. ORD 338 Amending ORD 277 Keeping of Livestock

The Council reviewed the proposed Ordinance 338, which amends Ordinance 277 to regulate the keeping of livestock specifically addressing the number of fowl permitted and the prohibition of roosters within city limits. The ordinance was prompted by a complaint-driven situation in which an excess of fowl on a single residential lot was linked to a rodent infestation affecting a neighboring property.

Council President Gierga raised the question of whether existing rooster owners would receive advance notification before a 30-day compliance period was triggered. Harth clarified that the ordinance provides no more than 30 days from the date of adoption for compliance and offered to send letters to any known rooster owners upon adoption. Mayor Bade noted the City does not have a comprehensive list of rooster owners, and the Council generally agreed that a complaint based enforcement approach was the most practical mechanism.

A member of the public, Delores Morris, addressed the Council. Ms. Morris stated she had been told several years ago by city staff that six chickens and no roosters were permitted, and expressed frustration that no such rule had been formally codified. She indicated that under the proposed ordinance she would remain compliant, as she holds three lots totaling approximately 15,000 square feet. Ms. Morris expressed support for the ordinance's intent and emphasized the importance of responsible chicken keeping practices, including secure feed storage to prevent rodent attraction.

Councilor Connyne Corey, participating via Zoom, expressed support for the ordinance as written and suggested that a fee should be associated with monitoring and enforcement, noting that city staff time carries a cost.

A significant discussion arose regarding enforcement authority. Harth explained that there are currently two obstacles to enforcement: (1) the City has not granted management the authority to issue citations for ordinance violations; and (2) the City does not have a standing agreement with Tillamook County Justice Court to accept city-issued citations. The Council reached consensus that Harth should consult with the City Attorney and bring forward a separate resolution granting broad citation authority covering all municipal ordinances, and that she should initiate contact with Tillamook County Justice Court to establish the necessary jurisdictional relationship. The question of specific fine amounts was deferred pending review of the existing ordinance framework and the upcoming comprehensive code update.

The Council expressed consensus that the ordinance was ready to advance to the regular business meeting the following Monday for a public comment period and potential adoption.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. RFP Discussion for City Manager Recruitment

Harth presented a summary of three proposals received in response to the City's Request for Proposals (RFP) for a city manager recruitment firm. All three firms responded, and full proposal packets were to be included in the following Monday's council meeting packet for thorough review prior to a decision.

Harth summarized the proposals as follows: one firm quoted a flat fee of approximately \$21,900 plus itemized reimbursable expenses; a second firm quoted \$28,000 plus reimbursable expenses of \$750; and a third quoted \$16,500. All three firms proposed similar recruitment processes with timelines ranging from approximately 12 to 16 weeks.

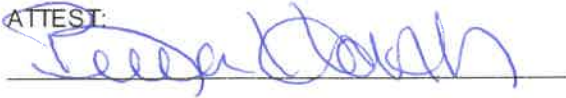
Harth noted that one of the firms, identified as WBCP, had been used by the City in the past with limited results, and recommended the Council focus its evaluation on the two firms with which the City has no prior experience. One firm, Jensen Strategies, was noted favorably, Harth indicated familiarity with their staff and ease of working with them, and an unidentified attendee noted that a representative from the City of Manzanita had spoken highly of Jensen Strategies at a recent League of Oregon Cities small cities network meeting. Mayor Bade noted that a representative from CIS had suggested the possibility of a regional discount given geographic proximity, though Harth indicated some of the proposed services might not be needed, potentially creating additional savings through scope negotiation.

The Council reached consensus to defer any decision until the full proposals were reviewed in the Monday council meeting packet.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Linda Bade adjourned the meeting at 4:58 PM.

ATTEST:

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Becca Harth, City Manager Pro Tem/Finance Director

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Linda Bade, Mayor