

# **City Council Action Item Cover Sheet**

March 7, 2018

**Agenda Item:**

Presentation – State of the City

**Question Before Council:**

Review draft presentation for the State of the City

**Person/Group Initiating Request:**

Gerald Stanley, Mayor

**Item Summary/Background:**

## Shannon Beaucaire

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**From:** Gerald Stanley  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 3:04 PM  
**To:** Shannon Beaucaire  
**Subject:** First draft for State of the City presentation

I would appreciate your printing this off for me

WELCOME TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE

I HAVE COMPLETED 14 MONTHS AS YOUR MAYOR

—there have been difficult times and difficult challenges  
—I will speak of these in a moment

I MOSTLY WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I ENJOY WHAT I AM DOING.

—whether I am doing it in a satisfactory or even an exemplary way is not my judgment to make

I SOUGHT THE POSITION OF MAYOR FOR THREE MAIN REASONS

—to create a new enthusiasm among all the citizens to feel they are a part of the governance of the city

—the agenda for the city's governance begins in a significant way with the conversations the citizens have with each other over coffee or a beer wherever they may take place  
—I hope my coffee morning sessions have helped in this

—to tackle the challenge of securing affordable housing in Yachats

—here I find myself ill at ease that we have not been able to make significant progress  
—many, starting with the Council, have worked hard to accomplish something. Members of the business community have accomplished a significant amount, and we have moved from the shock of so many of our workforce having no where to live last summer, to a surprising number who are now housed  
—but we have not had the noticeable success I had hoped for —finally (and this I came to understand this soon after my election) to continue the process of guiding the city as we move from a mayor-leader model to one led by a City Manager  
—from my past experience in managing I have always valued structures of governance which are internally consistent and which give the various parts of the system accurate and needed importance  
—in particular, I wanted to restore the City's Commissions and Committees to the prominence I saw them to have when I first came here 14 years ago. I am grateful to Joan Davies and to Shannon Beaucaire that in their management, they share this value  
—In October, in a change meant to promote this goal, we made the decision to restore the position of Commons Facilitator to be directly under City governance. As the only City official to vote against the change in the other direction when it was made 9 years ago, I was happy to see that all concerned wanted the change. Sometime later a story was made public in the Newport newspaper stating that the City actually used

this structural change surreptitiously to effect a personnel change I want you to know that

—had I any inkling that this interpretation was true, I would have delayed the organizational decision until the other issue was studied and resolved.

AS TO OUR VILLAGE'S REPUTATION FOR ANXIETY AROUND CHANGES IN OUR TOWN, I THINK MOST OF YOU NOW KNOW I TEND NOT TO SHARE THAT ANXIETY. Recently a young woman came up to me, speaking of her hopes in wanting to move here, to ask if it was allowed to have a hair salon within the city limits.

I hope you get the point

I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING YOUR MAYOR FOR THE NEXT 10 MONTHS. LONG BEFORE THAT YOU WILL KNOW IF I PLAN TO RUN FOR ANOTHER TERM. THE DETERMINING ISSUES AROUND THAT STILL BEING WORKOUT OUT IN MY HEAD,