

MINUTES
Warrenton City Commission
Work Session – March 22, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Balensifer called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Commissioners Present: Mayor Henry Balensifer, Tom Dyer, Mark Baldwin, Rick Newton, and Gerald Poe

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Public Works Director Collin Stelzig, Public Works Operations Manager Kyle Sharpsteen, Police Chief Mathew Workman, and City Recorder Dawne Shaw

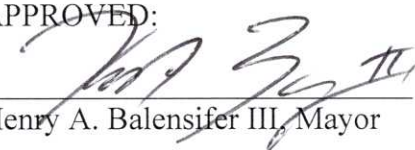
Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director David Reid gave a presentation on 2021 data for the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, Lower Columbia Tourism Council (LCTC) and the Astoria-Warrenton visitor center.

Mayor Balensifer asked to hear more about the Chamber. Mr. Reid explained the Chamber represents almost every industry class in the area through advocacy work and connection with other organizations. He also explained LCTC's connection to North Coast Tourism Management Network and the resources they offer. There was brief discussion about the North Coast Beer Trail, the Crab Festival, and a similar trails program. There was brief discussion about LCTC's social media success. Mayor Balensifer asked about industry service gaps in the Chamber. Mr. Reid noted tourism is a big industry; the Chamber is interested in the overall economy, not just a specific industry. Commissioner Baldwin talked about livability concerns regarding the increase in tourist traffic. Mr. Reid explained LCTC is a destination management organization to help address this issue. Discussion continued on industry benefits from the Chamber. Chamber Board President Lindsay Davis discussed the desire to bridge service gaps and improve quality of life.

There being no further business, Mayor Balensifer adjourned the work session at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Rebecca Sprengeler, Deputy City Recorder.

APPROVED:


Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dawne Shaw, CMC, City Recorder