

**CALL TO ORDER** The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Stubby Lyons.

**ATTENDANCE** Present: Council President Stubby Lyons, Councilors Larry Haller, Gary Diebolt, and Dave Moore.

**ABSENT** Mayor Don Larson, Councilor Tim Tolan, and Don Johnson.

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager; Robert Gross; Seaside Police Chief, McKenzie Bauske, Student Representative; Rod Jones, Seaside Signal; Laurel Eddy, Daily Astorian; Jeff Nelson, KAST.

**AGENDA** Motion to approve the February 26, 2007, agenda; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

**MINUTES** Motion to approve the February 12, 2007, minutes; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

**CONFLICT** Council President Lyons asked whether any Councilor wished to declare a conflict of interest.

No one declared a conflict of interest.

**CONSENT AGENDA** Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$115,639.20; carried unanimously. (Moore/Diebolt)

**VACANCY – PROMOTIONS COMM.** Council President Lyons stated there was one vacancy on the Promotions Committee with one application received from Laurene Church.

Council consensus to leave the vacancy open.

**VACANCY – PLANNING COMM.** Council President Lyons stated there was one vacancy on the Planning Commission with one application received from Kay Foetisch.

Council consensus to leave the vacancy open.

**PRESENTATION - CLATSOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE** Greg Hamann, Clatsop Community College President, stated he would speak about the history and the future in regards to Clatsop Community College. Mr. Hamann introduced two board members who were present, Dr. Frank Satterwhite and Laura Harris. Mr. Hamann further stated for fifteen years the College Board had been trying to find a solution for the college facility and there had been several options looked at. In 2002 there was an attempt to pass a \$29,000,000.00 bond for the redevelopment of the college at the current site. The voters had rejected the bond by approximately sixty percent against and forty percent for the bond. More recently in 2006 there was a \$24,000,000.00 bond presented to the voters to develop a new campus on the John Warren Field location in Astoria and that bond was rejected with approximately sixty percent against and forty percent for the bond. What happened after the November, 2006, election was the board discussed what could be learned from the experience and how that would direct the board in the future. The board chose to contract a firm, Acti-Dyne Research to do some statistical research in regards to the voters in Clatsop County. There were two questions the board directed Acti-Dyne to ask the voters. The first question “what was the main reason the bond measure was rejected for Clatsop Community College” and the second question was “regardless of the past position on the issue, should a new bond measure be introduced on the May, 2007, ballot and why”. Mr. Hamann further stated Anti-Dyne Research stated there was not one person who was not aware of the issue with the college. All of the voters knew something about the bond measure and everyone had something to say about the measure. There was a margin of approximately fifty percent or greater that the voters were unanimous about and that was the location of the college and with a very strong margin of sixty six percent the voters stated they would support a bond measure if the donated property in Warrenton had been identified as the location for the project. The college, board, and administration had instructed Mr. Hamann to speak to the City Councils, School Districts, and County Commissioners to share the information and find out if there could be a confirmation for what the voters had stated in the survey and to answer any questions people may have. The board was inclined to move forward with the project and was very interested in hearing from the people.

Mike Hinton, 1015 S. Irvine Place, Seaside, stated he supported the bond measure in 2002 and in 2006. Mr. Hinton further stated Astoria did not seem supportive and if the campus was built in Warrenton would there be enough support from the voters in Astoria? Mr. Hinton asked about a satellite campus and further stated the Business Center was also too small.

Mr. Hamann stated he trusted the professional capacity of Acti-Dyne to accurately reflect the opinions of registered voters who selected the location in Warrenton and would support the location by sixty six percent of the voters. That was a significant indication for support and a survey had never been done with that kind of support for a project. There would always be a location for satellite projects and satellite campuses. The focus was to build a core campus that would be accessible to all of the people in the County.

Carolyn Lee, 320 Forest Court, Seaside, stated she was not sure of the exact location in Warrenton.

Mr. Hamann stated the property was located on the south side of Warrenton in the center of the community. The property was fifteen acres just east of the intersection between Dolphin Road and Highway 101. The intersection would be further south but still in the City of Warrenton.

Councilor Haller stated the property was located close to the Pacific Power and Light station.

Mr. Hamann stated there was a great deal of projected growth in the area. There was commercial, retail and residential property in the area and the college would be part of the growth.

Bill Laughlin, 490 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seaside, asked if noise had been considered for that location. Mr. Laughlin asked if the location was east of Highway 101 or on the east side of Dolphin.

Mr. Hamann stated the location was east of Dolphin and was not right on Highway 101.

Mr. Laughlin asked if there would be space for future expansion. Once a new college was selected there should be enough property to expand in the future.

Mr. Hamann stated currently there was five acres of usable space on a nine acre site. The John Warren Field site was approximately six acres and the property located in Warrenton was fifteen acres. There were not any plans on how the campus would lay out but there would be a soccer field.

Councilor Diebolt asked if the bond issue would be the same.

Mr. Hamann stated the recommendation to the board would be a \$22,000,000.00 bond measure. This would be \$2,000,000.00 less then the last bond measure. The repayment amount would be thirty-three cents per thousand which was seven cents less then the bond measure proposed in November.

Councilor Moore stated he recalled there was a bond for the college in the Warrenton area but not at the same site. Councilor Moore asked if there were any details of why the site was never chosen.

Mr. Hamann stated officially the bond measure had gone to the voters two times. There was the current site at the college and the other was the John Warren Field site. There were a couple of sites in Warrenton and the Clatsop Plains area. One site which was called Airport Hill was outside of the Urban Growth Boundary and the State would not allow a Community College to be built outside an Urban Growth Boundary and that was true for Clatsop Plains as well. The board only looked at sites that were in the Urban Growth Boundary. The Warrenton site was in the seventy feet elevation zone but was not in a Tsunami Zone and was relatively flat.

Councilor Haller stated with the Mayor and two Councilors absent he would like to ask Mark Winstanley, City Manager, to place the issue for consideration on the next City Council Agenda for March 12, 2007.

Mr. Winstanley stated the issue would be placed on the March 12, 2007, City Council agenda.

**APPROVAL – EVENT  
NWAA OCEAN RUN 4**

Steve Newby, Northwest Auto Sports Association (NWAA) President, stated according to the National Highway Safety Administration in 2004 young drivers sixteen to twenty years old were involved in approximately seventy five hundred fatal traffic accidents. Among that seventy five hundred approximately thirty five hundred of the young people were killed. Yearly approximately three hundred thousand young people were seriously injured or maimed in accidents which was five times more then people that were killed every year in combat operations in the Middle East. The accidents were completely preventable. Mr. Newby further stated four years ago a group of local automobile enthusiast entered in conjunction with the Seaside High School Pacifica Project and produced a project that would make a real impact on some of the statistics. The high school driver's education programs were good but were not a funded state program. The behind the wheel programs were primarily from the students own pockets and from the grace and good intentions of people like Councilor Lyons who donated most of their time. What was criminal was that teenagers spend more time learning how to use home computers then a motor vehicle which could kill them. Mr. Newby stated four years ago the "come home alive drivers school" was started. Mr. Newby's young son Christopher was the motivation for the first school.

There were law enforcement, racing drivers, and rally drivers from around the Pacific Northwest brought in for the drivers school and the day was spent with students learning advanced car control skills that could never be practiced on a public street. The students were in a controlled environment with experienced high performance drivers that ran them through a series of drills which took an entire day. At the end of the day the young people were significantly safer drivers than when they started. There was participation every year from the Oregon State Patrol with Officer Jim Pierce conducting a Power Point presentation which was very effective. The Vehicle Dynamics Lecturer, Gary Bachman, was a nationally recognized racing driver and was in the Guinness Book of World Records for his driving exploits. All of the instructors were brought in from Bellingham, Spokane, and California. There was a registration fee charged to insure the students would show up on Saturday. The bills were paid from the Ocean Run Auto Cross which was a low speed driver's skill competition along with donations from the community which had enabled the NWAA to purchase the \$5,000,000.00 insurance policy. The extra money that was raised was donated back to the driver's education fund to purchase new text books and provide money to offset the out of pocket expense for youths. This year the parking lot across from the Convention Center was available for the event to take place in Seaside. The event had been very successful in the past and was very valuable for the students. Mr. Newby requested the Ocean Run 4 Auto Cross was approved to be held at the Convention Center parking lot Sunday, April 29, 2007.

Emily Newby, 2380 Dolphin Ave. SE, Warrenton, stated she was the high school advisor for the project. Ms. Newby further stated most events had been held across the river in Ilwaco and the people wanted to know why the money was donated to Seaside High School. If the event was not held in Seaside, the high school would lose the money that had been donated in the past. The money was donated from local businesses and private individuals.

Council President Lyons stated the National Safety Council had many programs and most schools had dropped the Drivers Education Program when there were large budget cuts eight to ten years ago. Seaside High School had kept the Drivers Ed Program because of the school board. The program was taught in the classroom over twenty nine hours and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) issued a certificate to students who drove in the program. The students needed over twenty nine classroom hours and six hours behind the wheel and six hours behind the wheel was not enough. The National Highway Safety Commission stated that four to six hours which was what private organizations offered at approximately \$125.00 or more just gave high school students an attitude to think that they were good driver. Seaside drove the students ten to fourteen hours and there were some students that were driven over twenty five to thirty five hours because the students had never been behind the wheel of a car. There were really no accidents; there were crashes, wrecks, and collisions. A meteor falling out of the sky and landing on a car would be an accident.

Chris Newby, 2380 Dolphin Ave. SE, Warrenton, stated he was the original person who started the NWAA Ocean Run as part of a Pacifica Project. Mr. Newby wanted to start the program because he was hit by a DUII driver.

Mr. Newby stated at sixteen years of age teenagers do think they were bullet proof and arrogant. The program would show teenagers what really good drivers could do which would generally humble them significantly. There were twenty seven instructors last year with thirty international championships. There was room for thirty students and the class was not limited to Seaside High School Students. Mr. Newby further stated there should be a requirement for all students to take a half day of skid car classes before receiving a driver's license.

Council President Lyons stated students who completed the behind the wheel lesson and the classroom work would receive an ODOT certificate and depending on the insurance company they could receive a discount on the insurance and if the students had a three point grade point average or better there would be another discount received on the insurance. There were some insurance companies that had their own programs within the organization and if the program was completed the student could receive a deduction on their insurance.

Councilor Diebolt stated Mr. Newby presented the information at the Downtown Development Association meeting and by a show of hands there were approximately ninety five percent of the members in support of the program and the use of the parking area.

Councilor Haller asked if staff had any concerns with the event.

Mr. Winstanley stated the concerns of the staff were, the use of the downtown parking area which was fairly enclosed. Mr. and Mrs. Newby had met with staff several times and had attempted to address the concerns. Mr. Winstanley further stated at this point staff would be willing to try the event this year.

Motion to approve the NWAA Ocean Run 4 event April 29, 2007; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

**RECOMMENDATION -  
TRANSPORTATION  
ENGINEERING FIRM**

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated there were two proposals received for transportation engineering, specifically to look at alternatives to the Pac-Dooley Project. The request for proposals was particular in asking for consulting firms that were not under the existing flex-agreement contracts with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Staff was clear that the City was looking for creative proposals with feasible options that were free from ODOT influence. Exeltech out of Salem and JRH out of Eugene were the two consultants, out of many that inquired, who had no current contractual obligations with ODOT. Both consultants had interesting approaches to planning the transportation alternatives and staff selected the JRH team who had more experience and would be a better choice for the community. Staff recommended the City of Seaside begin negotiating the scope of work and fee structure with JRH for transportation planning.

Motion to approve the City of Seaside begins negotiating the scope of work and fee structures with JRH for transportation planning; carried unanimously. (Haller/Moore)

**UPDATE -  
PARKING ON  
FOREST DRIVE**

Mr. Wallace stated more information was received after Council directed staff to further review the parking situation for Forest Drive at Suzanne Elise. The original conditions were that Suzanne Elise had been allowed to utilize Forest Drive as they saw fit until such time as traffic influences would prevent that to happen safely. Staff met with the Suzanne Elise manager and had been in contact with the owner. Suzanne Elise was responsible for deciding which side of the road they would like to use. From the passage point of view the number of parking spaces available was important to Suzanne Elise and they could decide what would be best. Suzanne Elise would also be responsible for posting the no parking signs.

Jill Thurston, Suzanne Elise Administrator, stated she had been at Suzanne Elise for one and a half years and was not aware of the situation until Al Harwood, Seaside Public Works, called last week. Ms. Thurston asked if Forest Drive was in fact a public street.

Mr. Wallace stated Forest Drive was a dedicated street.

Ms. Thurston asked why Forest Drive was not built with a standard width and could the parking be taken away on one side of the street.

Mr. Wallace stated parking could be restricted.

Ms. Thurston asked why the road was not a regular width.

Mr. Wallace stated the road was dedicated as part of the agreement for the new subdivision and was not dedicated at the time of development. There was no requirement at that time for the street to have a normal width. The street was dedicated after the fact with the understanding if there were traffic concerns there would be no parking posted on one side of the street.

Ms. Thurston stated the traffic concerns existed now because the property was developed above the Suzanne Elise.

Mr. Wallace stated that was correct.

Ms. Thurston stated the original agreement was clear that the owner had the responsibility of establishing signage and selecting which side of the street would be no parking. The language in the 2004 agreement basically stated no parking or limited parking signs. The concern was that there was insufficient parking at Suzanne Elise. Ms. Thurston asked if there was parking allowed on Shore Terrace.

Mr. Wallace stated he was not sure how Shore Terrace was posted.

Ms. Thurston stated if there were no parking signs on one side of Forest Drive then the vehicles parked on the streets would then park on Shore Terrace which was not posted.

Council President Lyons stated Mr. Wallace would look into the parking situation on Shore Terrace.

Ms. Thurston stated if speed limit signs could be posted because of people driving too fast on the road to the new development. There were residents in wheel chairs and walkers with the high speed traffic going by. Ms. Thurston asked if the wording could be clarified for no parking or limited parking.

Mr. Wallace stated he would look into that issue.

**REPORT -  
CONVENTION CENTER  
YEAR END**

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager, stated he wanted to publicly acknowledge the staff for all the work they had done through the year in preparing the facility and working all the events. Mr. Vandenberg thanked the Convention Center Commission for the support and help in achieving the goals the Convention Center had. Mr. Vandenberg further stated when comparing what was done in 2006 there was a look back in 2005.

There were eight more event days in 2006 than 2005, twenty seven more event days in 2006 than in 2005, four thousand eight hundred and seven more attendees in 2006 than in 2005, one thousand two hundred eighty nine more attendees staying two days or more in 2006 than in 2005, \$1,410,937.50 more in the total Economic Impact in 2006 than in 2005. In comparison the total number of events increased six percent, event days increased eight percent, attendees increased by twelve percent, total attendees staying two or more days increased by five percent, and the total economic impact increased by five percent. Mr. Vandenberg stated the projects that were completed in 2006 was the creation of a new ad campaign and marketing strategy, new backdrops purchased for trade and vendor shows, new laptop computer purchased for trade show displays, facility contracts were revised, new scheduling and booking programs, new stairs for the main stage, new survey form for on line customer service, exterior of the facility was painted, large trees in front of facility were removed and new foliage planted, new staff uniforms, enrolled employees in Oregon's customer service "Q" program, perpetual recognition plaque for retired commissioners members, drinking fountain in lobby relocated, staff enrolled in CPR and first aid training, exterior facility signage was installed, new trash receptacles, new curtains for concessions stands, new skirting in front of stage, painted stage floor in Main Hall, cigarette dispensers added in front and sides of facility, established partners in the lodging and food service, and established fund-raising opportunities for non profit organizations to operate. Mr. Vandenberg further stated projects scheduled in 2007 were to install forty two new LCD information board in main lobby, remodel main lobby restrooms, stage floor installed in Main Hall, install and implement new scheduling and booking program, install new sound system in Main Hall, install new exterior reader board in outdoor marquee, install baby changing stations in Main Lobby restrooms, install main stage traveler curtain. Upgrade lighting system in main hall, install new lighting system in main hall, and add meeting planner page to web site.

**PRESENTATION -  
FUNDRAISING  
BROADWAY PARK**

Mr. Wallace presented a PowerPoint presentation on fundraising for Broadway Park. Mr. Wallace stated the presentation would be a tool staff would use to solicit corporate partners, private sponsors and kick off the fundraising efforts for the Broadway Park plans. Mr. Wallace presented a brief history of Broadway Park and the ball field in the past and present and what the project plans would look like in the future. Mr. Wallace further stated there were project goals, other than to beautify and make the park more functional. The City wanted to make Broadway Park a gathering place for the community, create a park that would meet the recreational, educational, and fitness needs for not just the citizens of Seaside but for Gearhart and Cannon Beach as well, improve and restore the natural riparian areas of the park, and create a facility that would draw outside sporting events to the park particularly in the off season. Mr. Wallace further stated the skate park was near completion with the ribbon cutting ceremony set for early June, 2007. The design team for Broadway Park and the ball field were getting preliminary designs finished and the cost estimates. The fundraising and development of partnerships was getting started. The necessary funds needed to be secured to complete the construction of the park and the park could possibly be open for football season in 2008.

Mr. Newby asked if the grandstands were designed to be covered.

Mr. Wallace stated at this point that had not been determined. The proposal of the design did not have a roof on the grandstands because the cost would be approximately \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 more. There would most likely be a design for footings around the stands that would support the roof.

Mr. Newby asked if the City would require youths to wear helmets at the skate park.

Mr. Wallace stated the City should require helmets.

Crystal Forrester, 2561 N. Roosevelt #A, Seaside, asked what the cost of the project would be.

Mr. Wallace stated approximately \$4,000,000.00.

Ms. Forrester asked if the fundraising was going towards the whole park or just the skate park.

Mr. Wallace stated the skate park was financed separately and the funding was a done deal.

Councilor Moore asked how much of the \$4,000,000.00 had been raised.

Mr. Wallace stated approximately \$400,000.00.

Ms. Newby stated she would like to know how much parking space would be available once the Broadway Park Project was finished.

Mr. Wallace stated the parking lot that existed had fifty five spaces and the new parking lot would have forty six spaces. There would be nine spaces lost in that parking area but seventy new parking spaces would be added by the play area and the Library would have thirty eight spaces.

Ms. Newby asked if the Library would be finished at the same time.

Mr. Wallace stated the Library would most likely be finished before the Broadway Park Project.

Donn Bauske, Seaside, asked how much the school district would contribute for building them a new football field.

Mr. Wallace stated the City was not planning on paying for the project. The discussion was about fundraising paying for the project.

Mr. Bauske asked where the \$400,000.00 came from.

Mr. Wallace stated the money came through TLC Federal Credit Union.

Mr. Bauske asked if the credit union was giving the project \$400,000.00.

Mr. Wallace stated the credit union had given an interest free loan of \$400,000.00 and the school district had put the money up to guarantee the loan.

Mr. Bauske stated if the project cost was approximately \$4,000,000.00 and you count the amount of people who lived in the City of Seaside then you would need approximately \$7,500.00 per living person in Seaside to build the project.

Mr. Winstanley stated the purpose of the presentation was to show Council and the public a tool that would be used for fundraising. The plan was to approach the larger corporations that were involved in giving money for projects along this line. Organizations like Nike gave money for various parks projects in different areas.

Mr. Bauske asked if the project would be totally funded without using City money.

Mr. Winstanley stated the City was currently not planning to go to the tax payers for the project.

#### COMMENTS – PUBLIC

Council President Lyons stated he would like the public to keep their comments around two to three minutes which would give everyone time to speak.

Michelle Bolin, 320 Necanicum Dr. #8, Seaside, stated she was one of the three residents at Riverview Apartments who had the diagnosis of Multiple Scoliosis. There were eviction notices given and the tenants were asked to vacate as soon as possible. Mr. Bolin stated she personally had no problem with the condominiums being built in Seaside but not when the condominiums took the place of low income apartments. Ms. Bolin further stated Brian Jeremiah stated in the newspaper that the shortage of rental units was over stated and if the renters who were evicted put a little effort into finding a place to rent they could. There was hardly anything in Seaside that the poor, disabled or low income could afford. Ms. Boyle urged every citizen whether a registered voter or not to sign a petition to use what land was available to build affordable housing for those that love, live, and work in Seaside.

Karen Flaigg, 2575 N. Roosevelt, Seaside, stated she moved to the Mill Creek Apartments three years ago and was being evicted. Ms. Flaigg stated she had been sick since the end of November and came home from the hospital and had to fight for herself and the neighbors. If Seaside continued to allow condominiums in place of apartments then where were the people going to live. Ms. Flaigg stated Brian Jeremiah stated in the newspaper that there were twelve less undesirable people and there were only twelve people still living there including her daughter. Ms. Flaigg further stated her daughter who was married to a Seaside Volunteer Fire Fighter could not find a NOAH approved apartment and now would go back on the waiting list for two years. Ms. Flaigg further stated she received six hundred and nine dollars a month and did not know how she was going to find an apartment in Seaside.

Lynn Boyle, 90536 Lewis Road, Warrenton, stated she was the Acting Director of Clatsop Community Action, and was at the meeting to speak about the affordable housing crisis. The Legislature was considering a bill to lift prohibition on exclusionary zoning to give the option back to the community. Ms. Boyle further stated hard working people should be able to afford housing and still have enough money for groceries and basic necessities. Children deserved an opportunity to succeed in school and in life which was tied to a stable home. The workers who were the backbone of Seaside's tourist economy could not afford the rental rates in Clatsop County. A person would need to make \$20,120.00 annually for a one bedroom apartment and \$24,880.00 annually for a two bedroom apartment. A restaurant employee or motel housekeeping staff that worked full time year round at minimum wage would earn \$16,224.00 annually. The housing could not be afforded and there was less housing available. Transportation was an issue because some people had to ride the bus which ran until 7:00 PM and did not run on Sunday. Ms. Boyle stated some clients would have all of their rent paid by NOAH but could not find a place. There needed to be mixed income housing as well as affordable housing replacement. A healthy thriving community included a place for seniors, disabled, and single parents.

Kathy Lucas, 1508 Exchange St., Suite 101, Astoria, stated she was the Executive Director of Clatsop County Housing Authority, and the Housing Authority was committed to affordable housing and preserving housing in the County. Ms. Lucas further stated she was at the meeting to speak about the Carlyle Apartments. The Housing Authority had invested the necessary resources to acquire the property and was ready to assume the leadership role. This was a stressful time for the tenants going through the process and assured everyone that tenants would not be evicted because of their income and the Housing Authority was prepared to make the necessary property improvements. Affordable housing was a challenge for Seaside and she would support the locally led efforts to create new affordable housing opportunities for the residents.

Judy Last, PO Box 2445, Gearhart, stated she worked at Clatsop Community Action and was a homeless case manager for people who were displaced when low income housing was demolished to make way for other businesses or condominiums. These people have been in office with no money to move into an apartment and many are on fixed incomes, social security disability and make very little money and even within a year they could not save enough money to afford a new place.

Robert Gazewood, 89173 Manion Dr., Warrenton, stated he was at the meeting to protest the situation in Seaside with the loss of low income housing. The St. Vincent DePaul conference operated a pantry in Gearhart out of a one thousand four hundred and forty square foot building. Last year there were nine hundred and eighty client calls which fed three thousand one hundred and forty two people. Approximately ninety five percent of the clients come from Seaside. The Seaside food bank had approximately three hundred food calls per month. There were a huge number of the working poor. There was no affordable housing for these people in Seaside. The condominium units being built on Holladay near Twelfth Avenue took a tremendous amount of the poor people out of housing. The Mill Creek Apartments had a tremendous amount of clients living there that received eviction notices. The Mill Creek Apartments were NOAH funded apartments and the City of Seaside had to take action and do something about allowing affordable housing to stay in the City. The City needed to be sensitive to the needs of the working poor. City Council needed to take leadership and save the homes for the poor people.

Phil Laughlin, 490 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seaside, stated he was aware by reading all the newspapers of all the motels that were being bought out by individuals with large amounts of money. Mr. Laughlin further stated he dealt with the poor people all the time and they could not make enough money to get ahead because there rent was too high. If a place was not provided for the people to stay and work then the City would not have the work force that was needed for the businesses. Mr. Laughlin further stated he had two vacation rentals in the City.

Bob Malone, 1601 Broadway, Seaside, stated the public had sat all evening while Council listened to various issues. The issues were fascinating and great stuff to hear but there was nothing more important than what was being discussed right now. Mr. Malone stated he had lived at the Sunset Chalet for thirteen years and the apartments were being converted to condominiums. Mr. Malone further stated he was lucky because he had somewhere to go but there were friends that had no where to go. The Mayor stated the City Council did not know what to do even though the problem had been happening for a long time, when would Council know what to do. The middle class was being knocked out and when a society lost the middle class the community went down. Mr. Malone further stated there was a problem from the California border to the river and who would take care of the businesses that needed employees. The middle class were police, firemen, and teachers. Mr. Malone further stated he had never been impressed with the City Council.

Joy Cruise, 702 N. Holladay, Seaside, stated she was very fortunate to live in a house but was part of the working poor and worked four jobs to make a living. Ms. Cruise further stated her friends were being evicted from where they lived. Something needed to be done because who would work in the businesses. The condominiums should be stopped until something else could be built. Ms. Cruise asked Council to find an answer even if temporary.

Mr. Bauske stated statistics showed that minimum wage was higher now than in 1957 percentage wise. The minimum wage in Oregon was 9.1 times more than in 1957 which meant there was more money available. There were one bedroom apartments in the City that were NOAH approved that were \$495.00 and two bedroom apartments that were \$585.00. Mr. Bauske further stated NOAH approval was way too low and the problem was that a different system was used in Seaside than in Portland. There has been a massive bunch of condominiums set up and within a year that would all wash out. The first thing that would happen was the condominiums would not sell and they would need to rent them out as apartments. Mr. Bauske further stated there was an abundance of construction workers and when the condominiums were built they would move away. The vacation rental owners who were worried about these people should rent them out by the month to help out the community. Mr. Bauske further stated he was in the monthly rental business and the motel business and approximately forty percent of the units had been switched over to monthly rentals. This was not City Council's job to start legislating what was built in the City. The people could not look at the government to step in and take care of the problems. These people were in a world of hurt right now and that was why there was the Clatsop County Agencies to help out. Mr. Bauske further stated the lowest paid employee that worked for him was paid \$8.50 an hour. The only businesses that had minimum wage employees were the restaurants and the waitresses and bar tenders received tips.

Deborah Kennistracey, Seaside, stated she lived in Seaside and was employed in the hotel industry and for the Seaside School District. The main concern was that her family would be out of housing and something was needed for housing employees in the City. The main issue would be my children, my son was a fireman in Seaside and there was no where to go in Seaside. My daughter does not want to leave Seaside. Something needed to be done to help the people who were being displaced from the apartment complexes. Property Management and owners could lower their rates so people could afford to rent in Seaside. There are businesses in Seaside that do pay only minimum wage.

Kathleen Head, 1601 Broadway #4, Seaside, stated she was the editor of the Seaside Signal and was a tenant at the Sunset Chalet Apartments and was evicted. Ms. Head further stated she had to pay \$1100.00 to move into an apartment and had to borrow the money from her mother. The issue was not just about low income housing but also in doing what was right. Ms. Head further stated Mayor Larson stated the City had no power and nothing could be done but there were laws that stated there was something that could be done. The ORS 320 stated that developers could be required to pay for moving expenses and ORS 100.320 stated the rent increases could be limited. The gentleman who took over the Sunset Chalet complex had been gracious enough to promise \$1,000.00 if the tenant was out within thirty days. Ms. Head urged the Council to listen to all the comments that had been made.

Councilor Lyons stated Council would meet within the next ten days to two weeks.

Brian Jeremiah, 9200 SE Sunnybrook Blvd. Suite 100, Clackamas, stated the rumors of his disgust for people were far exaggerated. Mr. Jeremiah further stated he had done nothing but try and do the right thing for the tenants and did not have to give the \$1,000.00 to tenants who moved out. Mr. Jeremiah further stated there were two public hearings with the Planning Commission which the City advertised to the public and the public had the ability to attend the meeting and not a single voice of opposition came to the meetings. There was also a public meeting for the River View Apartments at 320 Necanicum and no one spoke in opposition but there were three people that spoke in favor of the condominiums. There was \$8,000.00 paid to have an independent appraisal company do a study of the Seaside market. The company had called rental companies to find out how many units were available in a year. There were a sufficient number of units and the company actually came up with more units than those that were displaced. There were letters of approval from different realtors stating the condominiums were fantastic and that there was a need for property in the price range. At the Sunset Chalet there were one bedroom, two bedrooms, and three bedrooms. There would be \$40,000.00 put into each unit for rehabilitation. The one bedroom units would sell for approximately \$160,000.00 the two bedroom units would sell for approximately \$190,000.00 and the three bedroom units would sell for mid \$200,000.00. There was not a house or condominium anywhere in the City that would sell for those prices. There was information in the Seaside Signal about the Planning Commission meetings and the approval of the condominiums and still no one said anything. Mr. Jeremiah further stated he went to the Mill Creek Apartments and knocked on forty two doors and handed out notices because then I could talk to people. Mr. Jeremiah further stated he went to the Sunset Chalet Apartments today to speak with people and would encourage anyone to notify him at any time.

Troy Jasmin, Sunset Chalet Apartments, Seaside, stated one of the things that were said by Mr. Jeremiah was that everyone had a chance to speak to him. Mr. Jasmin further stated for the other apartments that might have been true but not at Sunset Chalet Apartments. The Planning Commission was asked and the apartment manger was asked and no one would give your name, phone number, and information about the buyer. The tax assessor's office was contacted and they had never heard of a sale being proposed. Mr. Jasmin further stated Sunset Chalet Apartment tenants did not have the opportunity to speak at the Planning Commission meeting. Seemed like there had been some misinformation given out.

Mr. Jeremiah stated the Sunset Chalet Apartments did not have a public meeting because in 1973 the units were built as condominiums and there were no requirements that a public hearing needed to be held. Approximately four months ago we spoke to Kevin Cupples, Planning Director, about possible vacant land that could be built on for low income housing. There was land available that the City owned.

Mr. Winstanley asked what land was available.

Mr. Jeremiah stated there was land available by the hospital. Mr. Cupples had stated a land assessment was being done and there was land available in different areas of the City.

Mr. Winstanley stated the City did not own any land that was available.

Robert Erickson, 439 Grand, Astoria, stated he represented the Clatsop County College Information Group which was a volunteer group of people who think the present college campus could not be saved without going into a \$22,000,000.00 bond. Mr. Erickson further stated he worked at the college for twenty years and part of the job was to oversee the maintenance of the building. The group walked through the college and looked at everything. There were two buildings that had problems and did not really require a brand new campus. There would be a meeting at Pudgy's Restaurant March 13, 2007, at 10:00 AM and everybody was welcome to attend the meeting.

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL** Councilor Haller thanked everyone who attended the meeting. Councilor Haller stated he certainly sympathized with all of the people and had been concerned with the problems for quite some time. There was more of an understanding tonight because of those who were being evicted. Council would be discussing the issue further.

Councilor Diebolt stated he would like to thank the public. Councilor Diebolt further stated Council heard the concerns and the problem would take everyone to work the problem out not just the City Council.

Councilor Moore stated he would like to compliment the people who spoke. Councilor Moore further stated the problem was very important and was a crisis and would be acted on.

Council President Lyons stated he really appreciated everyone hanging in there the best they could and Council would schedule a meeting to discuss the issue further in the next couple of weeks.

**COMMENTS – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** McKenzie Bauske stated things at Seaside High School were going pretty well and there were a few ongoing events and new items to report. The girl's basketball team had won the first playoff game with Astoria and would be departing tomorrow for Klamath Falls and would play Henley on Wednesday and if that game was won they would play Saturday in Eugene. The team would depart Tuesday, February 27, 2007, and would be away for the rest of the week. The dance team placed fifth in West Salem at the finals. The Culinary Arts Class also had a competition last Saturday where their skills were displayed, no one placed but the instructor stated all of them performed beautifully. There was a district band contest taking place this Saturday in St. Helens which should be exciting. The snow club was planning a trip for Saturday since there was fresh powder snow. There was a spring musical called Little Shop of Horrors and everyone was encouraged to attend. The shows would be March 1, March 2, and March 3, 2007, at 7:30 PM, and general admittance was \$8.00 and student admittance was \$7.00. Seats could be reserved early which were \$10.00.

**COMMENTS – STAFF** Mr. Winstanley stated the new Fire Chief, Dale Kamrath, would start work Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT** The regular meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR